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CHURCH of CHRIST
PASIR PANJANG, SINGAPORE

Sunday Morning Worship



By Kyle Hooper | 23 October 2022

If there is one thing that humans can say with total confidence about God, it's that God is far beyond anything we can say. God is constantly surpassing any boundary we can impose on Him; He bursts out of any box in which we try to put Him.

As we wrap up our conversation about God's Mission, perhaps the best thing we can say is that we can't say enough about it. God's Mission reaches to the ends of the earth, beyond the boundaries of time and space. Perhaps we, with our human limitations, are not called to understand God's Mission in its entirety, but to sit back and behold the wondrous mystery of God Eternal and Infinite.

God's heart for the world is bigger than we can imagine. He desires not only 'conversions' but transformations. He works not simply through strategies but through the glorious mystery of the Holy Spirit. And we get to be a part of it.

Sunday Morning Worship

Order of Worship

We Praise Thee O God

Opening

I Stand In Awe Of You

Light the Fire

Scripture: Psalm 65

Prayer

Christ For The World We Sing

Communion

I Want To Be A Worker

Scripture: Colossians 1:3-6

Sermon

Lord Take Control

Giving

Announcements

Shepherd's Prayer

Glorify Thy Name

Devotional Questions (Colossians 1:3-6)

- 1 What are some ways we as a church can become more aware of the “lostness” around us?
- 2 What would it look like for you to engage God’s Mission in a more concrete way this week?
- 3 According to Ephesians 3:20-21, God’s power (the Holy Spirit) at work within us can accomplish more than we could ask or imagine. What are some ways we can “ask or imagine” bigger things for our lives and the life of the church as we seek to join God’s Mission?



Upcoming Events



23 Oct | 9:30am

COMBINED Bible Class

Prayer For Missions

By Irvin, Kyle and John

GEMS Bible Class (Kinderkids)

"He's Alive"

Matthew 28:1-15

Contact Josephine Seow (9170 4343)

GEMS Bible Class (Cradle Roll)

Contact Audrey Lee

(9855 4957)

GEMS Bible Class (P123)

"Crossing the Jordan"

Joshua 3:1-4:24

Contact Joanne Foo (9683 8266)

GEMS Bible Class (Toddlers)

Contact Koo Hwee Yee

(9173 2365)

GEMS Bible Class (P456)

"David and Bathsheba"

2 Samuel 11

Contact Rosalind Lee (9621 9006)

GEMS Bible Class (Nursery)

Contact Agnes Lim

(9858 5935)



24 Oct | 7:30pm

Gladiolus Place Devotional

Contact Lucy Kwan (9838 3131)



26 Oct | 7:30pm

Wednesday Bible Class

"Do Not Labour For The Food That Perishes"

(John 6:16-29)



27 Oct | 6pm

Online Prayer Warriors

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Giving

Last Week's Giving: **\$7010**



Missions Sunday Goal:
\$120,000

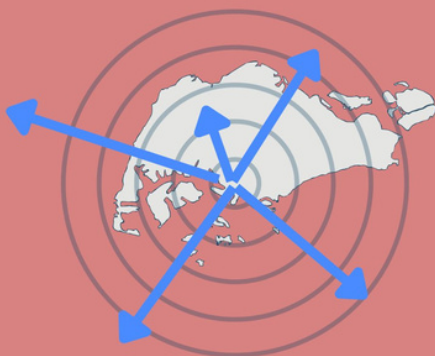
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Family News

Online Prayer Warriors | 27 October, 8pm

Zoom ID: 637 679 3407
Password: Kumbaya



Prayer Theme:
OVERSEAS MISSIONS

Join us this Thursday night for our monthly prayer session! We will be continuing the prayers we began to pray from Sunday morning for our missions partners.

Family News



Anniversary Sunday



Right after Missions Sunday, the last Sunday of October is set aside as our church's anniversary. We celebrate God's faithfulness to our congregation over the last 57 years, and the fact that we are both recipients and agents of God's Mission in Singapore, Southeast Asia, and the world.

