

FOCUS

Missions

For the Week of 14th September 2008

Wangsa Maju Campus Ministry

by **Nicholas Tang**



Wednesday, 20th August 2008: Left Singapore for KL on a 5 hour bus ride. On arrival, we were picked by Uncle Steven, his daughter, Adelina and son, Dexter. We went straight to Wangsa Maju Church of Christ where we were met by Dino and family. Dino spent some time telling us about the church and the 'Let's Start Talking' (LST) programme where the bible is used to teach English to the college students. Ever since he moved to Wangsa to help with the campus ministry there has been a steady increase in the number of students coming for the programme. He also told us about his vision to start with his current group of students to make Christianity more acceptable in a population set in their ways in other beliefs for future generations.

The day we arrived was also the 4th anniversary for the campus ministry programme and there was a mini celebration and thanksgiving where students from University Tunku Abdul Raman (UTAR) and Kolej Tunku Abdul Raman (KTAR) who are involved in the LST programme came as well as other church members.

There were songs, games, a skit and a short message. It was a great opportunity to make new friends and know the LST students better. 2 students also gave their testimonies about having benefitted from the LST programme which led them to get involved with the church youth's cell group and church.

Though it was a tiring day, we were all excited to begin the next day as we were going into the University to start recruiting students for the new LST session in September.

Thursday, 21st August 2008: The day started early and we were treated to a hearty break-

fast of bak kut teh with Uncle Steven and his wife. Arriving at the church, Aunty Doreen brought us to UTAR as Dino had called in sick, so we were all on our own. We were met at the school by Uncle Ganga who is a member of the church and a librarian at UTAR. We headed to the canteen for lunch. Even as we were eating, Aunty Doreen was very quick in talking to students and inviting them for the LST programme. We spent a total of 2 hours in the school and managed to get the contacts of about 20 students and handed out leaflets to others.

We headed back to church as Dino was expecting a couple of students to come by for a LST session. While waiting for them, Dino prepared a short bible study which led to a long discussion as the students did not show up. It was a useful session as it helped us understand each other's character and how we can use it for God's work.

Continued on the insert



PP FAMILY NEWS

We rejoice that sister Marice Albertha was baptized into Christ last Sunday at the 11am service. Marice is the Indonesian helper to the Simon Tay family who worship with the Chinese congregation. We encourage all members to follow this fine example of winning your employees to Christ.

Brother Peter Lim will speak on the subject of "Overcoming Discouragement" at the morning services today. Come back at 6pm to hear **brother Ong Boon Kiat** deliver his first sermon at our evening service on "Worth of Pain and Suffering". Together with spouse, sister Oi Lam and two really tall sons, brothers Paul and John, they have made PP their home congregation since last year.

Come for a great, lively final lesson on "Small Groups" by **brother Lee Hock** this Wednesday. We appreciate the good research that really make this short series so helpful. Members may purchase the "Small Group Toolkit" from brother Pat for just \$5.

Starting 24th September, brother **Tom Goracke** will share a 10-week practical SPC series on "Relationship Responsibilities". If you are looking for ways in learning how to relate to one God, members of your family and others - this is the series you should not miss! Come with the entire family.

There will be a briefing for all **youths and parents** today at the auditorium on PP's effort to engage and facilitate disciple-making for the youths in PP. Box lunches will be provided and for those attending. This briefing will cover details of the upcoming youth activities including the Youth Mission Trips and Internship Programme.

The first of a series of posters showcasing our missions efforts has already been posted at the lobby. **Brother Edward** creatively presented the work in Tuao, Philippines. Come, take a look and be involved!

The SIBI **Open Bible Study** on Wednesdays at 10am is growing in interest and attendance. 20 were present this past week. We encourage members who cannot come for the evening SPC to join in this wonderful study by brother Charles Cook.

In a smaller class setting, brother Tom Goracke is conducting a **SIBI evangelism course** on Monday mornings from 10am to 12noon until November. Although designed for 3 students, we are pleasantly encouraged to see 7 turning up for the first session this past week. Like the Open Bible Study, there is no registration and fees for this class.

Please uphold **elder Eric Tan** in your prayers as he prepares to spend two months in USA, starting from 6th November. He will be speaking at various churches on the missions opportunities in China and raising funds for his possible full-time work in China.

