

FOCUS

For the Week of 16th August 2009



From our Minister's Desk:

Help Build our Missions by being a part of PP's Missions Interest Groups

Members of our Care Teams know how important these small groups are in building the congregation at PP. These grassroots groups meet needs as they crop up, are there for each other in time of crisis, and each time they meet, they are constantly thinking of their next good deeds for the Lord.

Although missions interest groups have existed for a number of years, our leaders believe that to build on our strengths (and not constantly reinvent the wheel), we need the consolidated input of our various missions interest groups to grow from strength to strength.

Two of our most organised and active missions interest groups are the Indonesia Interest Group and the China Interest Group. Four other interest groups have recently been created - the outreach to Myanmar, Philippines, India and Thailand.

The platform that we have selected to communicate with and fuel these interest groups is Google Groups. This was first introduced to the Awareness leadership and it works extremely well with the exchange of ideas and gaining consensus. We have extended this to the China Interest Group and now to all our missions interest groups.

The advantages are many. Anyone with an email account can join. All will receive updates. Everyone can participate no matter where they are. If you are interested in missions, join one of the interest groups listed on the right. It will bring excitement to your faith.



Missions Interest Groups

In an effort to consolidate our many missions efforts, the PP leadership is now focusing on interest groups to champion, sustain and support these missions groups. We are using Google Group as the vehicle to:

1. Report all news, updates and events pertaining to PP's mission
2. Build up a core group of members who have an interest in a country
3. Provide a platform to comment, suggest and discuss matters
4. Increase and strengthen the interest group by inviting, suggesting interested members and partners
5. Keep our mission efforts in that country ever before the throne of Grace

Currently, these are the six missions interest Google groups:

PPCIG - China interest group
PPIInIG - India interest group
PPMyIG - Myanmar interest group
PPTHiG - Thailand interest group
PPPhIG - Philippines interest group
PPIIG - Indonesia interest group

To be part of any of these groups send a blank email to patrick@ppcoc.org with the name of any or all of these groups you have an interest in in the subject eg PPCIG.



Brother Seah Siow Hwee will speak on "Trusting God in the storm of Life" at our morning worships today. Come back for 6pm assembly to hear our **brother Victor Soh**.

This morning, we are pleased to introduce the Michael Mariarajas' **month old baby, Danzel** to the church.

SIBI's class on '**Homiletics**' by **brother Charles Cook** will continue from 2-5pm this afternoon. This weekend class will end on 23rd August. The class photograph is posted above.

Join us **this Wednesday at 10am** for SIBI's Open Bible Study on the book of Romans by brother Charles Cook. **At 7:30pm** brother Cher Yam will continue on the parables of Jesus at the auditorium.

Please cover **the HZ team** of elder Eric, brother Vincent and sisters Doreen and Alice in your prayers. They will return this Tuesday, 18 August.

Our condolence to **sister Helena Loi** (HI congregation) on the demise of her father this past week.

Brother Sam Ponnusamy is now being cared for at Spring Valley Homecare (JB) at lot 3456 Jalan Lurah Utama, Kempas Baru 81200, Johore Bahru.

We are opening reservations for our **45th Anniversary Dinner** on Friday, 23rd October at the famous Dragon Gate Restaurant at Harbour Front Centre. Sign up at the posters on the window of the church offices.

We are happy to note that **sister Poon Wai Chin**, vice principal of NJC has been awarded the commendation medal in this year's list of National Day award recipients.

How to Join a Missions Interest Group

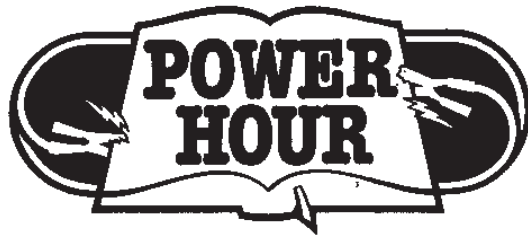
1. Sign up for as many missions interest groups as you are interested in - see cover for the listings. Just send a blank email to patrick@ppcoc.org with the group(s) in the subject line eg PPCIG.
2. You will receive an email from brother Patrick. Just click on it and start participating with your comments, questions or suggestions.
3. When a meeting is called for your group, give it your top priority to be present.

