

# FOCUS



CHURCH *of* CHRIST  
PASIR PANJANG, SINGAPORE

## Sunday Morning Worship



### Dancing Into Forgiveness | 23 April 2023

Forgiveness takes many forms. A young man crosses the courtroom to embrace the woman who shot his brother. An entire village walks to the house of the man who massacred their people to offer his widow food, community and forgiveness. A father sprints off in the most undignified manner to embrace his prodigal son.

In these cases, forgiveness seems ridiculous, perhaps even foolish. Yet we cannot help but feel there is something profoundly right about it, as though we ourselves have been gifted forgiveness that we shouldn't deserve.

What should our response be to such a gift? What does it look like to dance in this forgiveness freely given? And how do we share this gift freely in kind?

# Sunday Morning Worship

## Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Call To Worship

Blessed Assurance

Healing Grace

Scripture: Psalm 32

Opening Prayer

We Saw Thee Not

Sermon

I Am Coming Lord

How Beautiful

Communion

Giving

Shepherd's Benediction & Prayer

This Is How We Overcome

## Giving

Last Week's Giving: **\$6640**



General Fund  
S76SS0008AGFD



Missions Fund  
S76SS0008AMFD



Building Fund  
S76SS0008ABFD

If you plan to make a contribution via cheque, please make sure it is made payable to "**Church of Christ, Pasir Panjang, Singapore**". Please ensure that you write the full name so that the cheque can be processed smoothly.

Total Giving to Date **\$492k**

**\$428k**



**\$612k**

# Upcoming Events



**23 April | 9:30am**

**Combined Bible Class**

Patterns Within Jonah

**GEMS Bible Class (Kinderkids)**

Deliverance  
(Exodus 5-13)

**GEMS Bible Class (Cradle Roll)**

Thank You God For Everything  
(Creation)

**GEMS Bible Class (P123)**

A Wife For Isaac  
(Genesis 24)

**GEMS Bible Class (Toddlers)**

David and Goliath

**GEMS Bible Class (P456)**

Be Doers of the Word  
(James 1:19-27)

**GEMS Bible Class (Nursery)**

Annunciation of Jesus

**GEMS (P6 Apologetics)**

The Gospel of Christ



**24 Apr | 7:30pm**

**Gladiolus Place Devotional**

Contact Lucy Kwan (9838 3131)



**26 Apr | 7:00am**

**The Teh-ology Podcast**

From Sin Into Forgiveness



**26 Apr | 7:30pm**

**Wednesday Bible Class**

The God Who Serves (John 13:1-11)



## Oasis Shuttle Bus Timings

Our shuttle bus will be operating with fixed timings to ensure our drivers get sufficient rest during their duty, and to allow for simpler onboarding for the different drivers we get each week.

We hope that this helps you to plan your schedule accordingly and so arrive at Oasis in good time for our Bible classes and worship services! Let us also show our gratitude to the bus drivers as people of God who have been greatly blessed ourselves!

### **Kent Ridge MRT (Exit A) to The Oasis**

9.00am (first)  
9.15am  
9.30am  
9.45am  
10.00am  
10.30am  
10.45am  
11.00am  
11.15am

### **The Oasis to Kent Ridge MRT (Exit A)**

12.00pm  
12.15pm  
12.30pm  
12.45pm  
1.00pm (last)



## Thank You Ushers!

We want to say a huge "Thank you" to our team of ushers who have helped us transition into the Oasis! They've been faithfully pointing us in the directions we need to go, and welcoming us into our worship spaces with warm smiles on their faces!

As we move forward, we feel called to make this an ongoing ministry. If you would like to be a part of this ministry of greeting, welcoming and extending fellowship, please contact us at our church number (9060 1400)!



## **Rebuilding Project - Topping Out Ceremony**

The topping out ceremony is a tradition in the construction industry to celebrate a project mile stone. It is normally done when the final beam is raised into place, thus completing the building frame. We are happy to announce that this will take place on Friday, 28 April at 9am.

We invite all members to come to 347 Pasir Panjang Road to celebrate this milestone, witness the progress of the building with your own eyes, and reaffirm our commitment to rebuilding God's house in the months to come.



**Please register with elder Pang Tee Liang (9618 1862) if you wish to attend the ceremony. Refreshments will be provided.**

## **Gardening Ministry**

Back at the old building, sisters Joanne Wong and Kelly Leong started a ministry that seeks to prepare our new building to be not simply a "building", but a Garden like Eden where life physical and eternal can thrive! Over the next few weeks, they will be distributing plants such as blue peas, white papaya, pandan leaf and chili for members to begin planting at home and eventually transfer them to the Garden at 347 Pasir Panjang Road! Please see these sisters if you are interested to share in this ministry.



