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# QUO VADIS, CGC?

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**W**hen the Apostle Peter fled Rome to avoid being crucified, he was said to have met the risen Jesus on the road outside the city. Peter asked him, "Quo vadis?" (Where are you going?) The Lord replied, "Romam eo iterum crucifigi." (To Rome to be crucified again.) This gave Peter the courage to resume his ministry in Rome, which ended in martyrdom when he was crucified upside-down.

As Cebu Gospel Church enters its second century of existence, it is appropriate to ask ourselves the same question as Peter asked the Lord: *Where are you going, Cebu Gospel Church?*

To answer this question, we must reflect on the past and consider our present, before we can look on to the future. This is why we have devoted a substantial amount of ink in these pages to celebrate the past history and present success of our Church, so that we are reminded of God's grace for the past century, and to help us focus on where we must go in the future.

Speaking of which, there is someone I would like to commend for going far beyond the call of duty to research and write about our century-long history. Even though she was not a member of the Literature Committee, and was asked to do so very late in the process, Jocelyn Po accepted without hesitation and delivered what amounts to a short novella that details our history in vivid detail. Thank you very much!

In my view, there are two main threats that face a church in these modern times.

1. The book of Revelation was addressed to seven congregations of Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey). The harshest message by far was reserved for the church in Laodicea.

*"I know your works: You are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need*

*nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.*

Revelations 3:14-17 ESV

Being lukewarm means that the faith is completely devoid of passion. A lack of faith, the Lord can handle, but faith without passion, without joy or love, sickens him. This kind of faith is something that all churches must be wary of today.

2. Many churches in the United States are declining; there are dramatic decreases in the number of churches, as well as church-attending Christians particularly among the Millennials. Many reasons are given, including the hypocritical behavior of many church-goers, the increasing inward focus of many churches leading to a country club mentality, and the rise of mega-Churches. Whatever the reason, this is certainly a threat that Cebu Gospel Church may face in the future.

Beyond our Centennial celebration, we must refocus on our Church's vision (To be a Bible-believing Filipino-Chinese Church that develops Christ-glorifying Christians.) and bear in mind the aspirations enumerated by Rev. Vicente Sia:

1. Present our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to God, and not conform to the world but be transformed by the renewal of our minds. (Romans 12:1-2)
2. Pursue spiritual growth that is rooted and built up in Christ Jesus, and develop an intimate relationship with the Lord through prayer, meditation, worship, and the attendance of Bible study groups. (Colossians 2:6-7)
3. Equip the younger generation to fulfill the Great Commission given in Matthew 28:18-20.

While we do not face imminent death as Peter did, our challenge is no less formidable. For only with the grace of God can the chorus of our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hymn for Cebu Gospel Church to "shine a hundred years more" be fulfilled. Quo vadis, CGC? 🙏





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# GOD'S GRACE:

*Messages from  
Church Workers,  
Leaders & Members*



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# GOD'S ABUNDANT GRACE

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*Reverend Vicente Sia*

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he psalmist declares in Psalm 103 that our awesome God is a compassionate and gracious God. He is also "slow to anger, abounding in love." (Psalm 103:8) Our God is really a God of abundant grace. As we celebrate 100 years of His faithfulness to Cebu Gospel Church, we meditate on the four aspects of His Abundant Grace.



## 1. Saving Grace – His Redemptive Grace

The saving grace of God is redemptive, for "God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in him, shall not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16).

He initiated our salvation, because it is His heart's desire to be "patient with us, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9). He "wants also all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth." (1 Timothy 2:4)

Hence, His saving grace can be experienced by us through our simple faith on Him – that His blood shed on the cross on Calvary is sufficient to wash and forgive all of our sins.

But, it is efficient only to those who acknowledge Him as Savior and Lord. Ephesians 2:8-9 says "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast."

The free gift of salvation is offered to everyone. If you believe that He died for you on the cross, acknowledge that you are a sinner, confess your sins to Him, and ask for the washing of your sins through His blood, you are saved! You start the first step of the abundant grace of God!

