Jubilee scrapbook
1964-2014
Church of Christ
Pasir Panjang, Singapore
10 months of Jubilee Celebrations
or 25 Steps leading to our 50th Homecoming

1. On 5th January 2014, elder Beng Chuan highlighted the upcoming Jubilee in the first sermon of the year.
2. "These are the days of Elijah" was chosen as our Jubilee theme song.
3. A 50th anniversary notepad was distributed to all members. PP’s Golden Jubilee Year
   All glory and praise to God, let each boy and
girl, man or woman at PP
4. Focus featured Jubilee editorials by elder
   Winston and brother Henry.
5. Shawn Lee released a simple and elegant
   Jubilee logo (above).
6. Jubilee Sentiments thread started on
   Facebook’s ppcoc and friends.
7. The Focus started a Jubilee series of articles, focusing on our roots.
8. Brother Henry spoke on the significance of the Jubilee to both the English-speaking
   and Chinese-speaking congregations.
9. Under the keen eyes of Rosalind Lee and team, we saw the first of a series of "Back
   to Church" videos of our 5 decades.
10. Overseas partners of PP started sending their Jubilee Sentiments.
11. Jubilee Sentiments posters are now on display in the lobby.
13. The renovation of the upper floor of the educational building was completed with
   room for more than double the capacity.
14. Registration for the Grand Dinner for individuals.
15. Our popular website is totally revamped for the Jubilee.
16. Over 80 tables for the Grand Dinner confirmed; reservations closed.
17. Spring cleaning started on our premises for the Jubilee.
18. The work for the acoustics started and will be completed well before the Jubilee
    homecoming.
19. New hymnal covers with updates of our deacons and team ministers replaced the
    old slip-ons.
20. The new coloured 12-page "Welcome to PP" replaces the outdated Vision 2000
    booklet.
22. Golden Jubilee Grand Dinner will be held on 17th October 2014, with over 800
    confirmed attendees.
24. Jubilee Missions Sunday with lessons by H.M. Motsinger on the morning of 19th
    October 2014.
25. 50th Homecoming celebrations on the evening of Sunday, 19th October with a
    buffet dinnertogether.
This was the final week of a series of programmes to celebrate PP's Golden Jubilee year, bringing to a climax 10 months of events (and many more of planning and preparation, covered in prayer). The celebrations were well executed and participated and I want to share with you my personal perspective and invite you to submit yours which we can share in our publications or with our Facebook group.

Monday 13th October, 2014: When the table layout for the Golden Jubilee Grand Dinner was published in Focus last Sunday, I messaged my guests and attached the table plan. Nat and I invited our extended family (sister Lily, sister-in-law Katherine and brother-in-law Tony), former member David Cheong and his wife Lee Eng, our overseas guests Sam Thang from Myanmar, and elder Monte and his wife, Monema from Quail Springs, USA made up the table.

It was a pity that my brother Bee and his wife were out of town, but glad that my in-laws were able to grace the occasion. My brother Bee was one of the young people who prepared the ground, visited Bible correspondence students and even spoke at a gospel rally when the church was meeting at Polly Lee's home. We are thankful that David accepted our invitation and that Lee Eng even took a half day off, so they could be present early. Sam told me that he could not come, but the second time I asked him, he agreed and made time to come. Of all our missions partners, I am of the opinion that Sam holds the promise of the most fruitful and impactful work in Asia. We are so happy that Monte and Monema could represent the Quail Springs congregation on our Jubilee.
Tuesday 14th October, 2014: Thanks to the miracle of modern technology, I was able to receive positive confirmations from everyone the next day, including Monte Stephens from USA.

We have enjoyed a long and close relationship with Quail Springs, ever since they supported the A. L. Harbins from the formation of the PP church. When the Harbins returned home, they joyfully took over our support. Even though they did not know me, they believed in me, supported me and encouraged me to continue on with this work. During this time, they not only sent 3 elders to visit us (Lionel Walker, Robert Rowland and Jess Vanhooser) but also their pulpit minister, Ronnie White. They also sponsored a mission trip by our Chinese congregation to Taiwan, gave us a hefty no-interest loan of US$400,000 and sponsored my family’s 6-month sabbatical in USA.

