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*2 Corinthians 9:6*

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"To take Tabuan Jaya and beyond for Christ"

## ***Vision***

## ***Mission***

"To build a community of believers to love and to know Christ and to make Him known to others"

## ***Acknowledgement***

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*Soli Deo gloria! To God be the glory!*

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***“I am the vine, you are the branches. If you remain me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”  
(John 15:5)***



# Testimonies

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## **The LORD Loves and Cares**

Written by Callie Lau

In Genesis 18, Abraham and Sarah were about 99 and 89 years old respectively when the Lord appeared to Abraham and told him that Sarah would have a son. Sarah, who was in her tent, heard the Lord and laughed to herself as she thought she could not possibly bear a children at her age. The Lord asked Abraham why Sarah laughed and when Sarah denied that she laughed, the Lord said: “Yes, you did. You laughed”.

During the MCO period, multi-tasking at home intensified. I was swamped by long lists of tasks and drowned by noises. One day, I asked the Lord for the still small voice that I longed to hear and also asked myself quietly the reason to bring food and gifts to rural areas. Confused, I asked myself quietly: “What do I mean when I prayed that everything is done for the Glory of God?”

One morning, Holy Spirit pointed me to the hymn “Be still for the presence of the Lord”. At that moment, I thought: “Not here. I have not done my bed and washed my face yet”. The hymn began again after a few minutes. Hence, I began my morning prayer with the hymn. After that hymn, Holy Spirit pointed me to hymn 272 in Common Praise. Verse 3 of the hymn sings: “Father, providing food for thy children, thy wisdom guiding teaches us share one with another, so that rejoicing with us, our brother may know thy care”. As I was singing verse 3, I thought I heard a gentle small voice which sang with me.

The Lord responded to my quiet questions like He responded to Sarah’s quiet laugh. He reminded me to do everything to my best ability so that others know that He cares and love them.

## Testimony on giving: My tithe

Written by Jemmy Lau

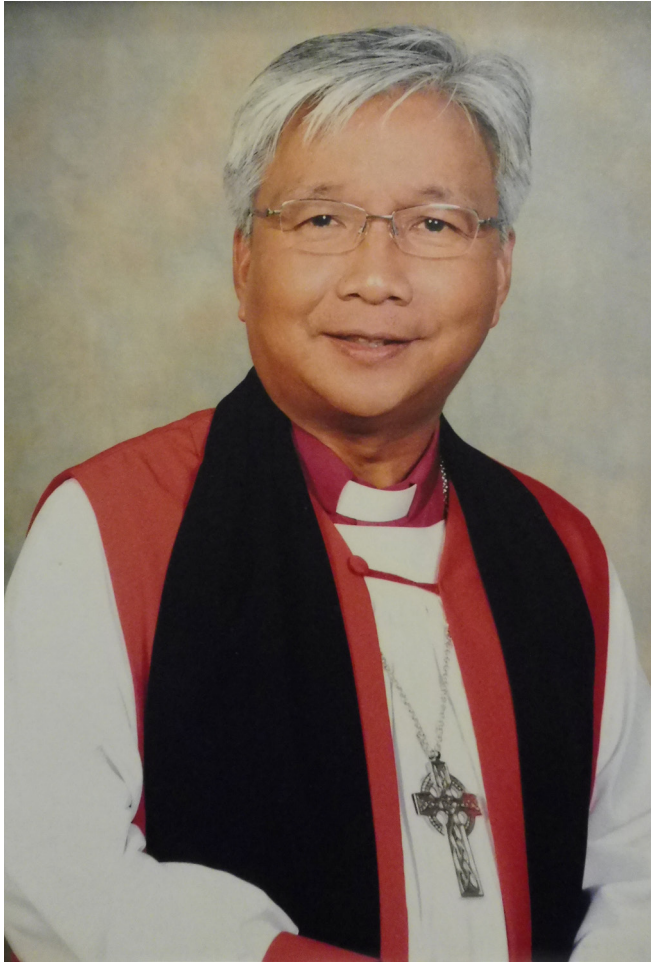
This year indeed has been a year unlike any other years. It's been challenging in all aspects in our daily lives. The simply way we have been living our lives at home and at work, including finance have been changed and challenged.

When our State declared Movement Control Order (MCO) for the first time, after Covid-19 was detected around the state, everyone had to stay home. Nothing else mattered anymore except our faith in our Father God, our family, and the wellbeing of our family. We are all merely stewards, custodian and passing through. Throughout all these times, our Father has continued to provide, cover, care and bless us all.

As I go through my journey as born-again Christian to serve the Lord, I am indeed so blessed. With the continuous virtual home Bible study, to learn the Word of God, it opened my eyes as a child of God. I am indeed fortunate and happily give back a tenth of what I have been blessed with. This is also that the ministry can be continued especially during these very hard times when people need Jesus more than ever.

I am thankful; and for me and my family, we will continue to serve the Lord in any way we can.

Alleluia, Praise The Lord.



## ***Bishop's Message***

not feel a lot like Christmas." Indeed, this Christmas, and the whole of 2020, is somewhat different from the Christmases of yesteryears – due to COVID-19 pandemic. As believers, we must not allow COVID to “steal” Christmas! Christmas is here! Let us proclaim it!

Let us celebrate it, albeit somewhat slightly differently. For the truth is that this Christmas, just as all previous Christmases, the angels, in fulfilment of Old Testament prophecies, will proclaim:

Dear people of God at Tabuan Jaya and beyond,

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.’ (Isaiah 9:6)*

Christmas greetings to each and every one of you, along with your beloved family and friends.

With all the beautiful decorations put up, “It does look a lot like Christmas!” However, many of us sadly confess, “It does

*“Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ....Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!” (Luke 2:10-14)*

While we might be celebrating Christmas without our cherished Christmas traditions of “joyful chaos”, such as jostling for seats in Church followed by big gatherings of family and friends, all the same we rejoice at the

news of the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. With the angels, we proclaim, "Glory to God in the highest!"

God's people have been through trying seasons many times before. During one such season, the Psalmist cried out, "*How long, O Lord? How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart ...?*" (Psalm 13:1-2).

As this pandemic continues to rage, we too wonder, "How long, O Lord? How long until we can gather together again as one big family, hold our rallies, go out and evangelise, go out and serve, see our family and friends again, indoors and without masks? How long....O Lord?"

Many others are asking these same questions too. As Christ's disciples, we continue on our journey, our pilgrimage to Bethlehem, to receive and worship the One "*born this day., the Messiah, the Lord*". We wait and walk in hope. We wait in hope for the coming of Christ at Christmas and His Second Coming at the end of time. We wait for the end of this devastating COVID-19 pandemic.

And we don't wait in vain - we

don't wait passively. We pray and we pray and we pray... Praying is our calling together. And we serve and we serve and we serve... Serving is our mission to do. Let us keep advancing in faith, in trust, in love - for at Christmas, LOVE is born, LOVE is given.

And GOD's LOVE challenges us to see and do things differently – always to be of service to HIM. Every crisis presents opportunities. Let us grab it – to bless others and to glorify God. This Covid-19 pandemic has offered us a unique opportunity to rebuild society, including the Church. God turns all things to good. Amen. And HE wants us to be part of it all. Amen!