Have you experienced God's saving grace?

## 2. Sustaining Grace – His Restorative Grace

After we encountered Jesus and received His forgiveness of sin, we follow by doing what Ephesians 2:10 tells us: "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do."

The result of God's redemptive saving grace is we start to be molded into the likeness of Christ, so we can follow and serve Him through the local church we belong to. We must deny ourselves and carry our own cross and follow Him.

We are gifted with spiritual gifts that will enhance our service for Him. Each of us will receive a specific gift, or even multiple gifts, given to us through His Holy Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:11 says, "All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and He distributes them to each one, just as He determines."

As we grow the grace and knowledge furnished by our Lord Jesus Christ into spiritual maturity, and excel and flourish in our service for Him, we have the following principles that enhance our continuous growth in Him: (a) "apart from Him, we can do

nothing," (John 15:5b); (b) we "can do all things through Him who gives us strength," (Philippians 4:13); and (c) Trust in the Lord with all our hearts, and lean not on our own understanding; in all our ways submit to Him, and he will make our paths straight." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Since we are all sinners saved by grace, once in a while we will stumble, get discouraged, and think about quitting our service for Him. Instead of looking at Him, we look sideways and look inside us. We get depressed, and feel weak and weary in our journey with Him.

His sustaining restorative grace will be upon us. Jude says in his doxology: "To Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy." (Jude 1:24)

But, before this verse, there is a formula to experience God's sustaining grace. Jude elaborated: (a) build ourselves up in our most holy faith; (b) pray in the Holy Spirit; (c) keep ourselves in God's love; (d) wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring us to eternal life. (v20-21). His sustaining grace is possible only if we have the four spiritual disciplines mentioned by Jude in his epistle. Therefore, we should do these four disciplines every day in our spiritual journey.

In 1 Peter 5:10, it says also, "And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong firm and steadfast."

Are you experiencing His sustaining grace?

## 3. Strengthening Grace – His Reinvigorating Grace

All of us will testify with one accord that His sustaining grace is really very powerful. But when we walk with Him in our spiritual journey, we serve not only a disciple of, but as spiritual soldiers for Christ.

We fight the spiritual battle every day of our lives here on this Earth. The apostle Paul stated in Ephesians 6:10-12: "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."

We are being attacked in three areas of our lives: physical, emotional, and spiritual. We are not immune to any kind of infirmity or sickness. Some of us might undergo a kind of struggle, as said in

Romans 8:22-23: "We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies."

God's sustaining reinvigorating grace comes in when we experience Romans 8:26-27: "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans."

And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God." Then, Romans 8:28 is manifested in our lives: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those of those love Him."

His sustaining grace was defined in Romans 8:32 – "He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?" Jesus chose us, justified us, and was seated at the right hand of God to intercede for us. (v33-34) Therefore, God's sustaining grace will give us the victory we can claim every day – "we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." (v37)

We will proclaim, "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (v38-39).

We can be strengthened and reinvigorated by His grace when we draw near the throne of grace. Hebrews 4:16 says, "Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."



Are you experiencing God's strengthening grace?

#### 4. Sufficient Grace - His Revitalizing Grace

All of us must be involved in the church ministry in one way or another. It is in accordance with the gift(s) we received from the Holy Spirit. Remember that we must not serve the Lord only in our own capacity, using our own skill and talent. Yes, we can utilize our own skill and talent, but this must be coupled with the spiritual gifting the Holy Spirit bestowed upon us.

As we serve Him, we will experience the personal struggle apostle Paul had regarding the thorn in his flesh. Paul can arguably be considered as the most gifted apostle – he wrote almost 13 of the New Testament epistles; he made three missionary trips, and he was also the most persecuted. Paul had the most esteemed, and highest education one can attain at his time, he could have been very boastful and proud. After all, was he not the best servant of God through the ages? But, the Lord permitted a "thorn in his flesh" to make Paul humble and meek so he could to serve Him!