| Worship Service | Today (16 August) | Next Week |
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| 8am Scripture Text: | Psalm 99:4-5 | Psalm 100:1-3 |
| 11am Call to Worship: SR/OP: S. Leader: Communion: Preacher: Shepherd's Prayer: | Henry Kong Seah Ke Howe Irvin Wan Ken McCumsey Seah Siow Hwee Elder William Wong | Elder Beng Chuan David Dass Mac Ibra Deacon Li Chhoan Peter Lim Elder Simon Goh |
| Ushers Balcony | Jeronme Goh HI Team | Richard Leow HI Team |
| 6pm Call to Worship Scripture Text: SR/Prayer: S. Leader: Communion: Preacher: Closing Prayer: | Henry Kong Psalm 99:8-9 Ban Haw Leong Charles Pang Liu Ming Hui Victor Soh Elder William Wong | Elder Beng Chuan Psalm 100:4-5 Youth Emphasis Youth Emphasis Youth Emphasis Petras Ching Elder Simon Goh |

CALENDAR of events

Sunday, 16th August 2009

- 7:30am Shuttle Bus Service
 8:00am First Morning Worship
 Speaker: **Seah Siow Hwee**
 9:30am Bible Classes for all ages
 11am Second Morning Worship
 1:15pm Shuttle Bus Service ends
- 2pm-5pm SIBI new Weekend Course
 Homiletics by Charles Cook
 6pm Evening Worship
 Speaker: **Victor Soh**



Wednesday, 19th August 2009

- 10am SIBI Open Bible Study
 on the book of Romans
- 7:30pm SPC new series on the
 parables of Jesus with
 at the auditorium

Friday, 21st August 2009

- 7pm-10pm SIBI's class on 'Homiletics'
 by Charles Cook

Saturday, 22nd August 2009

- 2pm-5pm SIBI's class on 'Homiletics'
 by Charles Cook

FAMILY CONCERNS

Please pray for:

- God to continue to lead and guide our nation's leaders
 - Doreen Lum
- Everyone to make heaven their destiny and to be
 prepared to be there - Geoffrey Kiangs
- Carole Lee's stomach pain to get well soon - Mimi Ng
 Betty Ng to have a safe operation this Friday - Julie Wee
 Keith to get well and be discharged - Serina Kho
 My friend, Mary's father who has cancer. My father who
 is not a believer in God - Young
- God to watch over my exams next week. Pray for under-
 standing, wisdom and retentive memory - Mac
 God's help for my two children in their study and health.
 Please guide me always and give me strength to
 work and good health - Mercy
- My family, especially my father's health, my work, my
 church in India. Immanuel, his family and his work
 - David Dass
- My church and family in India. Brother Philemon and his
 family - Kumar
- India that the people will come to know the truth. My
 family - Immanuel
- My son, Eddie's safe return to Philippines - Milagros
 My family will come to know about the Lord Jesus Christ
 - Amelyn
- My family that they may open their hearts to obey the
 Lord Jesus like I did - Amelyn, Lolita
- William & Hedy and Vincent & Doreen. Their travel
 mercy to USA and China - William Chong

Thank God for:

- Brother Cher Yam's sermon - Linda Ching, Tommy Tngs,
 Soo Lang, Fook Weng, Adelma
- Brother Henry's sermon - Patrick ong
- Our nation's 44th year of blessings - Fook Weng
- Blessing me with good health and work - Adelma
- Watching over me during my fall from my bicycle and
 keeping me from serious injury - Basil Chong
- Helping Shan to do well in his final exams and
 completing his studies - Molly Ponnusamy
- The salvation of my friends Jackie & Rianna - June D.

