

FOCUS

For the Week of 10th August 2008



My Batam Ladies Retreat Experience on 12th July 2008

By Mimi Ng

Through the church bulletin, Focus, I always read about experiences when the church members went on missions. I never thought I could have a chance to go on a mission trip because I am deaf and there is a language barrier as I am English educated but I was wrong.

Peggy offered to arrange for HI group to join hearing ladies to visit the church of Christ in Batam for a mission trip. She asked me to teach crafts to the Batam ladies. Without hesitation, I agreed. It was a real challenge for me as I had to think of what to teach, because I wanted the Batam ladies to make practical items which they might give as gifts or sell for extra income. With feedback from Peggy and others, I decided on fabric flower brooch and a hair band out of unwanted scrap clothes (save the earth).

I happened to have itchy eczema and had to avoid sunlight a few days before we set off to Batam. The doctor said it is due to heat. But I did not want to give up for this was my first mission trip. I prayed to God to help me heal my rashes.

God was really wonderful because my rash stopped on that day of our mission trip. I gave thanks to God in silent prayer.

When we arrived in Batam, brother Herbin and his wife met us there. Brother Herbin offered to make two trips to and from the ferry point to the beach resort as his van was too small for the fourteen of us.

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**COME AND SPEND AN HOUR
WITH US EVERY WEDNESDAY
MORNING FROM 10-11am...**

AND WE WILL STUDY OUR BIBLES
TOGETHER AT PP - CLASSES BEGIN
AUGUST 13TH.

Everyone is invited. Bring your Bible,
a note pad and a thirst for Bible knowl-
edge.

Sponsored by: Singapore International
Bible Institute, Pasir Panjang Church
of Christ, 347 Pasir Panjang Rd, Sin-
gapore 118688 .

The class will start promptly at 10 am
and end promptly at 11 am. Each
student will be given a copy of the
lesson plan to be studied that day.

The student will be given 15 minutes
to read and meditate over the lesson
plan, get familiar with the passages
referenced, and be prepared to enter
into a 45 minute presentation of the
lesson by the instructor... discussions
will be encouraged.

SIBI Credits

For those taking the regular SIBI
courses, 3 credits will be given for the
completion of 13 lessons... possible
credits for the entire series - 12.



Get to know our regular visitor, brother **David Dass** from India

PP FAMILY NEWS

Brother Henry and our members returned from the AMF (Annual Missions Forum) at Kochi, India with greetings from brethren all over the world. Many express appreciation for PP's missions outreach.

Elder William Wong will be speaking at our morning worships today. In the evening **brother Patrick Ong** will be filling the pulpit where his son, Daniel had spoken last week. So far this year, we have enjoyed more than 2 dozen father-and-son preachers.

The **couples' retreat** on 20th-22nd November (Thursday to Saturday) have been moved to the Pulai Springs Resort in Johore. The venue is newer and requires a shorter trip. Several types of rooms are available. The cost remains around \$500 per couple. Please see sisters Doreen Teo or Hong Ngee for more information.

Tomorrow is the closing date for the **new SIBI course on Bible History** by brother Charles Cook. Sign up on the attendance card.

We are looking forward this Wednesday at 10am to the start of a regular **in-depth one hour Bible study** for people who have a heart for God's word.

This Wednesday, **brother Lim Cher Yam** will share insights on "Holy People of God" at SPC. Enjoy the refreshing break between Sundays.

OUR CHURCH LIBRARIES ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU

Our SIBI-PP, Teacher and General Libraries are now open for business! Please keep the insert and refer to it when you need help. Sister Tamara and brother Patrick are in charge of the SIBI-PP reference library. It is opened Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm. Only materials from the Teacher and General Libraries may be borrowed home. See our minister for the Teacher's Library. The General Library uses an honour system where members can check out up to 2 books for 2 weeks by filling a card.