Let us observe what he experienced in 2 Corinthians 12:7-10: "To keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I plead with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

His sustaining, revitalizing grace sustained the Universal Church throughout the ages. After two millennia and sixteen years in the historical record, millions of sustained Christians have experienced the grace sufficient for us; His power is made perfect in weakness! Did you experience this too? Say Amen! Now!

May the Lord and Head of the Universal Church continue to sustain us the four aspects of His abundant grace, until His second coming! These four must be sequential to each other, for without the first saving grace, you cannot experience the following three graces that are sustaining, strengthening, and sufficient! And, although it's made possible solely by grace, we have a part of experiencing it – it's all by faith in Him alone! 🙏



# GOD'S AMAZING GRACE

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*PHESIANS 2:8-9: For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.*

What is so amazing about God's grace? What is the meaning of G.R.A.C.E.?



## **GIFT OF GOD TO UNDESERVING SINNERS**

For it is by grace you have been saved. So Grace is the gift of God to sinners.

GRACE IS ALL GOD'S DOING, He gives it to us, and our role is just to simply accept the gift.

God's Role:

1. So willingly – has a big heart
2. No expectation of return

My Role:

1. We simply receive
2. Give thanks

When we give gifts, we give them to the person we love, not to those we don't. The person we love more, we give bigger portions. But this is not the case for God; his gifts are not based on us, but based on him. It is by the great love of God that we receive gifts which we do not deserve.

When Jesus was crucified, there were two criminals crucified beside him; one to his right, and the other to his left. One mocked Jesus while the other one admitted that he deserved to be crucified for the things he did. He asked Jesus to remember him when Jesus enters the Kingdom of God.

What did Jesus say? His response was: "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise." Did the criminal do anything to deserve the gift of God? No, he just believed. And this is the same gift God has given to us – what we needed most.

## **REDEMPTION OF GOD TO SET US FREE**

What are we to be freed from? None other than the bondage of sin.

No one can dare to say that he has no sin. No matter how much we try to be good and strive to reach the perfection which is the standard set by our Holy God, we miss the mark because of SIN. In Mark 10:17-27, a rich young man asked Jesus, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" He claimed that he follows all the Commandments. But when Jesus told him to sell everything he owned and follow him, he was saddened and turned away.

***"The grace of God  
is so powerful  
that it can change our  
old nature into a new one.***

***A person who receives  
God's grace can feel  
changes in his or her life,  
and will start living for Him."***

Why? Because he owned much property that he just couldn't easily let go. His actions proved that he loved earthly treasures more than surrendering his life to Christ. You cannot love money, and at the same time, love God.

YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED ALREADY. IT IS ONLY THROUGH GOD'S GRACE THAT OUR SINS WERE FORGIVEN.

Sinners can freely receive the forgiveness of sin, which speaks to our own unworthiness and the spontaneous redeeming act of God in Christ Jesus.

Psalms 103:2-3 says: "Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits – who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases." When God forgives us, he takes away the guilt. He heals the heart first and gives us peace. This is just like removing a BIG STONE that hinders us from growing.

2 Corinthians 5:21 says: "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." GOD PLACES HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS IN US AND ABSORBS OUR UNRIGHTEOUSNESS IN HIM.

## **ACCESS TO GOD'S BLESSING**

What blessings do we receive from God? It is the transformation of our lives.

When people in the Bible greet one another, they wish each other **grace** and **peace**. They do this because we receive grace from God, and so is our spiritual gift from Him. Jews greet each other with the word "shalom", which means peace.



When we combine the two words, they form a complete blessing. When you have the grace of God, then and only then you will have peace in your heart. Without the grace of God, you will find no peace and no assurance of Salvation.

Does that mean that Christian life is a bed of roses? No. Remember, a rose has many thorns, so Christians do experience problems. But in the midst of the struggle deep within you, you will find peace in knowing that God is with us in every circumstance we face, for our God will never leave nor forsake us. And we can do all things through Him who gives us strength. The presence of thorns accentuates a rose and make it all the more beautiful.