FACTS & FIGURES

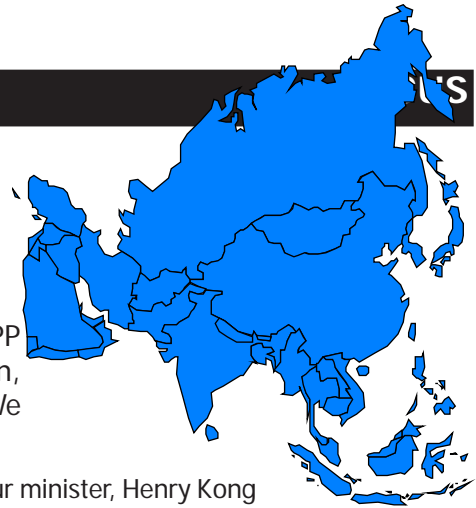
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| 8am Worship | 136 |
| 11am Worship | 217 |
| 6pm Worship | 45 |
| Total: | 398 |
| Morning Giving | \$10,830.00 |
| Evening Giving | \$ 519.00 |
| Total Contribution | \$11,349.00 |

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of Love*

Receipt No. Donor Amount

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| 3RsF 1296 | Anonymous | \$110.00 |
| 3RsF 1297 | Anonymous | \$50.00 |
| 3RsF 1298 | Anonymous | \$300.00 |

Welcome to the China Interest Group



In an effort to consolidate our many missions efforts, the PP leadership is now focusing on interest groups to champion, sustain and support these missions outreach programmes. We are using PPCIG Google Group as the vehicle to:

1. Report all news, updates and events pertaining to PP's mission to China
2. Build up a core group of members who have an interest in China mission
3. Provide the PPCIG a platform to comment, suggest and discuss matters pertaining to PP's outreach to China
4. Increase and strengthen the PPCIG by inviting, suggesting interested members and partners to the PPCIG
5. Pray for the mission efforts in China by the PPCIG

The PPCIG consists of the following:

Overseeing Team: elder Beng Chuan, deacon KC, deacon Li Chhoan, brother Henry

Support Team:

brother Patrick - Google Group
sister Belinda - Records
sister A T - Resources

Resource Team:

elder Eric, brother T Y,
brother J W

PPCIG Members:

Brother T Y
Sister A T
Sister Belinda Yam
Elder Tan Beng Chuan
Brother Charles Cook
Sister Doreen Lum
Elder William Wong
Elder E T
Brother Tom Goracke
Sister Hedy Wong
Brother Henry Kong
Deacon KC Cheang
Brother Kenneth Koh
Deacon Lim Li Chhoan
Brother Patrick Ong

In 1965, our minister, Henry Kong stood up with a group of 12 others when Ira Y Rice issued a challenge to evangelise the bamboo curtain. In 1983, Nat and Henry joined a group of missionaries after attending the Hong Kong AMF and set foot on Chinese soil for the first time.

In 1999, TY who was already working in China approached Henry for PP to partner him in his China outreach - thus the church formally entered into China missions with the PP Chinese and Wah Fu church in Hongkong in our support of TY in China.

TY helped organise the first China-wide seminar in 2000 with Pence Dacus as keynote speaker in SZ. When PP members stayed with Lee Chee Keen who was working in China, he issued a Macedonian call to PP to return to SZ to help him evangelise China. KC and Henry, with their wives made a preliminary trip with TY to SZ. When Henry met up with ET, another partnership was forged. ET, who has already made a few trips to China led our China teams for 8 years.

When ET told Henry he was willing to commit to fulltime China missions in 2009, Pence Dacus and Henry started in earnest to help raise funds. When Bill Yasko told Henry that most of ET's salary had been pledged, ET made a trip to America to meet his sponsors and started fulltime missionary work in 2009.

In the later half of 2008, with the advent of Eric going fulltime in China, the China interest group was re-vamped by Henry with an executive committee consisting of Beng Chuan, KC and Li Chhoan. Belinda took care of the records and Alice took care of existing resources. Patrick started the 'Debtor to the Chinese' Google group which Henry used as a platform to instruct and discuss and seek consensus and transparency in the China missions.

In 2010, the PPCIG hopes to kick the year off with a tentmakers' trip to Shanghai, make return trips to Xian and HZ and open up another outpost.

So much has been done but there is much more to do. We ask PP members to come in PPCIG, share your input and also encourage other members to join in.