MEN to SERVE for this Week and the Next

Worship Service	Today (10 August 2008)	Next Week
8am		
Call to Worship:	Henry Kong	Elder Adrian Teo
Scripture Text:	Psalm 145:8-12	Psalm 146:1-4
11am		
Call to Worship:	Henry Kong	Elder Adrian Teo
SR/OP:	Deacon Paul Lim	Vincent Lim
S. Leader:	Jason Ng	Shawn Li
Communion:	Lam Chern Woon	Chew Chong Lin
Preacher:	Elder William Wong	Elder Winston Chong
Shepherd's Prayer:	Elder Simon Goh	Elder Simon Goh
i/c Auditorium	Richard Leow	Jeronme Goh
i/c Balcony	HI Team	HI Team
6pm		
Call to Worship:	Henry Kong	Elder Adrian Teo
Scripture Text:	Psalm 145:17-21	Psalm 148:1-6
SR/OP:	Ban Haw Leong	Joseph Ooi
S. Leader:	Elder Eric Tan	Shawn Li
Communion:	Elder William Wong	Nehemiah Tan
Preacher:	Patrick Ong	Alvin Tjipto
Closing Prayer:	Elder Tan Beng Chuan	Elder Eric Tan



Monthly Youth Service

I have discussed this with deacon Winston and elder Beng Chuan.

I have a vision for a Youth Service, where youth will be involved in doing everything from opening scripture, Lord's supper, giving, worship and sermon. Of course, this would be done with adult supervision and would not be entirely run by youth alone.

My suggestion to them was that we can have it in the evening service, so as to not create segregation within the church between the youths and adults. Also, a monthly session would be ideal, taking all things into consideration.

I propose that have our first session, and if the response is good and the youths benefit from it, we can have it regularly.

I suggest to have the first youth service on 17th August, which would be the first time I would be preaching too. I think it would be a good time for the youths to get together, be united as a body and recognise their significance and importance to the church.

2008 COUPLES RETREAT **THEME: LOVE & RESPECT**

Date: 20-22 Nov 2008 (Thur-Sat)

Venue: Pulai Spring Resort
Johor, Malaysia

Who for: All Married Couples
(Visitors are welcome)

Retreat Fee: S\$500/couple
subject to room availability

Room & Retreat Fee guaranteed for 1st 20 couples

Registration Dates: 17 & 24 Aug 2008

Program Highlight: Couple Bonding ● Relaxation Time
Couple & Group Ice Breakers ● Walking down the Memory Lane
Group Sharing – Ephesians 5 ● Movie Screening ● Prayer Walk
Tips Sharing on Successful Marriage ● Candle-Light Dinner

Old Testament Bible History Parts I & II

A survey of Old Testament history from Genesis to the book of Esther

Instructor: Charles Cook, D. Min.



Part I of our Old Testament History studies will cover the books of Genesis through Ruth; Part II will cover 1st Samuel through Esther. These courses are not



intended to be a comprehensive treatment of each book, but rather a survey of the basic story line. Many interesting details of the biblical narratives will be included, but the objective will be an overview of the Scheme of Redemption as it unfolds from book to book.

Bible History Part I (Genesis – Ruth)

Aug. 15 – Sept. 7 (weekend schedule, Fri 7-10pm & Sat & Sun 2-5pm)

Bible History Part II (1st Samuel – Esther)

Sept. 19 – Oct. 19 (weekend schedule, Fri 7-10pm & Sat & Sun 2-5pm)

Singapore International Bible Institute

Pasir Panjang Church of Christ

347 Pasir Panjang Rd,

Singapore 118688

Course credits: 3 for each course

Fee: \$20 per course

Closing Date for registration: Aug 10 (Part I), Sept.14

(Part II). To register, please email Tom Goracke at

twoservants2002@yahoo.com or Dorothy Tay at

dotaybh17@yahoo.co.sg



PP General Library

PP has always had a library since its inception. Although only a few frequent this facility, it has been kept going by the donation of used books by church members.

There are more shelves in the new location. Besides helpful books, there is a large selection of brotherhood books and magazines. Also, there is a special 'reference section' where you can get materials on apologetics (defending the faith), missions and Bible teaching.

Any two books/magazines may be borrowed for 2 weeks. Just fill in a blue card to self-check out these materials and move the card to the return section when you return them.

PP Tract Bulletin Rack

We display a small selection of the many tracts that we keep in store for free distribution. Amongst these are the popular illustrated tracts by our minister on 'the Joy of Christianity' and 'the Gospel of Christ'. These are available in many languages.

On this rack are recent publications from PP as well as bulletins from churches of Christ in Singapore and Malaysia. Publications from USA, UK and elsewhere are also placed there.



TEACHER LIBRARY

See our minister for materials



Bible Teaching Tapes/Disks/Kits



General Adults Youth Children



SIBI- PP LIBRARY

Open Monday-Friday 9am-5pm - i/c Tamara Cook and Patrick Ong



SIBI Tapes

Brotherhood Books

General Reference



Bible Commentaries



Bible Commentaries



Bible Background



Bible Reference

Preaching



OUTLOOK

THIS WEEK...