The same thing applies to Christians: God gives us trials to mold us, so that we can reach the next step in our growth and be like Christ.

## **CHARACTER OF GOD**

When a person receives God's grace, it is only then that his life will start to transform. God can start to change our character and behavior.

By receiving God's grace, we can start to imitate Christ. The grace of God is so powerful that it can change our old nature into a new one. A person who receives God's grace can feel changes in his or her life, and will start living for him.

Romans 6:22: But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.

2 Corinthians 5:17 – Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation: the old has gone, the new is here.

The Bible gave us the example of Zacchaeus, a tax collector. He was one of the Jews who were working for the hated Romans, were traitors to their own countrymen, and would collect more than required, keeping the extra for themselves. After he met Christ, his life was totally transformed.

Not only did he give half of his money to the poor, but he would also repay the people he cheated four times what he cheated them. Only a powerful God could transform one's life that radically.

## **ETERNAL LIFE IS GOD'S HOPE FOR MANKIND**

What is men's greatest hope which only God can fulfill? It is none other than eternal life from God. By God's grace, we can have eternal life from God.

Brethren, do you realize that people outside Christ have no assurance of salvation? No hope, no future, and no direction? Grace is given by God through their acceptance of Jesus Christ. Then and only then could we have assurance of salvation.

As Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father except through me". Jesus didn't say that he is a way, which is an indefinite article meaning not specific. But Christ used the article "the" which shows a definite thing. He is the only way to God the Father.

Salvation is free and is in the hand of our Lord Jesus Christ. For those who ask for forgiveness, they will be forgiven, and in return he will give them ETERNAL LIFE.

Cebu Gospel Church celebrated 100 years last March 20, 2016, and it is all through God's amazing grace. To God be the Glory! 🙌



# 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

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*Reverend Albert Ong*

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blessed Centennial Anniversary to Cebu Gospel Church! One hundred years of God's faithfulness is indeed a milestone for a church's history. I pray that you will be faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ and His Word: the Bible.

Generation after generation may pass, but His Word will never change or pass away (Matthew 24:35). Let His Word be the final authority in your life and doctrine.





Storms are meant to strengthen our faith and allow us to experience God in a real and powerful way. Their purpose is to prove to us that He is there. In the July 29 entry on his classic devotional book "My Utmost for His Highest," Oswald Chambers wrote:

*In the Bible clouds are always associated with God. Clouds are the sorrow, sufferings, or providential circumstances, within or without our personal lives, which actually seem to contradict the sovereignty of God. Yet it is through these very clouds that the Spirit of God is teaching us how to walk by faith... The clouds are the dust of His feet' (Nahum 1: 3). They are a sign that God is there.'*<sup>1</sup>

Testing or trials are ordained by God so we may know Him on a deeper level. The disciples knew that Jesus can heal the sick, give sight to the blind, make the lame walk, and feed the five thousand.

But it took the death of Lazarus to show them that He can even raise the dead! The disciples have to go through a storm in the sea and reach their wits' end before they could say, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey Him!"<sup>2</sup>

As long as we abide in the Lord and His words abide in us, we can ask Him whatever we wish, and He will do it for us.<sup>3</sup> He is the same yesterday and today and forever.<sup>4</sup> And "because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions

never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."<sup>5</sup> It was because of the Lord's grace, love, and faithfulness that we survived all these years!