In such an unusual year of uncertainty, even of fear, may you have more of the hope, peace, joy, love and comfort of Christ this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

With Prayers and Christmas Blessings,

**The Rt Rev Datuk Danald Jute  
Bishop**

## *Vicar's Message*

On 1 January 2020 we began the year by coming together in prayer and in communion with one another. We pray together for a wonderfully blessed year 2020 full of anticipation of opportunities to sow the seeds of the Gospel of Christ far and wide. Programmes and activities were planned and in various levels of being finalised and executed.

We had a wonderful Chinese New Year in February 2020 with the skies full of beautiful fireworks all over the city of Kuching. No one had any inkling of the devastation that COVID-19 would bring upon us in Kuching and all over the world.

Beginning on 18 March 2020, our world and all that was normal to us in Kuching specifically and Malaysia generally came to a complete halt. Our Church services and activities were suspended a few days before the Movement Control Order (MCO) was implemented by the Government of Malaysia. Since then, our lives have changed and what we have taken for granted all the while, the freedom to move and to socialise, was taken



away from us.

Roughly 9 months since, we are still gripped by COVID-19. Our state of Sarawak has fared largely well thanks to the wisdom of our leaders. But our lives are forever changed and we do not know for sure how long will it be so. We cannot return to our old ways – not anytime soon.

However, in all of this, our Heavenly Father is consistently in control of everything, sustaining and providing for His children to honour and glorify His Name. Our Lord Jesus Christ still reigns over all His creation, interceding for His disciples as they go forth with His Gospel.



The Holy Spirit continues to empower His people to move forward to love and serve Him and His creation. What a wonderful thing it is to be one of His, remaining in Him and sustained by Him throughout this COVID-19 Pandemic.

The destruction brought forth by the Pandemic is nothing to belittle as it has been devastating for many – lost of jobs, lost of homes, lost of loved ones. But despite all this, we Christians must continue on by the grace of God.

This year's theme is "Sowing the Seed" inspired by 2 Corinthians 9:6. It was meant for our Church to move forward intentionally by sharing the saving Gospel of Christ in words and deeds through the number of activities planned. The Pandemic put a stop to all of these activities, thus seemingly defeating the intention of the theme.

However, God is gracious that He provides us another way to fulfil our theme. Our Church has invested substantially in setting up and improving our broadcasting capabilities so that we are able to live stream all our services on Facebook® and YouTube® at a consistently

reasonable quality if not better. Apart from that, we give thanks to God for a group of young people who have availed themselves to serve dedicatedly in this new ministry since our Church first broadcasted on 31 May 2020.

Mind you, they have no formal training in broadcasting but have been eagerly learning as much as they can while on the job. Beyond the Pandemic, we plan for bigger things through this new avenue God has provided us in fulfilling the theme of "Sowing the Seeds of the Gospel."

Christmas is upon us again and we celebrate it joyously despite the Pandemic that we are in at the moment. As our Diocesan Bishop has put it succinctly, "We must not allow COVID-19 to steal Christmas!" I pray that you will celebrate it with much joy and thanksgiving in the face of the Pandemic, not only in the festivities but also in the service of all around you. Christ Jesus was born as one of us to fulfil one purpose that is to save us from the wrath of God for our sins. He came "not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28 NIV).

Likewise, as we celebrate this Christmas in the COVID-19 Pandemic, let us “serve one another humbly in love (Galatians 5:15 NIV). As God has been so gracious to us despite the Pandemic, I hope and pray that we will be gracious to those within and around our community, serving them in any way we can. Servitude is the mission that God has provided for us to move forward intentionally on as we journey with Him.

As we enter the year 2021, I pray that God will provide us with much blessing in all forms and especially with many opportunities to love and serve Him and His creation. May our God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be honoured and glorified in all that we do yesterday, today and in the future. Go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen!

Yours in His service,

The Revd. Kelvin Jawa  
*Vicar*

# *Homecell Ministry*

Prepared by Revd. Lawrence Wah Onn

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

Members of Tabuan Jaya Anglican Church's Homecells are facing this pandemic just like everybody else. Members found themselves unable to attend Homecell Meetings and those aged ones found themselves kept out of congregational worship due to health issues.

Nevertheless, all these did not stop the Homecell leaders from "touching base" with their members as they have found out a new way of communication with their members. Some have the company of their grandchildren to guide them using Zoom, Google Meet, WeChat, Whatsapp and so on. Even then, nothing is better than meeting face to face with another.

As for congregational worship (being present physically in church), the members are now coming back to church. Lately, we have opened the balcony to enable larger numbers to come. Praise the Lord.

Most of the homecells have completed studies on the "Purple Book" and some have gone on to study other materials. Let us pray that the situation will improve for the better and that we can all get back to do the normal church activities but with greater awareness on the SOP from the government and Guidelines issued by the Diocesan Office.

We have missed many usual activities this year such as the Alpha Classics and Weekend Away, Adult Baptism and Confirmation Service. Possibly, even the caroling sessions may not be held. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services may be held with much caution as the authorities may drop by for a visit and for the church authorities to be mindful of the SOP.

Do continue to pray and uphold one another in prayer. Pray that this pandemic may ease out soon.

In Jesus' name. Amen

# Testimonies

Written by Doreen Tan Chai Peng (Mt. Carmel Homecell)

I studied in an Anglican mission school and learnt the Gospel at a young age. I still cherished lingering memories of attending church services, singing hymns and solemnly praying to God in St Thomas' Cathedral. The seed was already sown then.

Sometime in December, I attended a church service in St. Faith's Church and it was while I was there that I felt God's presence. I decided that I was ready to accept Jesus Christ into my life.

It was thanks to Sister Yeo Ngang Peng that I was given an invitation along with a Christian friend, Vicky, to attend the Alpha 5S course. It was an enriching experience for me. I learnt more about Jesus Christ and realised that God's love is so great.

My life has changed for the better since I accepted Jesus into my life. God has given me fulfillment, purpose and joy. He has given me patience and granted me grace in my understanding. My faith in God has given me the courage and strength to endure the adverse effects of



the Covid-19 pandemic. I know that, "God is with us for nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord". (Romans 8:39). The whole ordeal is bringing me closer to God. Spending my time praying and being with him is comforting.

My baptism on 12 September 2020 was a memorable day. It was with great joy that I received the gift of the Holy Spirit and he has become a part of me. Last but not least, I would like to thank our vicar, the Reverend Kelvin Jawa, the Revd. Lawrence Wah Onn and Sister Margaret Fong for making the day of my baptism a memorable one.

Praise God for his love, grace and mercy.

Written by Evelyn Tee (Mt. Zion Homecell)

*Ephesians 2:10 "For we are God's workmanship created in Christ to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do !"*

It was during the Coronavirus pandemic MCO in April, a sister from my home cell posted a message requesting volunteers to sew PPEs garments, to be produced and supplied to medical frontliners, on a daily basis. My heart pondered, should I offer to take up this task? Deep down I really wanted to help, however my heart and my reality don't always line up. I was hesitant, reason: fear of Coronavirus; and avoided going out too often. I remembered I only went out once in every 10 days during that difficult period, hence I didn't respond to the message.