Sunday, 10th August 2008

- 7:30am Shuttle Bus Service
- 8:00am Morning Worship
Speaker: Elder William Wong

- 9:30am Bible classes for all ages

- 11am Morning Worship
- 12:30pm Free Bus for Seniors

- 6pm Evening Worship
Speaker: Patrick Ong

Wenesday, 13th August 2008

- 11:00am SIBI Open Bible Study
Free - no registration
Invite your friends

- 7:30am SPC series on "Holy Men of God" by brother Lim Cher Yam

Sunday, 17th August 2008

- 7:30am Shuttle Bus Service
- 8:00am Morning Worship
Speaker: Deacon Winston

- 9:30am Bible classes for all ages

- 11am Morning Worship
- 12:30pm Free Bus for Seniors

- 6pm Evening Worship
Speaker: Alvin Tjipto

FAMILY CONCERNS

Please pray for:

- God to continue to deliver me in my walk with him - Stephanie Kiang
- My colleague, Mr Lew for his recovery from surgery - Richard Leow Family
- God to help me as I will be able to cope with my employer's house guests this month - Maribel
- My children to have fellowship with the church - Milagros Aquino
- The recovery of my mother and guidance for all of my family - Amparo Tabbeg
- The recovery of Brian Poon - Soo Lang, Annie
- The recovery of my lingering cold - Lilian Kok
- Travel mercy and good health for my employer - Maria Velano

Thank God for:

- Brother Tom's sermon - William Chong, Elder Eric Tan, Josephine Seow, Hilda Low, Lilian Kok, Gina Lomabao, Amparo Tabbeg, Paul Quek, Geoffrey Kiangs, Soo Lang, Linda Kho
- Byran's successful lung sugery - Henry & Nat
- The safe return of Henry, Nat, Keng Geok, Peggy, Aun Nam Patrick from AMF - Lilian Kok, Soo Lang
- Taking care of my children - Milagros
- The recovery of William Wong's
- Continue to pray for her full recovery - Lilian Kok



Sit together as a family during worship

FACTS & FIGURES

8am Worship	122
11am Worship	264
6pm Worship	35
Total:	421
Morning Giving	\$ 9324
Evening Giving	\$ 232
Total Contribution	\$ 9556

Gifts of Love to our 3Rs Fund*

Receipt No.	Donor	Amount
3RsF 1157	Anonymous	\$160.00
3RsF 1158	Anonymous	\$50.00
3RsF 1159	Anonymous	\$600.00
3RsF 1160	Anonymous	\$400.00
MF 0575	Pang Tee Liangs	\$1000.00

* Renovation, Repair and Relocation Fund



My Batam Ladies Retreat Experience Continued from Cover

Once we were at the resort, we met many Batam church members and their children. I thought "wow, so many of Batam sisters!"

The Batam sisters wondered how HI learned about God when they learned that we are deaf during the introduction. They were surprised we could sing in sign language and were interested to learn how to sing by signing.

We were bitten by mosquitoes but, God brought a light shower to chase away those nasty mosquitoes. Praise God!

Peggy shared her inspirational teachings on "Teamwork" with us. Brother Herbin helped to interpret into Bahasa Indonesia for those who could not understand English. Before lunch, Judy Ong organized a game for all ladies to build their dream church. It was not easy for them to make their paper church stand with just one vanguard sheet, glue, scissors and paper. We were divided into groups of seven. There were occasional outbursts of laughter as we gleefully worked with eager hands as the tension built due to the time constraint. With good team work and eagerness, we completed beautiful churches which we are proud of.

After lunch, it was my turn to teach. At first, I was worried they might not get what I was teaching. I was relieved that they managed to reproduce what I taught them. It was really good to see them enjoyed themselves and produced their pretty blooming flower crafts! The cute children gave a performance for us before we bid them farewell. The Batam church members look to me like one big happy family.

Before boarding the ferry for Singapore, we had a chance to view a breathtaking sunset. I think everyone who was involved in the Batam mission played an important part. What matters most is, we all enjoyed the teamwork and the Batam sisters had such a wonderful fellowship and sharing time together.

I thank God for the opportunity to impart my craft skill to them. With His blessings, art brightens my silent world. I might not be good with words but I can make use of my craft skills to reach out to others.

