

FOCUS

For the Week of 11th October 2009



From our minister:

Significance @ PP

Our late foreign minister, Mr. Rajaratnam once observed that Singaporeans know the price of everything and the value of nothing. Judging the things some of us place our time, money and effort and the way we steer clear of the spiritual, I tend to agree with him on this observation.

Take for instance, our 45th Anniversary Grand Dinner. When we received payment for over 500 persons this past weekend, I was over the moon! Especially with a good number of members booking entire tables, even congregations like North East and Bedok. We should be surpassing 600 today - a foretaste of 'double our portion'.

I believe some may look at the anniversary dinner as something that they can take it or leave it. But it is more, much more. Let's consider...

First, it is a celebration of our 45th anniversary. Well, there are several congregations older than PP: Moulmein, Geylang, KL (Ipoh Road), Penang even Seremban. Looking at what God has blessed PP in size and influence, we really have so much to be thankful for.

Then let us pause awhile and think of the numbers - over 600 gathered together at one moment in time. We get good numbers at retreats and Bible camps, but this is twice the number; more than both combined! Here is the church visible, celebrating God's grace.

Most of all is its significance. On 23rd October at the moment brother Peter (our MC) welcomes the congregation, the atmosphere will be thick with gratitude for God's faithfulness, great joy for our growth and a deep appreciation of the contribution of so many that made PP possible. This is better experienced than described. Like our 40th anniversary, the dinner will be a great prelude to Missions Sunday and our combined Anniversary (Homecoming) service.



Anniversary Dinner

- Programme -

6:30pm - Welcome
Prayer

Anniversary Song Presentation
Dinner

7:30pm - Items by
Chinese Congregation

HI members

House Helpers

Youth

Presentation

followed by classical music
performed by Chen Yi

- Menu -

- 1) Cold Dish Combination
- 2) Braised Shark's Fin
- 3) Deep Fried Boneless Chicken
- 4) Steamed Live Seabass
- 5) Special Spare Ribs
- 6) Mushrooms with Spinach
- 7) Fried noodles
- 8) Honey Dew and Sago

23rd October 2009 (Friday)

6.30pm – 10.30pm
at Ballroom B of

Dragon Gate Restaurant,
#04-01 HarbourFront Centre
(please use lifts at Lobby C)

Singapore 099253

Cost: \$33 per head

PP FAMILY NEWS

We warmly welcome back our HZ missions team. Please cover our tentmakers to Wangsa Maju (elders Beng Chuan and Winston), Philippines (deacon Swee Aun, elder Adrian and sister Doreen Teo) and India (10 members led by brother Patrick Ong).

It is so good to have brother Ramesh, elder William and sister Hedy back with us. A warm welcome to sister Priscilla's husband, Lee Martine, sisters Hilda and Jook (sister Malinee's relative), the Gary Lye family and Justin Scott (Nicholas' friend).

Brother Teng CC will exhort the congregation on "Mission - Loves All Around" at our morning worships today. Come back at 6pm to hear **brother Seah Ke Howe** shares with us his maiden sermon on "My Journey after Baptism" this evening. We highly commend these two lessons by these on-the-ball Christians. Come back tonight with your families and friends.

Join us this Wednesday at 10am for SIBI's Open Bible Study. This weekly session is now on the book of Ephesians, taught by **brother Charles Cook**.

This Wednesday at 7:30pm, **brother Siow Hwee** will continue his series study on "Anchors for the Soul". We appreciate these short, crisp and helpful lessons that is based on the Bible in solving many of the real life problems that we face daily.

45th Anniversary Dinner: We would like to close bookings for the dinner as we move into working on the programme, powerpoints and souvenir booklets.

1. If you have not booked a place, please do so today.
2. If you have not confirmed your place with payment, please do so before you leave.

If you have booked one or more tables: please make sure that you fill in the names of the individuals on the poster at the notice board by this Wednesday. When you move any person out of your table without replacing another, you no longer have control over who sits at that table - we will replace it with another diner. We will publish the final listing next week.

Eric Steps Down from Eldership

When elder Eric left for fulltime missionary work in China, he has asked to step down as an elder but has been asked to stay on. On his return from China on the 25th August, he has again requested to step down. Our elders met with him on the 30th August, after hearing him out, thanked him for his passionate service and accepted his resignation as an elder.

He requested to step down because he is no longer a functioning elder and his zone has been taken care of by elder Winston since the start of January. He will be returning to secular work in 2010. He will continue to serve with the awareness leadership.