Even when we were fully self-supporting, we maintained a close and ongoing relationship with many of the Quail Springs leaders. At our 35th Anniversary, Nelson Eubank, missions chairman and his wife, Penny were with us to celebrate the occasion and led in the “loan burning” (dissolution of our debt) ceremony. Then at our 40th Anniversary when we installed our first elders and deacons, elder Robert Rowland was here to preside over the appointments. Last year, elder Tom Gooch and his wife Sue joined our 49th Anniversary activities, and now the Monte Stephens’. It would not be a stretch to say that all that PP has accomplished, was by Quail Springs, through us.

Patrick and I enjoyed lunch with Jhun Ma, Babes and their sons, Jeb and Jacob who touched down early in the morning. They ministered to the church in Tuao, Philippines who have just celebrated their 9th Anniversary a week ago. The congregation was started by the efforts of MARCH (Medical Missions) with the sponsorship of Dorothy Tay, who leads our Filipino Fellowship. Under the watchful care of Chito Luis, the work blossomed and grew under the passionate ministry of Jhun Ma and Babes.

Wednesday 15th October, 2014: Coincidentally, my monthly slot for chapel at SIBI fell on our Jubilee week. I took the opportunity to share a brief history of PP and made the point that the Jubilee was only possible because of God’s faithfulness, a point that we have emphasized at every anniversary. Even if we have accomplished anything that the world may recognise as success, if we do not credit it to God, we not only build in vain but are in the same position as those whose labours were not recognised by Christ in Matthew 7:21-22 (“Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy by thy name, and by thy name cast out demons, and by thy name do many mighty works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”)

In the afternoon, I was at a specialist clinic awaiting the results of a second CT scan. This matter has been the focus of my prayers, seeking strength to accept whatever God will allow. I was not hopeful that there would be any improvement and wondered how I would get into the Jubilee spirit if the CT scan delivered bad news. I left this matter in God’s hand, and He mercifully showered me with more than I ever hoped for. I joyfully accepted this as the best Jubilee gift I could ever wish for.

Thursday 16th October, 2014: The Monte Stephens landed at Changi Airport in the wee hours of the morning. We renewed our friendship at lunch which we enjoyed with Winston Bolt, Joel Madiki and his wife Ruth. In the evening, we joined June and Ramesh and introduced Monte and Monema to a seafood dinner at our favourite Jumbo Restaurant.
We were missions partners with Winston Bolt when the island of Batam was being jointly developed by the Singapore and Indonesian governments. God blessed our close working relationships which resulted in a Bible college, active church and outreach programme to all of Indonesia. I appreciate the fact that Winston cut short his annual fund raising trip in USA to join us for the Jubilee celebrations.

Joel Madiki is a graduate of Belfest Bible College in Northern Ireland and has a growing work in Kakinada, India. He is the only local preacher we know of in India who is working towards self-support. PP has sent the Hearing Impaired and VBS teams to assist in this solid work in the passionate and capable hands of Joel.

Friday 17th October, 2014: This morning, I had the great pleasure of meeting Craig Tucker at my office, and getting to know him better over a cup of espresso. Craig is the capable hands-on chairman of New Life Behavior International, a life-changing ministry that has circled the globe and is now offered in many languages. I took the opportunity to tell him about Sam Thang and the 75 children under his care, hoping to interest him in connecting with Sam and taking the ministry into Myanmar, by first teaching it to Sam's children, many of whom are in the college age group.

In the evening, Nat and I left for the Golden Jubilee Grand Dinner before 6pm, but were told by the ushers when we arrived, that all my guests were already there! Elder Beng Chuan spared no effort nor expense in making sure that everyone who could be there was present. The staff spent much time tracking down old members, sending out invitations and making calls to leaders of other congregations, former inactive members, members who transferred to other congregations and churches, even members whom the church have disciplined. Everyone, except those who were out of town or declined our invitation were present.