Allow me to end with a song, "He's Always Been Faithful," written by Sara Groves, which was inspired by the classic hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" by Thomas O. Christolm and William M. Runyan:

*Morning by morning I wake up to find  
The power and comfort of God's hand in mine.  
Season by season I watch Him, amazed,  
In awe of the mystery of His perfect ways.  
All I have need of, His hand will provide.  
He's always been faithful to me.*

*I can't remember a trial or a pain,  
He did not recycle to bring me gain.  
I can't remember one single regret,  
In serving God only and trusting His hand.  
All I have need of His hand will provide.  
He's always been faithful to me.*

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not; Thy compassions they fail not.  
Great is Thy faithfulness, ever wilt be.  
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

*This is my anthem; this is my song;  
The theme of the stories I've heard for so long.  
God has been faithful; He will be again.  
His loving compassion, it knows no end.  
All I have need, of His hand will provide.  
He's always been faithful to me...*

#### TO GOD BE THE GLORY! 🏰

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# MARCHING WITH AN AIM

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*Reverend Himlal Pradhan*

It's so wonderful to look back and recall our experiences in life. Our lives have different stories to tell, and every chapter of it unfolds different stories that we can share to others. It is amazing to see what God does when we allow ourselves to do His will.

One of God's calling in my life is to serve Cebu Christian School, presently known as the Philippine Christian Gospel School. I was invited to join the school, and served as the school's chaplain, and at the same time, disciplinarian. Since I knew that this was the will of my Heavenly Father, I had to submit to it. I started working in the school in 1977.



***"It has been imprinted in the hearts and minds of every student that serving God should always be a top priority."***

As I recall, the population of the school was overwhelming, as there were almost two thousand students enrolled! It was also the same year when I got married to Maria Lee, who was at that time the directress of the school.

Being a chaplain of a school with so many students was really a challenge for me. When I accepted the invitation, I regarded the school as a place where I could lead students to know the saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. I was encouraged and led by Christ to accept this role so that, in one way or another, I could lead teachers as well as parents to Christ. As school chaplain, I had to take good care of the chapel hour for students from grade one to fourth year.

At that time, we had a lot of Christian students and teachers who were also doing the ministry that God told them to do, and their existence was a great help to the school in order for it to achieve its mission and vision. The school's mission was to give the best education to the student, and to teach the students moral values based on the Bible.

Today, there are many professionals who graduated from the school and are grateful that they were able to study in a Bible-believing institution. It is great to know that there are students who are active in their home churches; there are those who are leaders, deacons and elders in different churches, and there are even those who are leading or pastoring churches in different places in the Philippines.

Every Saturday, I used to conduct Bible study for the students, and to my recollection, there were many students who have joined for years. During summer vacation, I conducted summer camps for the students in different locations in Cebu. These camps played a very important role, as many student-campers were brought to the Lord Jesus Christ.

I also had the privilege of preaching in Cebu Gospel Church once a month, while I was chaplain of Cebu Christian School. I also joined the Cebu Gospel Church Choir when Mrs. Hattie Yu was the conductress. I was also invited to speak in different fellowships in Cebu Gospel Church.

As chaplain, I wanted to encourage students to bring out the best in them by sharing their God-given talents, so I organized two singing groups in the school: the "Soul Searchers" and the "Joyful Courriers." Both were chorale groups consisting of 15-20 students, whose mission was to visit different churches, and to render special numbers on Sundays and also during special occasions.

The Soul Searchers traveled to different parts of the Philippines, holding evangelistic concerts. They have reached as far as Singapore and Bangkok, Thailand. The Soul Searchers are still active today in Cebu Gospel Church. At present, two members of this group are now serving as full-time pastors.

It is good to know that my students are now playing important roles in Cebu Gospel Church and in Philippine Christian Gospel School. There are also those who are serving the country as government officials. Knowing all these, I could say that our labor in the Lord will never go in vain. The seeds which have been sown in the school are clearly bearing so much fruit.

We just hope and pray that these students will stand firm and will be a channel of blessing to those around them. The Bible classes conducted in the school together with other Bible-oriented activities encouraged the students to make use of their talents for the glory of God. It has been imprinted in the hearts and minds of every student that serving God should always be a top priority.