Nevertheless it bothered me the entire day and I prayed to God to open the way for me. That very night, while in my quiet time with God, He revealed to me in 1 Corinthians 10:31: "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." Could that be the assignment that God is calling me to do?

Next morning, a sister from my Homemakers' Group asked if I would like to help in sewing PPEs garments and offering personal delivery before and after sewing. Praise be to God! The Lord granted the desire of my heart in not going out too often. Consequently without hesitation, out of gratitude to God and the appreciation to the frontliners who sacrificed so much, I decided to do my bit.

There were 5 ladies who volunteered to sew shoe and boot covers and protective gowns. I thank God for His protection from COVID-19. I was fully committed in my sewing with peace and joy.

Praise the Lord! Hallelujah.

The Bengoh Resettlement Scheme (BRS) All Saints' Children church celebrated Christmas with Jehovah Nissi Bible Study Group for the first time on the 19th December. The SOP during this period of pandemic has not eroded the Christmas spirit but fosters greater unity among church members. Children and their teachers had fun singing praise songs and being reminded that Christ the Lord provides for and cares for them before collecting their gifts and had their fellowship outside the church building.



# Chinese Speaking Congregation

## 达万堂华语部

主任牧师 : Revd Kelvin Jawa  
主任 : 陈周清  
副主任 : 吴源海  
文书 : 卓培玉  
总务 : 陈玉珍副会吏

### 部门事工

读经员 : 张荣奎副会吏/钟宝国副会吏/陈玉珍副会吏  
福音传道 : 张荣奎副会吏/钟宝国副会吏/陈玉珍副会吏  
赞美敬拜 : 卓培玉/沈惜娇

### 群体小组事工

青少组 : 田德亮  
初成组 : Carlson Tawi  
社区福利组 : 郑和生  
牧养/关怀 : 傅德昌  
何烈山家庭小组 : 吴源海  
黑门山家庭小组 : 陈玉珍副会吏  
迦密山家庭小组 : 冯淑莹  
摩利亚山家庭小组 : 傅德昌  
稳底基家庭小组 : 李秀珠  
约翰316家庭小组 : 田展捷  
耶和华拉法查经组 : 刘美玲

华语部的主日崇拜於2020年一月一日开始迁移至底楼大圣堂进行。崇拜时间照旧 8:00am 至 9:30am。新冠肺炎疫情严重影响了在堂会崇拜的出席人数，大多数会员们选择在线上崇拜。

儿童主日学也於2020年二月十六日从会议室迁移至新牧师楼进行教课。目前主日学有12位老师与助教轮流来督导14-16位小朋友。然而，由于受到疫情的影响，也为了安全，儿童主日学從三月十八日起已暂停，待至日后疫情情况有所改善才会重新开放。

感谢神派遣来自韩国长老会的郑炳收传道 (Andrew Jung) 来协助达万堂华语部。郑传道于一月开始培训装备赞美敬拜团队，教导组员们使用各种乐器的演奏技巧。他也计划带领华语部青少年组与初成组，希望能鼓励和启发他们参与教会事工与活动。但是一场疫情却导致计划无法顺利进行。

华语部于今年初开始计划每个月一次的祷告会，所有的家庭小组在每个月的第一个星期五晚上聚集在堂会一起祷告，每个家庭小组以轮值方式带领这项活动。3月6日(星期五)晚上 7:30华语部开始了第一次的祷告会，由黑门山小组带领首次聚会。由于疫情关系，每个月一次的祷告会也因此暂停。

2020年的确走来不容易。在事奉方面，我们面临了极大的挑战。从3月开始，因为疫情的关系，教会开开关关，我们无法每个主日来到教会崇拜，更何况是事奉。我们祷告来临的2021年疫情会有所控制，会友们都能返回教会崇拜和事奉。

达万堂华语部执委会谨在此感谢邓奕生牧师，裴龙平牧师，黄绍安牧师及郑晓靖牧师为我们主持圣餐礼仪及讲道；黄玉柳师母带领查圣和讲道，以及沈冠彙牧师时常给予我们华语部的协助。愿神大大赐福于众牧者们。



达万堂执委参加古晋教区华语部事工2020年常年会议



## 华语部主日学

达万堂华语部主日学是由年龄介于四岁至十二岁的儿童所组成的事工，2019至2020年主日学的小朋友人数是12位，教师和助教各有12位。

2020年主日学教室搬迁至牧师楼底层为课室，好景不长，在新冠肺炎疫情的影响之下实体教学和所有活动被迫停止，小朋友也无法来到教堂，以致我们需要转向线上教课和交流。小朋友们都不适应这样的新常态，我们祷告希望疫情可以早点止息，好让大家都可以回到教堂做实体的崇拜和上课。

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## 赞美敬拜事工

顾问 : 郑炳收老师 (Andrew Jung)  
组长 : 卓培玉 (Michelle Toh)  
副组长 : 沈惜娇 (Julia Sim)  
组员 : 18

事工宗旨 : 带领会众以心灵诚实敬拜主，并且帮助组员们在属灵方面的成长。

服侍范围 : 赞美敬拜组负责堂会华语部每个主日的赞美敬拜；教会活动如启发课程的赞美敬拜；祷告会和追思礼。

事工现况 : 在疫情之前，每星期六下午练唱主日崇拜的诗歌和祷告。目前缺乏司琴，感恩神差派郑老师夫妇来协助我们，并给予指导。

事工展望 : 面对着疫情，我们唯有祷告祈求疫情尽快结束。我们也希望在郑炳收老师的指导下，组员们的歌唱和乐器技巧会有所进步，个人属灵方面有所提升。我们也希望通过线上崇拜，我们能扩展我们的赞美敬拜的事工范围，为教会带来蒙神悦纳的敬拜，也希望我们能藉着诗歌和敬拜把福音传给未信者。

## 关怀与探访组

2019年年杪爆发至今的新冠肺炎瘟疫彻底改变了世人的生活作息和经济营运模式，不仅各行各业饱受冲击，甚至教会的牧养事工也受到影响。

当我国政府于今年三月份实施行动管制之后，本事工组在探访一些慈善机构过程当中得悉因疫情致使访客人数锐减进而影响了机构的物资来源。在理解了他们的窘境后，我们效法主耶稣的怜悯与扶助他人的精神，决定捐献物资予这些慈善机构，希望藉此解决他们的燃眉之急，同时让他们在疫情笼罩之下感受到基督的爱。

感谢上帝的恩典，我们经常前往服事的青丝带协会“爱心之家”今年再有两位住户信了福音。除此之外，我们亦前往探访和捐献物资予家境贫寒的本堂会友，并勉励他们在面临各样的逆境当儿能够坚定信靠主。

我们面临的另一项挑战则是如何在违反政府的防疫标准作业程序之下进行事工，并尽量简化整个过程。因此，购买物资和探访皆交由傅德昌弟兄独自负责，其他组员则给予代祷扶持、奉献物资等等。一些热心商家了解我们的事工宗旨之后，也给予正面评价和捐献物资响应这份深具意义的事工。