# ONLINE PRAYER WARRIORS

27 April 2023 | 8pm

Zoom ID: 637 679 3407  
Password: Kumbaya



Prayer Themes:  
**YOUTH MINISTRY**  
**YOUNG ADULTS**

# TALK ON SELF CARE : GIANTS OF GERIATRIC SYNDROMES

- Instability (falls)
- Iatrogenic (drugs)
- Immobility
- Impaired Cognition
- Incontinence

**Free Blood Glucose &  
Blood Pressure Tests**

## **SPEAKER**

**DR KALAIMAMANI D/O KANAGASABAI**

Senior Consultant, Renci Hospital

**SATURDAY, 29 APRIL 2023**

**2PM - 4PM**

## **CHURCH OF CHRIST**

131 Moulmein Road

Singapore 308082

**Please register using  
the QR code below.**



**All members, friends & visitors  
are welcome!**

Talk on Giants of Geriatric Syndromes



*Organised by Spirited Seniors for Christ (SSC)  
Church of Christ, Pasir Panjang, Singapore*

*[www.ppcoc.org](http://www.ppcoc.org)*

*WhatsApp : 90601400*



**MONDAY, 1 MAY | 945AM-12PM**

**WARREN GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB**

81 Choa Chu Kang Way, S688263

**REGISTER NOW AT  
CUTT.LY/PPWTR**

*Lunch Is Provided!*

**60  
SLOTS ONLY**





# 60<sup>th</sup> ASIAN MISSION FORUM CHENNAI, INDIA.

*Theme : Guide to Spiritual Leadership*



28 JULY  
to  
1 AUGUST  
2023



**Domínic DOS Santos** has been preacher at, Church of Christ, San Fernando, Trinidad for 24 yrs. He had travelled to Germany, Romania, Slovakia, USA, Canada as visiting speaker. He has Bachelor in Biblical Studies, Psychology & Counseling. He is Currently Director of Trinidad School of Preaching.

**Phanat Ouch**, served God in 15 different countries and preached the gospel on four different continents; North America, Africa, Europe, and Asia. Currently serving as a missionary to the country of Cambodia for the past 15 years. Married to Chakriya with two biological children and adopted four.

Single Room\*.  
\$478 or INR 38500/-

Twin Sharing\*  
\$346 or INR 27900/-

Triple Sharing\*  
\$338 or INR 27200/-

\* **All rates are per person.** Includes Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Two Coffee, Tea & Snacks. Cultural Program, half-day Local Sightseeing (St. Thomas tomb) & T. Shirt. One Child under 12 years with no extra bed is free.

Note : Registration and Payment links will be sent soon.

**Venue : Hotel Ramada, Egmore, Chennai.**  
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# India Mission Trip

## Reflections by Grace Mariaraja

When God calls, there is no running away - unless I want to live inside a belly or something equally gross.

In February 2023, I was in Guntur on a mission trip. It was a last-minute decision to accompany John and Wendy, who were first timers to India. However, touched by the love and eager-hearted brethren there, I progressed to exploring the idea of buying a little vacant house opposite Reddy Palem COC. When the team asked about my job in Singapore, I jokingly declared that I was just a part-time lawyer and a full-time missionary. Little did I know that I would be held to my words.

Right after the Guntur trip, Brother Joel Madiki requested a PP team to speak at their Annual Women's Meet over the Good Friday weekend. I replied "unlikely" (which meant "no") because of work plus other commitments in April. However, he persisted and so, I turned over the decision to God and PP Board for approval. Meanwhile, while I couldn't recruit local sisters (mostly due to the short notice), I had the wild idea of recruiting my white Indian sister and 4-time mission buddy, Terilee. Though half a world away, she agreed! Unfortunately, we had to shelve the plan due to budget constraints. A bummer? Nope, it was just God's humour in action.

About two weeks later, out of the blue, Elder Peter asked me to provide the trip dates and a budget. On 11 March 2023, a go-ahead was given by the Board. In just two weeks, our plans were finalised, flight tickets were booked, visas were obtained and I even got a new passport. Terilee flew out of Houston on 31 March to reach Singapore on 2 April and we left for India on 5 April 2023. We aptly named the trip "Mission made possible".

We were truly delighted to meet our family in Gollaprolu again! The folks as usual drenched us with love and warmth. The hospitality and generosity of the Madiki family remain unparalleled.



Pictured: Grace sharing at the first annual Good Friday Women's meeting

The 7 days (5-11 April) were physically tiring but spiritually uplifting. We taught the ladies and children from Friday through Sunday and each time, God's presence was felt in our midst.