We want to express our thanks to **sister Hong Ngee** who has put the church in touch with the SPI company to receive 150 knapsacks. These bags will be used by our missions teams to Philippines and India and then left behind as gifts to the young people there.

Young Schooling Adults: about 30 turned up for the 'Laksa Night' at the home of the William Wongs. Many thanks to all who organised this event.



An Invitation to Witness the baptisms of the Seahs

Usually, we urge visitors to respond to the Lord in baptism without delay. For long-time visitor, Seah Ke Howe and his mother, Madam Meng Khim, certain formalities need to be taken care of. Baptisms this Saturday, 20th September at 11am at PP. Lunch provided.



OUTLOOK THIS WEEK...

Sunday, 14th September 2008

7:30am Shuttle Bus Service
 8:00am Morning Worship
 Speaker: Peter Lim
 9:30am Bible classes for all ages
 11am Morning Worship
 12:30pm Free Bus for Seniors

 6pm Evening Worship
 Speaker: Ong Boon Kiat

Monday, 15th September 2008

10:00am SIBI Evangelism Course
 @ Tom's SIBI Office

Wednesday, 17th September 2008

10:00am SIBI Open Bible Study

 7:30pm SPC series final lesson
 on "Small Groups"
 by brother Lee Hock

Friday, 19th September 2008

7pm SIBI OT Survey 2
 by Charles Cook

Saturday, 20th September 2008

2pm SIBI OT Survey 2
 by Charles Cook

Sunday, 21st September 2008

2pm SIBI OT Survey 2
 by Charles Cook

FAMILY CONCERNS

Please pray for:

Amanda that she is able to manage her school work - Carol Kiang
 Khin Wai's mother-in-law's health - Fook Weng
 Shan's parents' health. Grant us strength and long suffering to care for them - Molly Ponnusamy, Michael Mariarajas
 Johnsten and Samuel as they began their national service last week. Joseph Mymay's health - Andy Wees
 God's guidance for my family - Gina Lomabao

Thank God for:

Brother Noel's sermon - elder Eric Tan
 Brother Siow Hwee's sermon - See Mui, Geoffrey
 Safe return of Mary Wee's son from Thailand - See Mui
 All who prayed for my recent medical checkup.
 Thank God for His mercy - Carol Kiang
 His mercy and providence for me, my family, my employers and friends. Sister Marice to grow in becoming a disciple of Christ - May Cher Yam's 9:30am Bible lesson. Praise God for another baptised soul in Christ - Lilian Kok
 His protection during my recent holidays in Malaysia - Joyce Tan

Special Thanks



I would like to thank all church members sincerely for their support, assistance, donations, condolences and attendance at my late father, brother Francis Lim's memorial service.

Sister Kam Fong

FACTS & FIGURES

8am Worship	141
11am Worship	233
6pm Worship	<u>37</u>
Total:	410
Morning Giving	\$10,758
Evening Giving	<u>\$ 624</u>
Total Contribution	\$11,382

Gifts of Love
to our
3Rs*
Fund

Receipt No. Donor Amount

3RsF 1172	Anonymous	\$50
3RsF 1173	Anonymous	\$600
Missions MF 0580	Emilia Longayan	\$10
Missions MF 0581	Milagras Aquino	\$10

* Renovation, Repair and Relocation Fund



For the full month's listing, look up the Notice Board
For up to the whole year's listing, log in at ppcoc.org/men.htm

MEN to SERVE at All Services for this Week and the Next

Please call the church office by Wednesday if you cannot serve

Worship Service

8am

Scripture Text:

11am

Call to Worship:

SR/OP:

S. Leader:

Communion:

Preacher:

Shepherd's Prayer:

Ushers:

Balcony:

6pm

Call to Worship

Scripture Text:

SR/Prayer:

S. Leader:

Communion:

Preacher:

Closing Prayer:

Today (14 Sep)

Henry Kong

Psalm Psalm 1:1-3

Henry Kong

Alvin Tjipto

Irvin Wan

Lee Yoke Choi

Peter Lim

Elder Simon Goh

Richard Leow

Tan Yiu Huat

Michael Yam

Gerald Goh

Billy Wee

Daniel Chng

HI Team

Henry Kong

Psalm 8:1-2

Ban Haw Leong

Daniel Ng

Tom Goracke

Ong Boon Kiat

Elder Eric Tan

Next Week

Elder Tan Beng Chuan

Psalm 8:3-5

Elder Tan Beng Chuan

Johnsten Wee

Edward Lee

Chen Yi

Louis Lim/Jason Ng

Elder William Wong

Shawn Li

Gareth Chan

Ryan Lim

Daniel Goh

Jacques Goh

Darren Chan

HI Team

Elder Tan Beng Chuan

Psalm 11:4-7

Tom Goracke

Elder Eric Tan

Ramesh Dhanabalan

Deacon Li Chhoan

Elder William Wong



Take advantage of these current/upcoming SIBI offerings:

- **Monday Evangelism Course - 10am-12noon**
- **Wednesday Open Bible Study - 10am-11am**
- **Old Testament Survey 2 - Starting September 19**

FOCUS is published weekly by the Church of Christ (English-speaking) meeting at 347 Pasir Panjang Road, Singapore 118688 (Tel: 67788259. Fax: 67765278). eMail Address: ppcoc@pacific.net.sg. Internet Webpage: www.ppcoc.org. Address all correspondence to Church of Christ, Pasir Panjang P.O. Box 74, Singapore 911123.

Friday, 22nd August 2008: This morning we went to KTAR to hand out flyers and recruit students. In comparison to UTAR, KTAR was a lot more crowded and noisy. Joanna and Nico found that students there were less receptive compared to the student from UTAR.



Dino accompanied us to KTAR and as we observed him when he talked to the students and one could see the excitement and passion he has for God's work. After spending about 3 hours at the college, we had successfully collected 30 over contact and hopefully planted more seed within the students.

tribulations only make us grow and how he has the power to change people.

Over lunch Nico mentioned to Dino how much she admired his patience because while he expands so much of his energy and efforts reaching out to planting seeds and he does not always see immediate results. Dino promptly answered that there have been nights that he has cried out to God in frustration but now he just leaves it up to God – he trusts that when the time is right God will soften the hearts of each students.

At 4.30pm two students showed up for the session and instead of running his usual lesson plan, Dino decided to take the opportunity to give the students a chance to practice their conversational English with us. Throughout the session we asked them questions about themselves and in return we told them about ourselves.

After returning to church, we began our second session of bible studies. Today our focus was on serving from our individual experiences. Using Peter as an example Dino taught us that while Peter was flawed and even committed a sin of denying Jesus thrice, Jesus not only forgave him but wanted Peter to feed his lambs and tend his sheep. Despite Peter's imperfections, Jesus was still able to use him for his glory; Peter was made perfect in Christ. Dino then shared with us how one can use their experiences to share the hope of Jesus with non Christians, how our trials and

After the session, we headed to PJ church of Christ to participate in their gospel meeting. An American, Bobby Bligh was the guest speaker and he gave a simple but dynamic lesson on Christianity in the 21st century. We also saw some familiar faces of breather who have visited PP and we also made many new friends.

It was a very busy and tiring day but fruitful and fun as it always is when we are serving God.

Saturday, 23rd August 2008: We arrived at Wangsa Maju church and the first student came at around 1215. His name was Ewok and he was a Christian from Sabah, who was



currently studying film and theatre at a college in KL. The session was spent talking to him to help him practice his spoken English as he grew up speaking the Orang Asli language. It was interesting talking to him as he would break into a smile when trying to string his phrases into a sentence and one could see that he was trying his best to form a sentence in English.

We went for a quick lunch opposite the church and hurried back as there was the next batch of students. For this session, we had Choon Leong and Lifen who were going steady, one doing engineering and the other biotechnology. Mid-way through the session, another student, Kok Pern, joined us and added more life with his funny jokes.



KTAR we understand that majority of students want to stay in KL and work after their graduation so through the LST, they can slowly be introduced to the church and in turn they may one day tell their relatives, friends and colleagues about the church at Wangsa Maju.



Overview: Overall, we felt that the trip was a fruitful one as we were able to recruit a couple of students and we got a chance to understand how the LST sessions was. Though the students' command of English was not that strong, they were willing to share and practice their conversational skills with us. There is a lot of potential in the campus ministry in Wangsa Maju and from speaking to the students from UTAR and



Old Testament Bible History



Upcoming SIBI Course: Bible History Part II (1st Sam – Esther)

September 19 – October 19
(weekend schedule,
Fri 7-10pm;
Sat & Sun 2-5pm)

Instructor: Charles Cook
Sign up on the attendance Cards
or eMail: ccook00@gmail.com

**Closing date:
14 September 2008**