We should always remember that school plays a vital role in building a person. The Bible should always be our daily guide as children of God, which is why we have to teach it to our children and our children's children. This book will shape and mold us to what we will become. The Bible clearly reminds us, "Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105) The Bible provides us with a guide, "How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to thy Word." (Psalm 119:9) 🙏



# STEPPING OUT IN FAITH

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*Reverend Michael Tsang*



raise the Lord for His mighty works in Cebu Gospel Church for the past 100 years. My wife Christina and I were privileged to be called to serve in this church from 1974 to 1985.

42 years ago when we graduated from the seminary in Hong Kong, we heard about the urgent need of Cebu Gospel Church because the old pastor had a stroke. After much prayer, we decided to accept this calling of God.



With simple faith, we stepped out into this "new & unfamiliar territory" three months after our marriage. We were young and inexperienced, we spoke neither Amoy nor Cebuano; yet the brothers & sisters in the church accepted us as one of their own and helped us to adapt to the new environment.

I began my ministry serving in the English Congregation and among the young people, while Christina helped the women and served in the music ministry besides assisting me.

Learning to speak the Amoy dialect wasn't easy for me at all. An older sister in Christ was kind enough to teach me to read the Bible using the Roman phonetics every day. It took me one whole year before I could preach in Amoy. Christina was smarter than me. She was able to give a sermon in Amoy in just four months. We felt a lot closer to the members when we spoke their language.

Our three children, Vivian, Karen and Calvin, were all born in the Philippines. The sisters were so nice to us and looked after Christina especially after she gave birth. They would cook all kinds of nutritious dishes for her (I was lucky to gain weight, too).

Even during ordinary days, the sisters would deliver fresh fruits, eggs, cakes, etc. to the parsonage. Oftentimes we were treated into their homes or restaurants for dinners and feasts.

We soon learned that the Amoy Christians love and respect their pastors. Their ancestors also loved God very much and respected God's servants. They are greatly blessed by God!

When we began our ministry, someone told us that Cebu was a big hard rock for the Gospel seed. We were not discouraged because we knew that "with God, nothing is impossible."

Visitation with prayers were our constant ministry during the week. Even though Satan's grip on people was strong, God still worked in miraculous ways.

One brother later admitted that previously he was a drunkard and he never paid attention to the gospel. But one day, he fell from the stairs after drinking heavily, and found himself still alive. He immediately decided to accept Jesus Christ whom he heard so many times.

Another businessman boasted that he didn't need to repent because he could always go up to Heaven tugging on his children's clothes. I remember visiting him more than ten times and praying for him.

Finally God softened his heart and he accepted Jesus as his personal Savior. Later, he even became the chairman of the Brothers' Fellowship. Praise the Lord!

Six years into the ministry I prayed for further studies in the U.S., but Christina was very hesitant because of our financial situation. Miraculously, a missionary couple came for a church visit two weeks later.

When they heard about Christina's worries, the missionary asked, "*How many Israelites did Moses lead across the Red Sea?*"

Christina answered, "Two million."

"*How many years were they in the wilderness?*"

"Forty."

"*Were they not clothed well and fed well and their shoes not broken? Now, how many are there in your family? Going to U.S. for how many years? Do you think if it's God's will, He will provide?*"

After encouraging and praying for us, the missionary couple left. Our faith was much strengthened. We decided to lean on His promises for all our needs. Praise the Lord, He moved in mysterious ways.

Cebu Gospel Church, our relatives, and some individual brothers & sisters promised to support and pray for us.

During those two years, though sometimes we were uncertain of our tomorrows, yet God always sent His crows to deliver "meats" through the mail on time. He never fails! Hallelujah to our Almighty God and caring Father.

Upon graduation from Wheaton Graduate School, I returned with my family to Cebu. By the grace of God and recommendation of the church, I was ordained in 1983. The church started the Sunday School Education building project. Together we finished the project by faith, lacking nothing.



We continued to serve with more emphasis on discipleship among the young people. Our church has a good Christian school with a committed chaplain who worked closely with good Christian teachers.