We welcome all our brothers and sisters who have ever been a part of the PP family to return and celebrate with us! If you have friends or relatives whom you haven't seen in a long time, this is the time to invite them back. If you are reading this and haven't been back for a long time, this is a fantastic opportunity to return!

The worship service will be a special song-and-Scripture service led by Irvin, Kyle and John, and long-time member and brother Chew Chong Lin will preach the Word.



Welcome Hailey!



On Tuesday, 18 October, Hwee Ying and Daniel Ong became parents for the second time with the birth of their daughter, Hailey! We celebrate with them and the Patrick Ong family on the addition of a new bundle of life!

May God bless this family richly with wisdom and grace to raise Hailey into a woman after God's heart!

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Prayer Requests/ Feedback



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Meet Our People

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Deacons

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Lim Kok Hin

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Mission Update Newsletter

... and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.
Acts 1:8

As we focus on the key passage of Acts 1:8 for our Mission Month and this Missions Sunday, we should be reminded that God is and was already at work in His mission before He invited His people to join him. May we always remember that God's Mission: 1) starts with me and the Spirit's transformational work in me, 2) is in my home – my family, neighbors and community, 3) is "there" – among the people I don't often associate with, and 4) is more – more than I can expect or imagine as God reveals Himself in surprising and unexpected ways.

May we be a people of God's Mission, praying for our beloved brothers and sisters in this newsletter, and asking God's Spirit to move powerfully in each of us as we seek to hasten the coming of His Kingdom here on earth, just as it is in Heaven!





Kiran Babu (Reddy Palem Church - The Hope Mission)



Kiran started Reddy Palem Church of Christ at Reddy Palem village in 2018. He has been working as a full time minister since graduating from SIBI in 2019. He has been preaching the word of God in Sunday services, Wednesday

Bible studies, Women's Bible study, and Gospel meetings in the village and around Guntur District. He has had the honor to baptize people as God provides. There are currently fifty members attending the church from Hindu & Muslim religious backgrounds.

Joel Madiki (Andhra Pradesh)

Joel Madiki serves as Full-Time Minister at Gollaprolu Church of Christ, Andhra Pradesh, South India. PPCOC has been in partnership with Joel Madiki since 2010. Apart from the regular congregational activities, he works with children (School Bag Project and Bethsaida Child Care) and community outreach



programs among women and youth in various parts of Andhra Pradesh. Joel is an active partner of Mission Resource Network, training and mentoring inside leaders in Andhra Pradesh. Since 2010, various mission teams from PPCOC have visited and conducted various programs at different mission points. Joel is married to Ruth Elizabeth and is blessed with two boys, Jason (14) and Graceson (12). The Madiki family is thankful for their long and faithful partnership with PPCOC.



Winston Bolt, Herbin, and the Batam Church of Christ

The brethren in Batam have a vision to plant a church in the planned new capitol of Nusantara in Borneo (set to become official capitol in 2024). They have sent a team of graduates from the school in Batam to encourage existing believers via internship with congregations in Borneo, as well as recruit new students for the Bible school which will begin in January 2023.



In addition, they continue to minister and evangelize in Sumatra and Central Java through small group discipleship groups of 3-5 people. We celebrate with them as this approach is yielding fruit, and we continue to pray for the Kingdom harvest among the Indonesian people.





In 2010, PPCOC began partnerships with 3 churches in Myanmar:

- 1) Yangon Church of Christ, led by Bro Backham with about 50 members.
- 2) 9 Mile Church of Christ, led by Bro Joseph with about 70 members.
- 3) Orphanage home in Yangon with Bro Samuel Sang. This ministry is both a church and an orphanage, which currently has 117 children.

We used to hold yearly visits to these 3 churches, together with our American brethren Bro Mark Hooper and Jay Jarboe. These visits were opportunities to train the brethren in disciple-making.