此次疫情令世人用尽各种方法，期望能得到平安。但世上的平安仅给人暂时精神上的安慰，却没有平安的实际。主耶稣说：「我留下平安给你们，我将我的平安赐给你们。我所赐的，不像世人所赐的，你们心里不要忧愁，也不要胆怯（约翰福音 14:27）」。所以，唯有信靠耶稣而获得的平安才是真正的平安。

目前，事工组成员有傅德昌弟兄、赖美梅姐妹、毕笑霞姐妹、郑和生弟兄、林名玉姐妹、姚爱萍姐妹、田德亮弟兄、陈秀梅姐妹、刘美玲姐妹。我们呼吁和鼓励凡有志献上为探访同工的兄弟姐妹加入此事工组，让我们携手同行将基督的救赎与平安福音传遍社会各角落。





## 2020年赞美操感言

感谢主！自2009年我们赞恩喜乐赞美操已经进入11周年了。今年由于新冠肺炎疫情爆发的关系，很多赞美操节目和活动都不能进行，我们只在2月10号在达万再也睦邻公园举办农历新年欢庆聚会。



在疫情管制令期间，我们赞美操於：3月18日开始就停止操作，7月6日恢复7月20日又暂停操作，8月14日恢复11月2日又停止直到11月30日。



感谢赞美操弟兄姐妹们的合作和包容，在恢复赞美操操作时，我们都遵守政府SOP的基本防卫措施，包括社交3公尺距离，在未做赞美操之前，要测量体温，记录名字，电话号码和体温，应用消毒剂等等。



更感恩的是有两位赞美操姐妹接受洗礼，成为达万堂的信徒了。

## 郑晓靖牧师

2020年初，新冠肺炎开始在我国扩散，3月18日我国开始了行动管制令。我们教会因无法开放而开始考虑进行线上崇拜。然而，华语部在直播上却面临牧师短缺问题。面对着人手短缺的时刻，我们这位无所不在，无所不能的神差派了祂的仆人 - 郑晓靖牧师到来达万堂协助主日崇拜仪式和牧养工作。

郑晓靖牧师於八月开始在华语部上任。在达万堂任职的五个月时间里，他不仅每个星期为我们华语部主持现场直播的圣餐崇拜仪式和证道，他也非常尽责的关注会友们在敬拜和属灵上的成长，并且给予意见改善华语

部与各小组事工现况。在这期间，他协助堂会主持婚姻和圣洗礼仪，也为失去亲人的基督徒主持追思礼，葬礼和给予慰问。

我们非常感恩神丰富的供应和郑晓靖牧师这段时间在达万堂的付出。

郑晓靖牧师将於2020年12月27日前往新加坡继续他的神学课程。愿主继续看顾保守这位忠心的仆人和他的家人，并赐给他智慧来完成神学硕士课程。



# 家庭小组



摩利亚小组  
Mt. Moriah Homecell



隐基底小组 En-Gedi Homecell



何烈山小组 Horeb Home-cell

# ***Bahasa Malaysia Congregation***

## *Kebaktian Bahasa Malaysia*

Ditulis oleh SD Ron Bunchol

Shalom dan segala puji kepada Tuhan kerana kita selamat bertemu kembali dalam ruangan penerbitan Cornerstone edisi 2020 ini. Tahun ini berlalu dengan begitu pantas sekali – tahun yang tidak mungkin dapat dilupakan kerana segala cabaran dan dugaan yang melanda dunia di sebabkan oleh pandemik COVID-19.

Kebaktian Bahasa Malaysia juga tidak ketinggalan mengalami perubahan yang berlaku seperti juga ministri yang lain. Aktiviti-aktiviti yang dirancang untuk tahun ini kebanyakannya terpaksa ditunda atau dihentikan disebabkan peraturan PKP. Ini termasuk kelas penetapan, sekolah minggu, aktiviti muda-mudi, serta kumpulan rumah.

Kehadiran jemaat dalam lingkungan 20 hingga 35 orang. Pelayanan juga dirakamkan agar jemaat yang lain dapat bersama menerusi aplikasi media sosial. Dengan ini, kita bersyukur kepada Tuhan kerana jemaat masih boleh menyembah dan mendengar firman Tuhan di mana-mana saja mereka berada.

Kita diajar untuk menganggap sebagai suatu kebahagiaan apabila kita menghadapi cubaan kerana ujian terhadap iman membawa ketabahan (Yakobus 1:2-3). Kita berdoa agar jemaat tabah dalam mengharungi cubaan atau cabaran pandemik dan berdoa kepada Allah Bapa senantiasa untuk memperkuatkan iman dalam kita semua bekerja untuk-Nya.

Kita boleh berbangga dengan adanya dari kalangan jemaat yang rela bertugas dari minggu ke minggu bila pelayanan secara berjemaah dibenarkan pada akhir bulan Jun. Dalam pada itu juga, ada yang disentuh oleh Tuhan yang bekerja di dalam kehidupan mereka semasa mengalami cabaran pandemik ini dan kesaksian mereka dikongsi di terbitan ini.

Kita tetap bersyukur kepada Allah Bapa kita di syurga yang tetap mengawal keadaan. Kita pasti dalam musim dan masa-Nya Tuhan yang Maha Berkuasa akan menamatkan pandemik ini sepenuhnya. Kita yakin dengan Tuhan bersama kita maka jemaat akan bangkit semula dan diperkuatkan lagi iman selepas berjaya mengharungi cabaran ini. Jangan kita leka tetapi terus memandang ke kayu salib yang memberi kita keselamatan dan harapan untuk hari esok.

Dengan harapan kita kepada Tuhan, kita boleh melangkah maju pada tahun hadapan kerana kita pasti tidak kira apakah situasinya, Tuhan kita tidak berubah. Dia Tuhan yang sama dulu, sekarang dan selamanya. Dia tetap Tuhan yang Satu yang setia dan Maha Mulia. Dengan itu, kita tetap boleh bergantung kepada Dia. Alleluia Allah Bapa. Tuhan memberkati semua.

## ***Kesaksian Testimonies***

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Ditulis oleh Gillivary Galau

Shalom dan apa khabar saudara-saudara seiman! Pada tahun ini, adalah agak mencabar kerana pandemik COVID-19 yang melanda negara. Sepanjang PKP ini, saya merindui segala perkara yang ada di gereja seperti kawan-kawan, persekutuan, latihan tarian, aktiviti muda mudi dan banyak lagi. Akan tetapi, dalam situasi sebegini saya tidak akan berputus asa bekerja untuk Tuhan dan terus berdoa akan keselamatan diri dan semua orang. Saya berharap agar pandemik COVID-19 ini dapat diatasi dengan segera agar kita dapat menjalani kehidupan seperti sedia kala dan saya berdoa agar ramai orang akan dikuatkan iman dalam mengharungi cabaran pandemik ini. Stay safe!



Ditulis oleh Amy Manik

Shalom semua. Nama saya ialah Amy Manik. Saya amat bersyukur kerana berpeluang berkongsi mengenai kebaikan Tuhan dalam kehidupan kami sekeluarga. Suami saya bernama Jovi dan kami mempunyai dua orang anak.