I can recall our spectacular 45th Anniversary when over 400 were present at the same Ban Heng Restaurant at Harbourfront. This time round, twice the number were present, spanning filling both banquet halls. The church recognised the service of 4 of
her 5 staff: Barnabas, Annie, Patrick and Henry who cumulatively have chalked up over 130 years of service. Our ladies diligently prepared a scrapbook of love notes in a surprise honour to Nat for all she has done to support the church and her husband, for the past 50 years. We have recorded 2 DVDs, one with videos of all the programmes and another that captures the excitement, joy and laughter of the evening. The first DVD was given free to those who requested it at our 50th Homecoming. If you would like to borrow any of these, please see deacon Patrick.

Saturday 18th October, 2014: We had over 100 members and overseas guests at the Jubilee Missions Seminar conducted by Mark Hooper. This is the highest number for any one-day missions seminar we have ever conducted. Many, especially overseas guests, expressed how they enjoyed the day’s session as it was very beneficial for their churches.

In the evening, taking advantage of the over dozen leaders from all over China, about 50 persons enjoyed dinner and a special session together, organised by the China Missions Interest Group at the home of elder Adrian Teo.

Sunday 19th October, 2014: At our Jubilee Sunday, the air was thick with joy, thanksgiving and celebration. I observed how elder Winston choked back tears as he worded the prayer at the morning worship. Hong Ngee later told me, her husband was deeply touched by God’s grace and faithfulness through the years. Our Homecoming speaker, elder Monte also find it hard not to shed tears of joy as he spoke at the Homecoming, when he observed the fruits since the Lord tasked Quail Springs to help a helpless young congregation, some 50 years ago.

At the 9:30am annual Missions Seminar, many of our overseas guests brought with them plaques and gifts for PP to commemorate the occasion. From a lovingly handcrafted quilt to plaques and a wooden replica of our Jubilee logo, they were gratefully received and displayed at the auditorium that day.

At the buffet after the homecoming, Mee Geok approached me to express her great joy and profound gratitude for PP, our leaders and the growth we have received from the hand of God. She went on to tell me how she was recently invited to give a presentation on the medical profession by a sister congregation older than PP, but observed that they are still about the same size, 50 years later.

I pray that PP will never take God’s faithfulness and blessings for granted. Before I left that evening, I sat down with my former Four Seas College’s student Andrew Barjanahor who is now working in Medan, Indonesia. His sister who is stationed in Jarkata thanked me for the invitation and burst into tears. She explained that the church there used to have a building like PP’s and a growing membership. But because of false brethren who divided the church, today the congregation is fragmented and stunted.

God has indeed watched, protected and prospered PP for the past 50 years. If the Lord delays His return, I believe that our current elders with the leadership will do much more. Let us all with a grateful heart renew ourselves to be united and zealously serve together for God’s glory.

- Henry Kong
About 900 were present for PP’s golden Jubilee Grand Dinner on 17th October, filling both banquet halls of the Ban Heng Restaurant at Harbourfront.

There were 50 church leaders and members from Singapore (above left) and Malaysia (above right) who honoured us by gracing the occasion with their presence.

We are delighted that our missions partners from USA (above left) and around Asia (above right) flew in to celebrate our Jubilee with us.

Our members were present in full force, together with their families and friends (such as the Cheang family) and our wonderful SIBI faculty and student body.
As many had made the effort to be early, the venue was abuzz with excitement by 6pm. We appreciate that many of the church vendors like Mr. Augustine Tan (leftmost, above right) took time to be present. Emcees Lai Fun and Charles got the show going by 7:30pm, followed by a welcome speech from elder Beng Chuan.

Elder Winston worded the opening prayer, followed by the symbolic cake cutting, graciously executed by our lovely ushers.

The first presentation of the night was performed by our Filipinas, singing their hearts out and swaying along with the beat. Sister Dorothy who has guided the Filipino group for 10 years, told of its growth and its new name - the Filipino Fellowship.
Our lively youth impressed the diners with a rendition of choruses in perfect harmony.

The tempo heated up a few degrees when we were treated to a medley of evergreens from the 60s by the enthusiastic bunch, led by Dennis.