Many young people accepted Christ. I encouraged them to join the 6 AM prayer meeting each Saturday. After the meeting, we would invite them to have breakfast in our parsonage upstairs. Then we would study the Bible together or do visitation.

We thank God that over the 11 years, about ten young people dedicated themselves and graduated from the seminary. Two of them returned to serve in the Church, one as a pastor and the other as the principal of Philippine Christian Gospel School.

Every time when Christina & I revisited Cebu, we are so excited to see many of the young people grow up to be mature leaders of the church, some even becoming elders and deacons.

We are thrilled to see the establishment of Mandaue Gospel Church, which has now become independent. We are so thankful to God that our church helped in relief work of typhoon and earthquake victims, continues supporting evangelistic work among the local Filipino people, and puts emphasis in missions and support of seminaries.

On the Sunday preceding our Centennial Celebration, I shared the message entitled, "Always Remember These Things" (2 Peter 1:12-21). May we continue to stand firm upon our foundation of faith, and grow in God's word to attain abundance in Christ.

As our Centennial Song goes, "One hundred years she stood faithful and true, May Cebu Gospel Church glorify you!"

God is faithful! May His name be praised forever! 🙏



# I SERVED AS A MISSIONARY AND PASTOR OF CGC

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*Reverend Robert Yu*

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y first contact with Cebu Gospel Church (CGC) happened in 1965 when Rev. Joseph Young, then senior pastor of CGC, came to Zamboanga City to recruit missionaries to support their inaugural Mission Emphasis Week. Pastor Mariano Yeo, pastor of Jolo Evangelical Church, introduced me to Rev. Young, who then asked me to meet with him for a brief interview.

Several weeks later, I received his letter informing me that the Mission Board has decided to support me as one of the first three missionaries of Cebu Gospel Church. The other two were Pastor Guzman Ravelo of Tribal Missions and Pastor Quirino from the United Church of Christ in Cotabato City.

As a missionary, I had to come to Cebu every Mission Emphasis Week to give my Annual Report. It was during these times that I came to know Rev. Peter Lim, Rev. Lim Hui Khim, Bible women Juanita Go Phek Eng, Tiu Kim Eng, Ong Leh Hua, Elders Go Hong Chiu, Sun Din Liuson, Joseph Que, Lim Kay Chun, C.J Huang, Lim Giok Su, and more.

In 1969, Rev. Joseph Young, who was then-pastor of Quezon City Evangelical Church, and was aware of my desire to become a full-fledged pastor, encouraged me to go to seminary. So I enrolled at Ebenezer Bible College in Zamboanga City.

But every September, I continued to attend the annual Mission Emphasis week in CGC until 1971 when I got married. The following year, the UECP Evangelistic Band requested us to write to the CGC Council to thank them for their support, and to request them to discontinue their support, because the United Evangelistic Band of the UECP will henceforth defray the cost of our studies. I thought that this signaled the end of my ties with Cebu Gospel Church.

Never did I dream that God had a better plan for us. Because in 1977, without our knowledge, Far East Broadcasting Company (FEBC) Manila approved a recommendation to assign me to Cebu to manage DYFR, their station in Cebu.

We arrived in Cebu in the fall of 1977, and began attending worship service and serving at CGC. I was always conscious of one thing – Cebu Gospel Church helped molded my ministry in the past, so I resolved, by God's grace, to give my all to repay them for all their kindnesses to me.

So immediately, my wife and I got ourselves involved in the various ministries of the Church.

CGC began to invite me to speak regularly in the English and Chinese morning worship services. I started to attend the Christian Youth Fellowship and served as a counselor, thus becoming co-workers with Rev. and Mrs. Michael Tsang.

In all my years at Cebu Gospel Church which spanned more than two decades, I feel that the CYF of the 1970s made the greatest impact on me. Many of its members have now become our present leaders. Praise God for these faithful, dedicated and committed youth of the past who have given their best, especially during summer and winter conferences.