We are indeed so blessed and privileged to represent PP and serve in the Gollaprolu COC and Yerravaram COC. Being there on PP's behalf encouraged and blessed them greatly.

Gollaprolu COC has a special place in my heart and I cherish the work that we have been able to do with the brethren there, all thanks to God and PP's unwavering support.

On a personal note, I wish to give all glory and praise to God as this 2023 trip marked my 10th year anniversary as a PP mission rep to Gollaprolu and I look forward to serving Him all the days of my life. Here am I, Lord send me and \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ - \*put your names there!

\*in memory of Brandi Kendall



Sister Grace's first trip to India in 2013 (left) to her most recent trip (right)

# India Mission Trip

## Reflections by Terilee Harrison

My heart is full of gratitude—to God, to PP leadership, to Grace Mariaraja, to the entire Madiki family, and to the members of Gollaprolu Church of Christ.

Last year when Terry and I returned to the US from Singapore to begin working for SIBI and focusing on East Africa, I wasn't sure I would ever have the opportunity to return to India again.

It has been such a blessing over the years serving on the PP India Missions Team, and my heart will always be with the congregations at PP and in Gollaprolu no matter where we are serving around the world.

This is my 5th year visiting the church, and I noticed something new. In the past, I would ask, "Where are the men?" This year, it was a blessing to see that the number of men active in the congregation has increased! Joel said it happened because of Covid. They couldn't use Zoom (like we could), so he would print out the entire worship service including the sermon and deliver it to each household in Covid times. The families did house church. When the time came for them to meet together in the church building once more, more of the men attended as well. Praise God for this!

I have hundreds of photos of my Indian sisters and brothers in my phone from our trips over the years. It meant so much to Grace and I this trip when young people would show us pictures in their phone from years ago—implying our visits were meaningful to them.

To the PP and Gollaprolu congregations, I thank God every time I remember you. (Phil 1:3)



Terilee's Saturday night sharing

# India Mission Trip

## Reflections by Joel & Ruth Madiki

15 years have passed since I first crossed paths with PPCOC. Bro. Patrick Ong and I (Joel) were roommates at the 2008 Asian Mission Forum, and God turned that into a strong partnership. Our special thanks to God, brothers Henry Kong and Patrick Ong and sisters Jenny Kwa and Goh Wai Leng for this special bond.

There are many amazing blessings that have come from PP's partnership, starting with the first Hearing Impaired mission team in 2011. Since then, we have had several VBS trips, the School Bag project, Share a Blessing - Be Gracious project, Annual Women's Meetings, Disciple Making Movements (DMM), and not forgetting the generous assistance during floods, cyclones and Covid.

The recent trip was truly a Mission Made Possible as we did not expect this trip to happen. We already had a 4-member mission team visit India in February, but we kept praying.

God amazed us by not only making this trip possible but also bringing sister Terilee on board. Our themes for this year were "Heart of Jesus on the Cross" and "Called to Inherit the Blessings". God spoke into the hearts of many members during this mission trip. A total of 11 messages were shared during the Annual Women's and Congregational Meets, fasting session and Sunday worship.

Following his testimony, a brother pledged to donate 1 rice bag monthly to the needy. A sister pledged to feed the widows for a month and another gave a week's earnings to the needy. I am sure that there were other silent resolutions. What makes these commitments truly wonderful is that they come out of poverty and meagre means.

We thank sisters Terilee and Grace M for sharing heart-touching messages with the ladies in Gollaprolu COC and Yerravaram COC. The DMM group of ladies was encouraged by their personal sharing. The presence and love of these sisters who brought blessings and greetings from PP refreshed all of us.

We eagerly look forward to what God has in store for us. With every mission trip, new avenues and areas to serve open up. Lord willing, we want to continue conducting VBS locally and in other COCs and look into programs for the youth, Young Adults and Spiritual Leadership training in Gollaprolu and other areas of Andhra Pradesh. Lord willing, we are praying and looking forward to our first Medical Mission.

We seek God's blessings upon our partnership with PP to help us take these programs forward. We thank the Elders, members and Indian Mission interest group for your commitment and support. May we continue to bring God's love to all around us. God Bless!



Terilee sharing at Yerravaram COC on Sunday night



Serving food after the Good Friday meeting



## Meet Our People

### Elders

Simon Goh  
Peter Lim  
Lim Swee Aun  
Pang Tee Liang

### Deacons

Lim Kok Hin  
Frederick Yu  
Romaine Jackson

### Ministers

Irvin Wan  
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