This was followed by a slide presentation of the Hearing Impaired ministry by deacon Patrick Ong. He took the opportunity to commend brother Mak and his family for their leadership, and presented him with an award of recognition.
In a surprise tribute, our ladies called sister Nat to the stage and overwhelmed her with gifts, flowers and an album of love notes for all she has meant to them through the years.

The final item on the night’s programme was the staff long service awards by deacon Peter Lim, chairman of the church’s human resource committee. From left to right, elder Adrian presenting the awards to brother Barnabas (27 years); sister Annie (31 years); deacon Patrick (30 years) and brother Henry (48 years).

BTW, did you remember to get your picture taken at the Photo booth? These people did!
LIFT YOUR VOICE, 
IT’S THE YEAR OF JUBILEE...

THANK YOU
FOR BEING HERE. IT MEANS SO MUCH TO US THAT YOU ARE PART OF THIS CELEBRATION.

IT HAS INDEED BEEN A BLESSING THAT YOU HAVE BEEN AN ENCOURAGEMENT, A PILLAR OF SUPPORT, AN EXAMPLE OF FAITH AND GRACE, THE LIGHT AND SALT OF THE EARTH.

IN COL. 3:12, WE ARE REMINDED THAT AS GOD’S CHOSEN PEOPLE, WE ARE TO CLOTHE OURSELVES WITH COMPASSION, KINDNESS, HUMILITY, GENTLENESS AND PATIENCE.

MAY THIS VERSE BE A GIFT OF LOVE TO YOU AS WE REMEMBER THIS SPECIAL OCCASION AND GOD’S GRACE AND MERCY ALL THESE YEARS AND IN THE YEARS TO COME!

From Babos Ma:
Hello Bro Henry. Just want to say thank you so much for everything. We are forever greatful to God. Having you as our bros sis. Thankyou for always praying for us, for always supporting us specially the work here in Tuao. Our visit in singapore will forlife trasure in our heart. We are so thankful. We never seen them as happy as they wen jed and jacob is there. Thank you thank you. We may not bring back all ur goodness to us but i knowGod will thank you God Bless
October 22 at 8:19am · Unlike · 1

From David Cheong:
Congrats to you for your long service award and Nat too for the Special award. Totally agree with the emcee on the accolades for you and Nat. Still remember how Beng Chuan and I look forward to Nat’s breakfast for us while we prepare the hall at YWCA for worship.

My wife is glad and happy to attend the dinner and saw the faith, kinship and fellowship amongst the attendees. She is very impressed with both you and Nat. Lee Eng says Nat radiates love and kindness. So does Henry.
October 22 at 8:26am · Unlike · 3
From: Shemer Emoldwayne M. sameon
Most welcome. Thank you for allowing us to be part of the golden jubilee festivities.
October 19 at 9:38pm · Edited · Unlike · 2

From Scott Shee Teck Siang
All glory to God and PP you have shown us Christ like example on Go, Making Disciples, Teaching and Baptising (GMDB).
October 20 at 12:31am · Unlike · 1

From Oscar Pesario Managan:
Hello Brother Henry,
have a blessed and awesome golden jubilee PPCOC thanks for all the blessings that you shared in my life that I had met some other brethren from different country in Singapore, thanks to our Loving God that I met my partner of my life there. Have a blessed and successful grand golden jubilee may you always be a blessings to everyone to God be the glory.
October 20 at 3:08pm · Unlike · 1

From Luis Chito Cuki:
Hi Henry. God has worked many wonders through you. The many people in PPCOC and the lives that have been touched and changed through you and them is a testament to how God blesses the desires of your heart.
Congratulations for 50 years and many more to come. Wish we could be there to celebrate our 34th wedding anniversary—it is also the birthday of Tess’ 84 year old father. Hugs to you and all.