Saya bersyukur kerana seorang anak saya yang bernama Joseph dapat dibaptiskan tahun ini di sebalik kerisauan kita dalam menghadapi wabak Covid-19 yang sedang melanda Kuching bahkan seluruh dunia pada waktu ini. Joseph mempunyai impian untuk menyambung pelajaran ke Tingkatan Satu di Sekolah Sukan Tabuan Jaya (SSTJ).

Dia telah menjalani pemilihan kemasukan ke SSTJ beberapa bulan yang lalu. Saya berdoa agar Joseph dapat dipilih dan berharap Tuhan dapat mengabulkan permohonan doa saya ini.

Bagi menampung pendapatan keluarga yang terjejas kerana pandemik COVID-19, saya menolong suami menambah



pendapatan dengan membuka gerai menjual minuman “pop ice” dan berusaha mengambil tempahan jahitan manik untuk perhiasan baju tradisional kaum Iban.

Saya bersyukur dengan kemurahan dan kebaikan Tuhan kerana telah menghantar pelanggan kepada saya. Halleluya puji Tuhan atas kekuatan dan kemurahan yang Tuhan berikan kepada kami sekeluarga dalam mengharungi cabaran dunia sekarang.





Ditulis oleh Albert Thomas

Saya sudah bersama menyembah di BMC selama 1 tahun. Saya tahu bahawa tahun ini merupakan tahun yang mencabar bagi kita. Saya dapat merasakan tangan Tuhan bekerja dalam kehidupan saya, keluarga dan komuniti saya di Chawan 13. Kami mampu bertahan dan ini benar-benar menunjukkan bahawa Tuhan bekerja di komuniti saya dengan membekalkan keperluan komuniti dalam masa pandemik ini.

Sesungguhnya, Tuhan mempunyai rancangan masa depan yang baik untuk kita. Alleluia. Saya juga ingin berterima kasih kepada Tuhan kerana Dia menggunakan saya untuk menolong komuniti saya sendiri. Saya percaya bahawa saya dapat menolong mereka menjalani kehidupan yang lebih baik, seperti menolong anak mereka dalam pelajaran. Tidak ada kata-kata lain yang dapat saya katakan selain ucapan syukur kepada Tuhan atas rancangan terbaik yang sungguh besar telah dinyatakan di dalam kehidupan saya dan komuniti saya. Apa yang perlu saya lakukan ialah Berdoa, Percaya dan Tunggu. Saya percaya bahawa pandemik ini berlaku adalah untuk menyedarkan semua umat Tuhan betapa pentingnya Tuhan dalam kehidupan kita kerana hanya kepada Dialah kita beroleh keselamatan.

Ditulis oleh William Harry anak Gabriel



Shalom semuanya. Saya amat bersyukur kerana diberi kesempatan untuk berkongsi kesaksian saya dalam majalah Cornerstone pada tahun ini. Saya dan ibubapa saya merupakan ahli baru di TJAC. Kami mula menghadiri Kebaktian Bahasa Malaysia pada awal tahun 2019. Sebagai ahli baru dalam keluarga TJAC ini, perasaan segan dan malu itu sentiasa dalam hati. Tetapi kedua ibubapa saya sentiasa memberi dorongan dan tidak putus-putus memberi galakan supaya membiasakan diri dalam persekutuan jemaat terutamanya Persekutuan Muda Mudi di gereja.

Sesungguhnya sejak dari dahulu saya mempunyai kerinduan untuk melayani dalam bidang muzik di gereja, bukan kerana rasa ingin popular tetapi kerinduan itu adalah untuk Tuhan. Pada hujung tahun 2019, Tuhan telah membuka pintu untuk saya melayaninya dengan bermain gitar menggantikan bapa saya ketika itu. Dengan ini saya bersyukur kerana Tuhan telah menyediakan saya untuk bekerja untuk-Nya menerusi pelayanan puji dan sembah, lebih-lebih lagi pada masa pandemik ini dimana Kebaktian BM kekurangan pemain alat muzik.

Terima kasih kepada semua jemaat TJAC yang amat mendorong khasnya rakan-rakan pemuda-pemudi. Semoga kita semua terus membangun dalam Kasih Yesus. Tuhan memberkati.



Ditulis oleh Melvis Martin

Shalom. Situasi pandemik COVID-19, sememangnya mencabar bagi semua termasuk diri saya. Secara peribadi, melalui doa, kami sekeluarga dapat bebas daripada pandemik tersebut dan masih lagi terus berjaga-jaga dan berdoa setiap masa. Ianya mengingatkan saya bahawa kita hanyalah manusia yang lemah, jika kita bersandar atas kekuatan dan kebijaksanaan sendiri. Pasti kita akan jatuh dan tidak mampu mengharungi kehidupan ini. Apabila kita jatuh dalam kesusahan, tiada gunanya meminta tolong daripada Tuhan kerana sebelum itu, kita tidak melakukan kehendak dan pekerjaan-Nya.

Percayalah. Keajaiban itu nyata. Dalam situasi pandemik COVID-19 ini, marilah kita kuatkan iman, dan terus percaya pada Tuhan, agar pandemik ini akan berakhir tidak lama lagi. Hampir setahun saya dengan keluarga tidak balik ke Sabah. Memang berat rasanya. Itu antara beban yang saya perlu pikul pada masa ini. Saya cuma mampu berkongsi isi hati saya ini iaitu ***'Ketahuilah Tuhan menyertai ku. Aku tidak keseorangan, bertahanlah sampai ke garis penamat'***. (2 Timotius 4: 7) Tuhan memberkati semua.

# *Children's Ministry*

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Prepared by Revd. Kelvin Jawa

Since the Parish AGM 2019, I have taken charge of the Children's Ministry. I replace, for a while, the late Deaconess Eleanor Goh who stepped down from leading the ministry after many years. Her legacy in the Children's Ministry specifically in our Church will live on and we are forever indebted to her.

Working with me in the Ministry are sis. Yeo Ngan Peng of the English Sunday School, sis. Joanne Lim of the Chinese Sunday School, and sis. Helen Menon and Sis. Susan Teng of the Bahasa Malaysia Sunday School. I would like to thank them and all the Sunday School teachers and helpers who have done their best to adapt to a new way of doing Sunday School during this COVID-19 Pandemic.

The Pandemic has greatly affected the Sunday Schools. They have had to be suspended indefinitely since the Movement Control Order (MCO) was announced by our Prime

Minister in March 2020.

However, thanks to the initiative of the passionate teachers and helpers, it has since gone online using the various virtual meeting apps such as Zoom, WhatsApp video call and Google Meet. At the same time, the Diocesan Children's Ministry Board (DCMB) began producing weekly Sunday School resources in the form of videos and slides to be used by Sunday Schools throughout the Diocese.

These resources are made in three languages namely English, Bahasa Malaysia and Mandarin. However, our Sunday Schools have had the choice to use these resources or other resources deemed appropriate for the children.

Overall, the spiritual welfare of our children has been undoubtedly affected by the suspension of in-person Sunday Schools. They are the only group of church members who are still barred from attending church in person. I am personally concerned for them as they may think that church and their faith as non-essential anymore.