We have also sent food aid to some of our ex-SIBI students like Bro Billy, Kim, Samuel and Stephan in the northern parts of Myanmar. This region has been engulfed in war and conflict for the past two years and remains unstable.

Please continue to pray for our brethren there during this difficult time of pandemic and political unrest.





Arthur Tatara (Lae, Morobe Province)

Arthur Tatara has been a Bible instructor at the Melanesian Bible College for five years, since graduating from SIBI Singapore. He also serves as a pulpit minister at the MBC-Church of Christ in Lae, Morobe province. Arthur also serves by conducting Bible classes for secondary school students on a weekly basis.



Previously, he used to minister and evangelize in the rural parts of Morobe province, but due to election violence and the increased cost of travel, he has paused this travel and hopes to resume again in 2023.

He plans to continue with the Waria Valley mission trip in December to visit the churches in the valley, as well as speak at the New Year's Bible Camp.

Please continue to pray for his upcoming travel, as well as those affected by the recent 7.7 magnitude earthquake. (Arthur as well as other families have been forced to go without electricity for several weeks as the earthquake affected the power supply grid.)

From Arthur: "Thank you PPCOC and individuals who have been consistently supporting me financially since the day I left Singapore. I am indebted to everyone of you and will share what I have received from PPCOC with other Christians when they are in dire need."





Joemar Recomono (Pacao Church of Christ)



The Pacao church started its partnership with PPCOC in 2017 after Joemar Recomono met with elder Peter, Jojo Ramos (Midtown Church of Christ, Baguio City) and brother Sol (Solana, Cagayan) in 2016.

Joemar's main ministry is doing VBS and youth fellowship due to its effectiveness and proven record in the Pacao and Tugas congregation. This year, 19 souls have been added to the body of Christ since January--many of whom responded due to the food aid (assisted by PPCOC) and distribution during the typhoon.





Jhun Ma and Family (Tuao Church of Christ)

1) When did your ministry/partnership with PP start?

Our partnership in the Tuao ministry started after I got married to Babes Ma. Before our wedding, we decided to go for church planting ministry in



a place that the Lord will give us. At that time, Babes told me she didn't want to stay in a crowded place like Tondo, Manila (where I came from). And I didn't want to stay in Mindanao, her hometown! Though Babes' parents are kind and generous, I didn't want to start a family with my in-laws, even though they offered us a ready house and a lot.

When I heard that bro. Chito Cusi, MARCH for Christ President, was planning to start a church in Mandaluyong City near Manila, I contacted him and told him of our plans. Unfortunately, they were not planning for Mandaluyong City, but they were preparing for a ministry in Tuao, Cagayan. It was the first time I heard about that place, so he told me to search information about it in a nearby bookstore and look for a map. Sadly, the place was not featured in the map. Bro. Chito convinced me to go with them to the Medical Mission scheduled for October 2-6, 2005.

On that trip, I met the Pasir Panjang group: bros Edward, Yiu Huat, Jon Lai, sis. Dorothy, Mee Geok, & Siew Lian and the MARCH for Christ team. We had the Medical Mission, then they left me with bro. Darwin King, who reluctantly stayed with me to follow-up with over 2000 patients. That's the beginning of this loving partnership.





Jhun Ma and Family (continued)

2) What is your main ministry effort, etc

At first, our ministry effort was just to start a Church of Christ in Taribubu, Tuao, as what was expected of me, a minister and church planter.



I heard from PP leaders that this fulfilled the prayers of sister Mildred Delayun for the Taribubu community. For the last 17 years, I've learned a lot by staying in the Tuao ministry. The Lord revealed many things to me as I witnessed His mighty works in our life and the life of Tuao brethren.

What the community needs is not simply replicating our church. I discovered that there are many Churches of Christ here already (though they are of different wings, including conservatives and the instrumental groups). The people already knew about our group, and what they witnessed from other COCs was not so good, particularly the conservative groups. Many identified us with them.