From: "Craig Tucker"
Date: October 21, 2014 11:15 PM
Subject: PPCOC 50th Jubilee
To: "Bengchuan Tan" <bengchuan.tan@gmail.com>, <henry@ppcoc.org>
Cc: 

There are those times/places/people in everyone’s life that will never be forgotten and the memory of becomes increasingly vibrant as time passes, PPCOC’s 50th Jubilee was one of those time/places/people! The beautiful brothers and sisters of PPCOC has taken up residency in my heart and will forever remain. Please extend my love for all and my eternal prayers for each.

Forever yours,

Craig A Tucker
October 22 at 9:50am · Unlike · 2

From Sam Thang
Arrived home safely. It was so great to be a part of the celebration and fellowship with many Christian there. Beckham see me at the airport and handed over one copy of PP focus.
Thanks you again for this privilege. It is so good to meet you and sister Nat. We will put Nat health in our prayer list. Thanks for a copy of your testimony. Your dedicated life for Christ great blessing to me and great example in my services for Him.
Thanks also to elder Adrian Doreen Teo for their hospitality.
All for now then. May God is to continue bless and watch over you.
Regards,
Sam Thang
October 22 at 8:28am · Edited · Unlike · 1

From Claire Linh Thu Trinh:
Big HUG to you and Nat. Claire 😊
October 22 at 8:21am · Unlike · 1

From Esther Chong and kok bin, seremban:
Hi Henry, Greetings to you and your family and also to the brothers and sisters in PP. My humble apologies for not being able to attend in person PP’s grand celebrations. However we rejoice with you on this special occasion. PP will always have a special place in my heart and I will always treasure the love and fellowship that the brethren extended to me during the years we were worshipping there and even till now whenever we meet I still feel that special bond. From my observation, PP achieved her tremendous growth through sheer hard work, dedicated members who love and cares for one another, humble leaders with great vision and most of all prayerful leaders. My heartiest congratulations to you all and May our Father in heaven continue to shower His blessings upon the church there. Therefore my beloved brethren, continue steadfastly in the work of the Lord and spread the Good News to those far and near.

We’re now in Calgary, Canada, visiting my aunt and uncle and I will be here till November 1.
October 22 at 8:24am · Unlike · 1
From Judith Ann Chen:

To God be the glory!!!
May His blessing be always upon PPCOC as its members continue to seek and honor Him, shining their light for Christ and being the sweet aroma of Christ in a dark world. Thank you, Brother Henry, for your devotion and love for The Lord, that you have serve Him in his kingdom thru your work at PPCOC and the churches of Christ in Asia. PPCOC has been such a wonderful blessing to my family. 💖

October 22 at 8:08pm · Unlike · 0

From Jun Patricio, Philippines:

I rejoice with you for all God's blessings showered to PP. I know God has used you as His instrument at PP. You are an inspiration to preachers like me. PP is an inspiration to congregations. I pray there will be more Quail Spring congregation who cares for small congregations. I pray PP will continue the mission like that of the Quail Springs.

October 23 at 6:67am · Unlike · 0

From Zhu Max: While I was reading your message, I was encouraged and meanwhile, I recall my 30 days at SIBI one year ago and it feels just like yesterday. I still clearly remember the early morning when I arrived in Changi Airport at about 5 a.m. Winston and his wife drove to pick me up and treated me breakfast and sent me to SIBI. Zealous Brandt, friendly SIBI students...I still remember one time you came to SIBI and gave a lesson "When I Was Young"... And Patrick, Banaras, Auntie Annie...and Singapore youth from PP...all of you are impressive and a great encouragement to me. Deeply in heart I thanked the Lord for the experience at PP and SIBI at that time and now I still feel the same.

23 hrs · Edited · Unlike · 1

From Bobby G. Deason:

Hello brother Henry thank you so much for sharing the week of Jubilee with me. I was with you in spirit as you all had this wonderful week of celebration. It has been my personal joy to be a part of PP for the last three years as a visiting teacher at SIBI. You and the church family have made me feel loved and at home while serving with you.

I am blessed to learn and receive from you all, as well as teaching, preaching and sharing with the body of Christ there. The words of Paul express my sentiments toward you.