It is now more important than ever for parents to take their children's spiritual growth seriously. However, the Children's Ministry is on hand to offer assistance albeit on an online basis. I hope and pray that parents will work together with the respective Sunday Schools to help bring up the children in the faith of Christ.

Unless their parents remind them of the importance of their faith in Jesus Christ and the need to gather together in church, we may be in for a generation of people who may find God and the church irrelevant and unimportant. However, this Pandemic has pushed the spiritual upbringing of the children to their parents which is in line with the Bible's call to parents.

As for the future, we remain hopeful that our children can and will return to attend church in person. However, we will abide by the decision of the authorities and the wisdom of our church leaders. We trust God will provide and sustain our children even through this COVID-19 Pandemic.

## *Testimonies*



### **Hazel Sim [9 years old]**

I have learned to read the Bible and put the Word of God into practice. I also enjoy doing the crafts which help me to understand the memory verse better.

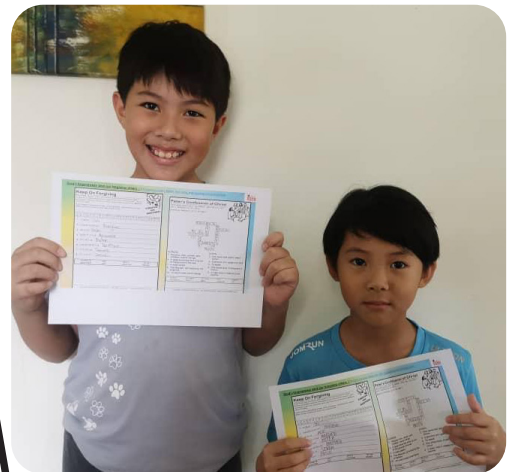


**Nathaniel Wong [10 years old]**

What I have learned during the online Sunday School is to tell more people about Jesus so that they will follow and obey Jesus. I also learnt to be kind to others. I now know a lot more about Jesus. Thanks to the Sunday school teachers.

**Eva Chai [6 years old]**

I'm happy to be able to continue learning the Bible stories with my Koko, online from home. I love Jesus because Jesus is good at all the time. He protects and cares for my family. Jesus hears my prayers.



**Chloe Ng [10 years old]**

I have been attending online Sunday school for a few months. I have learned a lot of new things about Jesus every week. Thank you, God, for You are good all the time.

**Isaac Chai [10 years old]**

I grow in my faith in Jesus by learning about Him online from home. Thank you Aunty Grace for the time, love and attention every Sunday to teach us. I love Jesus. I pray that Jesus will continue to bless our Sunday school as we praise and honour Him. Amen.

**Lucas Chiang [12 years old]**

I want to tell the stories of Jesus and share the good news about following and obeying Jesus to my friends and siblings. I also want to pray to Jesus every day. During the online SS Zoom classes, I have learned that God's Word will never pass away. We must trust God!



**Dylan & Ivan Liew  
[10 & 8 years old]**

Be kind and help others. Trust God. Forgive those who sin against us. Always be ready because we don't know the day & hour for the coming of God.



*Train the Trainers Programme held on 17 October 2020*

# *Christian Education Ministry*

Written by Margaret Ho (Head of Christian Education Ministry)

## **Baptism & Confirmation Courses**

Amidst the uncertainty and compliance to standard operating procedures due to the COVID-19 pandemic this year, the Baptism and Confirmation Course has to be suspended until year 2021. Candidates who have registered for this year's course have been admitted into Catechumen on 12th Sep 2020 and some adults had been baptised on 3rd Oct 2020 in our church.

They will then proceed to attend the course in 2021. Despite this setback, the LORD still continues to provide a team of dedicated co-ordinators and teachers from Chinese-speaking, Bahasa Malaysia-speaking and English-speaking congregations who have been faithfully serving in this ministry.

A majority of them attended the 'TRAIN THE TRAINERS PROGRAMME' conducted by Revd Stephen Gendang on 17 Oct 2020. It is to train the teachers and enhance their knowledge in conducting the classes effectively using the course materials.

**Sis Priscillia Pui writes :**

The Train The Trainers Programme is a blessing to me personally because not only does it offer a one-day refresher course on the fundamentals of the Christian faith, but also addresses many important issues in Christian Apologetics such as the creation of earth versus theoretical science, the differences between major religions and the triune God. The revised teaching and learning materials for our new believers is well written and comprehensive; the new 'Frequently Asked Questions' section is thought provoking and can be used as a springboard for many fruitful discussions to deepen the knowledge and understanding of our Christian faith.

**Sis Callie Lau writes :**

The Train the Trainers programme prepares and enriches me as a future teacher in the baptism/confirmation class as it provides planned and organized teaching material and knowledge of misunderstanding in the secular world.

This intensive programme provides an overview of the core areas for teachers to focus on. The focus begins with the reason for choosing Christianity; and ends with a Christian's life after confirmation, reminding the candidates that there will be new chapters in their lives after confirmation.

The comprehensive teachers' guide contains session plans, delivery content, candidates' exercises and homework, teachers' notes and references to the Bible. While the programme facilitator's explanation shed light on how the world sees Christianity and the world itself, the explanation also provoke teachers to think deeper, to review what they have learned over the time and to pay attention to "grey areas" so that teachers are able to tackle "grey areas" from Biblical standpoints.



## Foundation Series, Discipleship & Leadership Training

It is also inevitable that these classes cannot be conducted due to the pandemic.

As much as we would desire to see a bountiful harvest of confirmation

candidates besides the teaching, training and equipping of our people this year, unfortunately our hands are tied by the restrictions set to combat Covid-19. We pray that our spirits will not be dampened. Instead, we trust in the Lord to help us to strive even harder for a better yield and fruitful year ahead.

Christian Education Ministry takes this opportunity to thank everyone who has put in so much dedication, commitment and support to accomplish our goals successfully.

To God be all the glory!



# *Evangelism Ministry*

Written by Alex Tan (Head of Evangelism Ministry)

## **The Work of Mission and Evangelism must go on!**

Lockdown, MCO, CMCO, RMCO, social distancing, quarantine, new normal, MySejahtera, etc – these are the new terms that all of us are now accustomed to. We are forced to live with the dreadful Covid -19 pandemic for almost a year now and ostensibly, the Church cannot function fully in the spiritual life of the congregation at this moment in time. Many of us who have been actively serving in the various ministries are now operating at less than fifty-percent capacity or even less, of the pre-virus period.

Therefore, with the slowdown in church activities, much like the economic slowdown experienced world-wide, what happens now to the Great Commission? Each one of us and the church as a whole are called to preach the Gospel and to make disciples – is this possible in the light of our present predicament?

At TJAC, the Evangelism Ministry has planned to hold at least two rallies this year – the Pastor Peter Troung Healing Rally in March, and the Pastor Victor G Evangelistic Rally around September. Both had to be inevitably cancelled. A voice message I received yesterday from Ps Victor indicated that he had to cancel 80 rallies this year, which is a hard hit especially for an itinerant singer-evangelist like him. He has gone back to New Zealand to finish his doctorate, after which he says, he will be back to fulfil his calling. Praise God!