Right now, my main ministry effort is to train everyone here in Tuao church to truly embody the mission given to us by the Lord: that everyone should live as a disciple of Jesus, to love God and love others. It's not just being a member of the group "Church of Christ", but to be really known as people who live like Jesus - by loving their family, being faithful with their spouses, loving their children, and helping the poor in the community.





Jhun Ma and Family (continued)

3) Any recent updates for which we can thank God and celebrate together?



1. We thank God for blessings. He gave us the opportunity to buy lots in Naruangan, near TVTS, the school where I am teaching, and another lot in Bunton Tuguegarao. These are in preparation for a future church plant in these places. We initially started in Tuguegarao before, but Tuao was not yet ready to commit their time and energy for church planting. Pray for God to bless this plan and vision.

2. We praise God for new families added: the Palapal Family, Geraldine Domingsil Family, and Ofemia Family. Though they haven't been baptised, they are now actively attending our Sunday assemblies. Some have been baptised, such as Ceejay Palapal, the eldest son of Palapal couple. After seeing their son get baptised, the parents said they wanted to be baptised next. Pray for these new sets of families.

3. We are continuing our discipleship training program, a program where every member will know how to share the gospel with others. We tried this with our young people. Some were quite young for baptism, so we decided to let them actively attend first then wait for their 12th or 13th birthdays. The next will be the program for adults to also undergo this Discipleship Training program, so they too will learn how to share the gospel and for them to be ready to be installed in office and work of being elders and deacons. May the Lord bless this vision for the Tuao church.



Jojo Ramos and Family (Baguio City)

Our ministry/partnership started with PP 17 yrs ago during the 1st missions in Tuao, although indirectly where mission teams of Midtown, WBS & MARCH were using our van for their transportation. We were like 2-year-old Christians



then. I also went for the MARCH Medical Mission in Tuao as a Medical Technologist & met PP, MARCH-Chito for the first time. Since then, with Midtown's partnership with PP, we have been sent as missionaries. We have also been host parents for the PP's youths whenever they come for their yearly missions, where we also let them experience our missions in our own mountains. We have also been active with the FFF whenever we get invited to go to Singapore & to teach Missions, Spirituality & Disciplines at SIBI.

Our main ministry effort for this year & 2023 will be Spiritual Leadership Development for Young Emerging Church leaders. We aim to Engage, Equip & Empower these leaders, including young ladies whom we minister to, and those in churches we are helping and have helped planted.

We continue to pray for opportunities to serve and assemble our Filipino Diaspora to initiate a Disciple Making Movement among them.

We continue to pray and gather young emerging leaders in our Cordillera Mountains to have the heart to plant and nourish churches in our mountains.





Jojo Ramos and Family (Continued)

We continue to pray for our Upper Room Ministry in our city where we can again function well as a Youth Center, Bible Study Center and Base Camp for our leadership development. We pray that the Covid restrictions in our building would be eased, allowing us more time to fellowship.

We thank God for all the training, learning, and equipping we have received during the pandemic period, which prepared us to transition well into Spiritual Leadership Development. I'm thankful for being able to graduate from the Coaching Mastery Certificate Program of Creative Results Management and pursuing my ACC Accreditation with the International Coaching Federation.

Also, we thank God for the Soul Work & Leadership Development done with Jay Jarboe for our leaders from our Isabela Missionary Journeys.

Lastly, I thank God for my growing family since our kids are marrying with JJ, Nats and soon Angela & Rico when he finishes college.



Giving

We are thankful for the ways in which God has blessed us to partner with each of these individuals and families in spreading the Kingdom of God throughout the world. Please continue to pray for each of them regularly.

Furthermore, don't forget that 23 October has been designated as our Missions Sunday, with all contributions and pledges made on that day going directly to our Missions Fund. If you would like to contribute to the missions fund further, please see below.

Thank you so much for your role in participating in God's Mission. May we see His Kingdom come here on Earth, just as it is in Heaven!

Giving to the Missions Fund:



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