"First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world. God, whom I serve in my spirit in preaching the gospel of His Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you in my prayers at all times, and I pray that now at last by God’s will the way may be opened for me to come to you. I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong—that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith.” (Romans 1:8-12 NIV)

Love in God's forever family, Bobby

October 23 at 7:13am · Unlike · 0

From Joseph Wang, China:

Hi Henry: this is Joseph in China. 2009 I went to Singapore for study, then 5 years past, experience many thing, today I still find PPCOC have a big influence on me, very thanks for PP church. God is so good. Pray for you and each brother.

October 23 at 6:59am · Unlike · 0

From Dorothy Tay:

Thks Henry for heartfelt sharing.

On Sat evening elder Simon n Wai Leng hosted a great dinner fellowship for the Filipino guests n two ladies from Myanmar tog with their hosts. We had a joyous time of fellowship!

Likewise on Sunday the FF class also hosted lunch for their foreign counterparts. HM Moisinger joined us for dessert and great singing.

Daily Care reading on Fri 17 Oct on Nehemiah pointed to "The good hand of our God was upon us." Today's reading from Psalm 116:12 reads "What shall I return to The Lord all His goodness to me?"

We rejoice in The Lord all that He has given us to do.
My ten good years with the HH and now more good years with the FF show the faithfulness of God to me.

October 22 at 8:12pm · Unlike · 0
**Items in the Jubilee Goodie Bag**

**Henry Kong** First, a 12-page full colour booklet featuring pp, leaders and members. Btw this is downloadable at [http://www.pccoc.org/html/booklet.htm](http://www.pccoc.org/html/booklet.htm)

**Henry Kong** Next, a coffee mug for you to use and recall the celebrations.

**Henry Kong** A bookmark to use with your Bible as a reminder to thank God for His faithfulness.

**Henry Kong** And a post-it to remind you to keep on keeping on.

**Henry Kong** Finally, a note of appreciation for your presence, support and fellowship in the
Presentation of plaques by our missions partners on our Jubilee Sunday, 19th Oct 2014
Compliments of Joel My India

Congratulations to PP's 50th Anniversary
May God continue to bless your labour of love & work of faith

Appreciation from:
Pathway Church of Christ

8 Mile Church of Christ, Yangon, Myanmar
Congratulates
Pasir Panjang Church of Christ, Singapore
on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary of spreading the Gospel of Christ, Worship God in Spirit and Truth, and make disciples for the glory of God throughout the World; and celebrate God's faithfulness over the past years and to pass on to future generations.
To the committed servant leaders, dedicated care teams at home, passionate mission interest groups and every members it may be said that "...God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them."
(Hebrews 11:16b)

Given this 17th day of October 2016.
Presentation of momentos by Quail Springs and missions partner on our Jubilee Sunday, 19th October 2014
Jubilee Missions Seminar with Mark Hooper, MRN on 18th October 2014
Katherine Gould  ➤ PPCOC and Friends
October 18 · 🎉

We are very grateful to the PP church for being gracious hosts and taking the time to invest, encourage and pray for our churches and work in China. It has been a blessed partnership which I pray will continue to grow. What a great weekend!! Thank God for His Body all over the world and the great gift He gives us in each other 😊

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Henry Kong China missions interest group session on Saturday night at the home of elder Adrian Doreen Teo with over a dozen church leaders from China
Links to Videos and Jubilee Sentiments

Golden Jubilee: 1964-2014

For a 24-page overall of PP's Golden Jubilee celebrations, Click Here
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[Fourth Decade - 1990s]
[Fifth Decade - Part 1 - 2000-2010]
[Fifth Decade - Part 2 - 2000-2010]
[Fifth Decade - Part 3 - 2000-2010]

For history of the first 50 years by Henry Kong, Scroll to page 10 of the 12-page booklet, Click here

Click here for History of the Chinese and English congregation by Timmy Tng, please be patient as the video may take longer to load

For history of the Hearing Impaired ministry by Patrick Ong, Click here

Click here for the photos that accompany the history

For history of the Filipino Fellowship & Friends, Click here

Click here for the people who form the Filipino Fellowship
Not the end
but a new beginning
of greater, deeper service
- doing more than before