Our Alpha Classic which is our main evangelistic thrust had covered a substantial number of sessions, with many new participants, when we have to halt further sessions in March. We pray that the course can be resumed in 2021, and that those who enrolled this year will continue enthusiastically, together with many other pre-believers to join next year.

Nonetheless, despite all the set-backs, God is still at work in the work of reaching out to the lost souls, albeit in other indirect ways. On mission work, we continue to provide support and partnership in nurturing the young ones at kindergarten level. Our involvement in the proposed Tadika All Saints, Bengoh Resettlement Scheme continues through our donation to the building fund and technical aid like obtaining approval of building plan and kindergarten license.

The pandemic has slowed down the project implementation, but the application is presently actively pursued through the UNIFOR. Our monthly donation to the RUSA kindergarten initiative has continued for a few years now, but next year the donation will be channelled directly to Tadika Harmoni at Sekitung, Sebuyau, to assist them to sustain the operation of the kindergarten there.

Our partnership with the Diocese in mission work in Pontianak is also on-going, and our commitment to the church is GO and GIVE. Our plan to organise at least two mission trips to Pontianak has been disrupted by the pandemic, but our commitment under GIVE to sponsor the clergy and staff workers, and the kindergarten students has been honoured.

Community outreach work through our VCL ministry, and our praise dance sessions at the Tabuan Jaya community park and at our church under Sis Margaret Fong and her team, continue whenever the RMCO protocol allows, and with strict adherence to the SOP imposed by the government.

Praise God that even with COVID-19 ravaging in the world at present, and restricting our movement and freedom to proclaim the Gospel of Christ to the lost, God is still very much in control, and the work He ordains goes on in many other ways, and many are more added to the number. Let's continue to pray that each one of us at TJAC will continue to do our part in the face of this challenging time in human history, to be instrumental in bringing somebody to the Lord. Amen.



## *Music & Worship Ministry*

Written by Rose Liu (Head of Music & Worship Ministry)

The Music and Worship Ministry kicked off with a Worship Workshop with Pastor Gener Bermudez of the Philippines on 14 March 2020.

It was the beginning of the pandemic in Kuching then. We had many spiritual attacks before the arrival of Pastor Gener. Because of the pandemic, there were many quarters discouraging to hold the event.

The Committee put God first in the midst of all the discouragement and our faith in God lead us to go ahead with the event. Hallelujah, Praise the Lord! We had a very good and successful event with Pastor

Gener and his team. Everything went well.

Pastor Gener's departure to the Philippines was on 17 March and the lockdown for Malaysia and Philippines set in on 18 March 2020. How great is our God. He bought Pastor Gener and the team home safely.

The year 2020 is a disturbing year with the COVID-19 pandemic. Praise God for providing us with an eventful workshop before all the activities were shut sown. Our Worship Team has been very blessed and continue to faithfully serving our Almighty God, praising Him everyday and giving us the unity in working together as a team.

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*Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs  
Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord (Eph 5:19)*

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## ***Worship Workshop with Pastor Gener Bermudez***



# Testimony

## Praise God for a successful knee operation

Written by Anson Tan

During the yearly check-up at the Sarawak General Hospital in February 2019, the doctor detected from the X-rays that my left knee had a loosening of the tibial tray and a revision surgery was necessary. (Both knees had total replacement surgeries done 11 years ago).

The operation cost would be RM18,000. Not knowing how to raise the money, I prayed to God for help and he answered me through Peka B40 (Government Scheme) for senior citizen needing medical assistance) which agreed to bear the whole cost in October 2019. Due to Covid-19 pandemic, the Hospital did minimal operations causing a backlog of long waiting list thus delaying the date of my operation.

Few months before the operation, one of my blood test result show an indication of possible virus infection and if during operation, the virus is present, my knee would have to be cured by antivirus cement (usually takes 3-6 months) before



another surgery to implant the parts accordingly.

As I shared the situation with church members, they prayed for me for God to let me go through the operation without any complications.

On the 29th September 2020. I underwent a successful operation which lasted 6 hours. On the 3rd day I could walk and after one week was discharged.

I wish to thank and praise our Almighty God for answered prayers and all those who have prayed for me.

To God be the glory.



## *Victory Community Link*

Written by Esther Paat

Year 2020 will be a memorable year for most of us. For the first time in our lives, we were forced to stay indoor, in compliance with the Standard Operating Procedures to curb the spread of COVID-19. We felt restless, uncertain as to when it would end whilst trying our best to adjust to the 'new normal' lifestyle of wearing masks, socially distancing and frequent hand washing.

Yet, in all of this, we could see God's unfailing love for His children, manifested in various

ways. He protected the VCL families from the virus and provided for their daily needs. The restrictions imposed by the authorities caused the scheduled visits to the families to be suspended in April, May and June. However, the VCL Team managed to resume visitations to the families in July. The visits were brief – mainly to deliver the food rations and pray for the families, at the doorstep. Upon request by the families, the BM Ministry also gave Holy Sacrament at their homes.



Like everyone else, VCL families were not spared the negative impact of the pandemic. Some suffered financially because they lost their jobs or could not go to work because of the restriction orders. Although there was financial aid given by the government, it was barely enough to meet their daily needs. The older ones also suffered emotionally. One of them, sis Biti Anak Busang (who died in September) pleaded over the phone for us to visit her. She said she really missed us and wanted us to visit her. She couldn't understand the reasons as to why we couldn't visit her. But, praise the Lord, because when the movement

restrictions were relaxed later, we managed to visit her a few times before she passed on. And during our last visit, while Revd Lawrence Wah Onn was praying for her, she responded by raising her hands in prayer - demonstrating the deep faith she still had in God despite the pains she was going through. What a sight to behold and an example to emulate!

The number of VCL families currently stands at 24, after taking into account 2 deaths during the year.



It is encouraging to note that, through God's grace, 2 children of the VCL families had successfully completed their diploma courses at Kuching Polytechnic. One of them is already working (temporarily) at a supermarket. Another child who left Form 6, managed to get a job at an electronics company.

As the VCL Ministry enters the 10th year of its inception, it is timely to pause and take stock of its activities, to consolidate and improve our approach to enable us to take VCL to a higher level. Towards this end, with the approval of PCC in February 2020, some changes have been made to the VCL policies and procedures, among them: henceforth, due to manpower shortage, VCL will only take

in families residing in areas under the jurisdiction of Majlis Bandaraya Kuching Selatan and Dewan Bandaraya Kuching Utara.

The VCL Committee would like to express its gratitude and appreciation to those who had supported and contributed in cash and kind to, and prayed fervently for, the Ministry. Special thanks also to those who contributed financially to the Biti family during the recent bereavement.

May the Lord bless and empower us to continue to minister to the poor and needy in the community so that more families will be brought into the fold, for His honour and glory .





## *Prayer Ministry*

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*“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God” (Phil. 4:6)*

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*Committee Members:*

**Agnes Chew, Leung Kui Phin, Robert Chang & Tan Cheng Kiaw**

The Prayer Ministry on behalf of TJAC encourages Church Leaders and members to persevere in prayer while making prayer a part of everything we do. That God will continue cultivating in us a deepening prayer life individually and corporately as a Church, especially that the church leadership are committed to prayer so as to ignite the Church Prayer Altar.