Worship Service	Today (11 October)	Next Week
8am Scripture Text:	Psalm 112:1-3	Psalm 115:16-18
11am Call to Worship: SR/OP: S. Leader: Communion: Preacher: Shepherd's Prayer:	Henry Kong Kenneth Koh Kelvin Koo Paul Quek Teng Cheng Cheong Elder Simon Goh	Elder Adrian Teo Liu Ming Hui Daniel Ng Michael Yam Henry Kong Elder William Wong
Ushers Balcony	Andy Wee HI Team	Daniel Ong HI Team
6pm Call to Worship Scripture Text: SR/Prayer: S. Leader: Communion: Preacher: Closing Prayer:	Henry Kong Psalm 113:1-3 Ban Haw Leong Deacon Paul Lim Elder William Wong Seah Ke Howe Elder Simon Goh	Elder Adrian Teo Psalm 116:4-7 Charles Cook Charles Pang Ban Haw Leong Patrick Ong Elder William Wong

CALENDAR of events

Sunday, 11th October 2009

- 7:30am Shuttle Bus Service
8:00am First Morning Worship
Speaker: Teng Cheng Chong
- 9:30am Bible Classes for all ages
"Faith to Faith" for men at the SIBI hall (at the educational wing 2nd storey)
"Shining like Stars" for the ladies at the auditorium
- 11am Second Morning Worship
1:15pm Shuttle Bus Service ends
- 6pm Evening Worship
Speaker: Seah Ke Howe

Wednesday, 14th October 2009

- 10am SIBI Open Bible Study
the book of Ephesians
by brother Charles Cook
- 7:30pm SPC new series on "Anchor for the Souls" at the auditorium
Bring your family and friends



FAMILY CONCERNS

Please pray for:

My family and my work. PP members, elders and deacons. Churches of Christ in India. Kumar's and Immanuel's families - David Dass

The Philippines brethren and victims suffering from the aftermath of Typhoon. The earthquake's victims in Indonesia and Taiwan - Fook Weng, Amparo

My family and friends in Tuao and brothers and sisters in Manila for their safety - Carolyn B. Julian

My nephew's work overseas. God's protection and blessing upon him - Maria

Travel mercy and safety and that I can return to attend full-time courses in SIBI classes - Immanuel

Safe and prosperous trip for the HI. Shawn to recover from his - Edward Lees, Mimi Ng

Carol Kiang who is ill - Geoffrey Kiang

Children taking PSLE exams - Linda Kho

Caleb that his heart be softened to rediscover his love and restore his faith in God - Victor Sohs

Thank God for:

Deacon KC's sermon - William Chong, Linda Kho, Fabila

Brother Chen Yi's sermon - Patrick, Henry

Helping me to recover from my backache - Ivy Tan

My daughter, Philomina who has recovered from small pox - Kumar

Our brother's successful surgery - Stella and Ai Choo

New Care team member, Lay Kiaw - Yin Hua, Bee Lee, Josephine Seow, Joyce Tan

My son's recovery from asthma. My family's safety from typhoon in Philippines - Adelma

My children's safety in Philippines from Typhoon and flood - Aquino Milagros

All brothers and sisters, for your love and care for the people in Philippines - Maribel

Safe return from European trip - Yeo Teck Chwee

His protection during our travel. He has blessed us in so many ways. We experienced the Christian hospitality of congregations we worship with.

Thank God for watching over Michelle as she settles in well with the church family and in college - elder William and Hedy

FACTS & FIGURES

8am Worship	164
11am Worship	225
6pm Worship	59
Total:	448
Morning Giving	\$10,631
Evening Giving	\$ 395
Total Contribution	\$11,026

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Receipt No. Donor Amount

3RsF 1307	Anonymous	\$300.00
3RsF 1308	Chew Chong Lins	\$1,000.00
MF 0763	Anonymous	\$180.00
MF 0764	Kevin Teo	\$50.00
MF 0765	Kim Teo	\$200.00
MF 0766	Anonymous	\$3000.00
MF 0767	Anonymous	\$2000.00



Thailand Interest Group

The Thailand interest group is the result of one woman's love for her homeland. Sister Nat makes many trips to her hometown in Chiangmai each year. On some of these trips, she would encourage members to go up with her, on the condition that they will make a freewill donation to the local church.

Over a space of many years, she has played tour guide to many members at PP. These trips have not only provided communionware and Bible materials for the church but help the church in Sansai to purchase land and build a really nice church building (above).

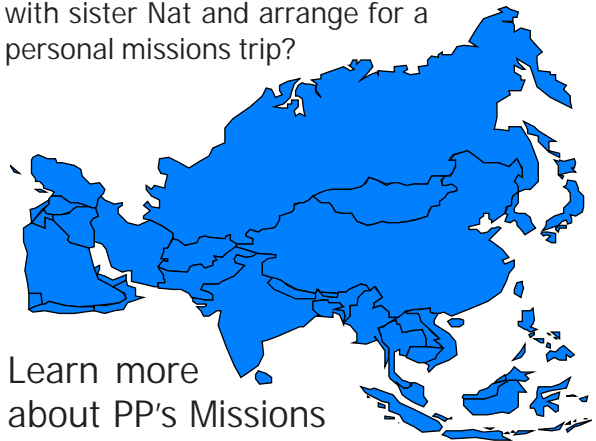


Also, leaders of the church, brothers Peter and Uton and their families have participated at our church camp.

All the above was accomplished with minimum

cost to PP, as all the trips, including those made by our minister were not paid by the congregation.

Several have expressed a desire to visit Chiangmai and worship in the new building at Sansai. If you want to do so, why not chat up with sister Nat and arrange for a personal missions trip?



Learn more about PP's Missions Outreach by joining a Missions Interest Group!

To be part of any missions interest 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 - China interest group, PPIInIG - India interest group, PPMYIG - Myanmar interest group, PPTThIG - Thailand interest group, PPPPhIG - Philippines interest group, PPIIG - Indonesia interest group.