**Dawn Prayer on 1.1.2020  
(Wed.) @ 6.00am with Holy  
Communion replacing the  
yearly Watch Night 2019.**

Praise the Lord, sixty seven members attended the service. Revd Kelvin shared on the theme for this year: "Sowing the Seeds" (Phil. 2:1-4) stressing on the importance to continue sharing the Gospel and winning souls for God's Kingdom.



**Bishop's Chapel Friday Prayer:**

*Date /Time:*

*28.2.2020 (Friday) @ 12.00-1.00pm*

*Venue:*

*Bishop's Chapel, Bishop's House, Jln. McDougall, Kuching*

Our church is leading the prayer meeting, please come and join us and be part of it. Nine of us from TJAC attended, thank you Bros. & Sis(s) for your participation.

**Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting** (18.3.20 to June, 2020) – *As agreed by Revd. Kelvin, temporary suspended due to the increasing number of Covid-19 infection cases.*

- Resumed on 8th & 15th July, 20 – ( Thank God for the 15 members that attended ).
- Break in August as Kuching back in Red Zone
- Resumed twice monthly (1st & 2nd Wed.) from September to October 2020, approved by our Vicar.
- Break in November and December 2020 as Kuching declared 'Red Zone' again.

**Saturday Morning Prayer** (6.30am to 7.30am)

Every Saturday at the Multi Purpose Hall (MPH) except the 1st Saturday of each month. On hold for the time being, will resume next year if the situation allows. Pray that more members will come and join us especially the leaders.

**A Diocesan Call to Prayer in the midst of the Corona Virus Pandemic - “Light a candle of Hope and Healing”**

29.3.20 @ 7.00pm.

- Devotional message from The Bishop of Kuching, The Right Revd. Datuk Danald Jute
- Followed by lighting of candles at homes, inside or outside.
- Called to a time of prayer by lighting a candle and praying together as the Church.

**24-7 Prayer Asia: Weekly Prayer Guide 30th Aug. 2020**

*(Special Merdeka Day Prayer Edition)*

This is the week of our Merdeka celebrations where we commemorate our 63rd Independence Day, our special prayer focus will be on our beloved nation. As the people of God, we must stand in the gap for our nation, to keep watch and pray earnestly. The future of our nation will be determined by getting on our knees and our prayers.

## **Malaysia Year of Prayer (MYOP) 2021**

This year is the third MYOP; A call to continue to plant seeds of prayer and water them with faith, trust, expectancy and action. Psalms 126:5 declares – “Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy”.

The Theme : - “The Year of Persevering in Sowing” - The Malaysia Year of Prayer 2021 is a call to a yearlong persevering prayer from September 16, 2020 to September 15, 2021 – to light up Malaysia in prayer, and stir the Church to remain on her knees: staying faithful, committed, obedient and united in prayer for the nation, longing for “Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will be done” (Matthew 6:10)

## **NECF 40 Days Fast & Prayer (7.8.20 – 15.9.20)**

*Theme: “Hearing The Holy Spirit for The Times We Live In” (Rev. 2 -3)*

As believers in this present age with over whelming demands and distractions, we will be renewed in our thoughts and spirits, that our hearts and our minds will be aligned to the truth of God as we avail ourselves to pray fervently and fast well together, to hear what the Spirit is saying to us. It is what the Spirit says that matters!

Let us as the Church commit ourselves to a New Year of Prayer for Malaysia. May the Lord bless us with His presence and use our prayers to further His purposes for our nation and the world.

# Youth Ministry



Written by Eric Tan

2020 is truly an unforgettable year. Beginning with a great fire in Australia and soon after, the spread of the global pandemic, many of our plans have been greatly affected.

It is during the MCO where we begin to see great value in the simple things we have been taking for granted all this while. Some had to work harder and longer due to limitations, while some had to struggle and risk health to make a living.

Our Crossroads cell group is also affected, with some seeing longer work hours and many having to adapt to ever changing challenges and environments.

In spite of all that, God has been good to us. In our challenging situations, God has always come through for us. We see relationships and family bond strengthen during this time. We come to a new appreciation for what we have taken for granted. We cherish the services the hidden heroes, near and far, take so that we can resume a normal life. God is indeed good, and His love is always more than enough.

The year of 2020 has been a challenging year for everyone including myself. We thought the year of 2020 will be brighter and good.

Somehow, it was an unexpected year for everyone. Plus, we have to adapt with the new practice that we never thought before. For example, we have to wear mask wherever we go, always wash our hands, always bring our own sanitizer and practicing physical distancing at all the time.

When the government decided to imposed the Movement Control Order (MCO), it was to protect our people from this deadly pandemic. There are lot of challenges we have faced throughout the year. As a student, my sisters and I have to go through online learning. I observed how my parents worked from home. It was totally unexpected.

The church building is being close down temporarily. I believe every one of us missed the church community life so much. The church has to project their service through stream online. While we have a stream online service, it was comforting every one of us including myself. What a joy in my heart to serve God in different way.

When the church media team asked me to be part of their team, I was glad to be able to serve. We are being blessed with enough foods, place to stay, a good health despite of all challenge out there and most importantly, we able to worship God at our home. At the same time, we are encouraged through the Word of God and how we encourage our families and friends today.

When we celebrate Christmas, we are reminded of God's love and His promise. Jesus was born and indeed He is our Emmanuel. "God is with us!" Let us celebrate our Christmas at home with full of joy and put our hope in Christ.





Written by **Camelia Nuek**

Year 2020 has been a roller coaster ride for me. If the pandemic did not occur, I would have completed my Form 5 and my SPM examination. The pandemic did not really effect me in a bad way if I am being honest with all of you. It actually helped me in alot of ways.

Well for starters, the pandemic gave me extra time for my studies. Due to the lockdown back in March, I was not able to attend school for almost 3 months physically until the 24th June. Back then, my school did not really implement online classes so I basically have 24 hours to spare everyday to catch up with the topics that I am weak at and to revise back my Form 4 topics.

My faith with the Lord is doing well. Despite not going to church physically, there's a few ways for me to keep my faith in tact. Due to the pandemic, my Girls' Brigade meetings are switch online via zoom. Going to my Girls' Brigade meeting is my favourite thing to do. I get to meet my officers and my friends online. We get to do fellowship and the achievements that needs to be fulfilled for the year to collect awards and badges. Looking forward to Girls' Brigade meetings every Saturday is by far one of the ways I keep in tact with my faith. Parents, if you are planning to send your children for a weekend activity, I highly suggest sending your children to Girls' Brigade or the Boys' Brigade. I can assure you, your kids will have a great Saturday of their lives.

Besides that, I have also been going to Sunday School/Senior Youth meetings hosted by Brother Eric and Sister Elaine. I really learn alot from the meeting. It really fills my Sunday despite not going to church physically before the pandemic.

My take from all of this is that if you feel discourage due to the circumstances that you are currently facing, do not give up and surrender everything to the Lord because He will have a plan for you. If you're feeling lonely or lack of social interaction, do join a church meeting, or a Youth meeting. Have faith in the Lord for He is your God.



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Philippi  
Philadelphia  
Jerusalem  
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**English** 10:00 AM

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