Soon, the Christian Education Department invited me to teach a Sunday School Class. In the meantime, I started to attend the Wednesday evening and Saturday morning prayer meetings, and also helped in the Carmel Fellowship.

Later on, the Joybells Singing group, under the tutelage of Deaconess Hattie Yu, asked me to lead their weekly Bible Study. As if these were not enough, the Mission Board also assigned me to visit Surigao Gospel Church every month for visitation work, youth work, pulpit ministry and to officiate the Holy Communion.

In 1981, Pastor and Mrs. Tsang left for the U.S for further study, leaving only Rev. Liang and Bible-woman Pilar Siao to handle both the English and Chinese congregations, and Bible-woman Go Phek Eng who was actively involved in visitation work.

In its desire to enlist us to join the Church staff on a full-time basis, the Church Council dispatched someone to give me a formal invitation. I politely told

them I can't accept the offer, because I was working for FEBC. Their response was to increase my responsibilities tremendously to include weddings, memorial services, hospital visitations and many others.

Unfortunately, my partnership with Rev. Liang in the ministry was short-lived, because a year later, he went to be with the Lord. All the more, my load became heavier. I felt I was acting as a "semi-interim" pastor of the church while waiting for the return of Pastor and Mrs. Tsang.

In 1982, when I was at the height of my ministry at DYFR, the CGC Council, through the initiative of brother Nelson Ting (Sy Un), started discussing the possibility of sending me to China Evangelical Seminary (CES) in Taiwan for further studies.

At first, I did not pay much attention to this matter because I was not interested in going to Taiwan. I knew my limitations. Moreover, I was fully aware that CES is one of the two top Chinese seminaries in the world. Their medium of instruction was entirely in Mandarin. Many times, I asked myself if this was a joke. So, when brother Sy Un approached me the second time to encourage and convince me to accept, I was adamant in my decision. I politely told him I was not interested.

But God won't accept a "no" from me. Finally, I gave in to His demand, when God answered my prayer. His answer did not leave me any place to hide in. Towards the fall of 1983, my family left on a China Airlines flight to Taipei, and I enrolled in CES. Those were tough years for someone like me. But by God's grace, I was able to overcome all my shortcomings. The two kids were able to study at the local elementary school despite the high standards of Chinese education there.



***“By God’s Grace, I was able to overcome all my shortcomings.”***



In the summer of 1985, we returned to Cebu, all prepared to work with Pastor Tsang, only to find out that he had resigned and was preparing to leave for Austin, Texas. Praise God that despite his resignation, I was still able to work together with him for a few months until the Tsangs left for Hong Kong to await their immigrant visas from the U.S embassy.

One of the first things we have to do after our return was to prepare for the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Church. Everyone cooperated, and the Anniversary Celebration went well (praise God). Praise the Lord, the Celebration was well-attended, and various church delegates from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao attended. Dr. Philip Teng (Kun Hui) of the Hong Kong Christian & Missionary Alliance Church was our guest speaker.

The next task we faced and solved was the perennial clamor to merge the English 8:00 AM and the Chinese 9:30 AM Sunday worship services. You see, although the two separate services have their own advantages, we discovered that by the late 80s, the English service was attracting more people especially from the younger generation, and the numbers in the Chinese worship have drastically decreased. Many from the Chinese congregation expressed alarm over the situation. Thus the incessant calls to merge the two.

The plan to merge has been on-and-off the agenda of the Church Council for several years. It has been studied and discussed, but to no avail; it was ultimately shelved for further prayer, study and future deliberation. But God, in His mercy, answered our prayers.

In 1987, for the first time in our church history, more than ten Church Elders and Deacons

attended the National Retreat in Baguio City. The Conference gave them a vision and a challenge for the Church. One of the results of that vision was the merging of the two services into a single bilingual service with interpretation.

The next problem that beset us was the ventilation of the Sanctuary. There were several views propounded as solutions; one of them was to install air-conditioners. The idea was right, but no one knew how to do it. The only answer we got was, “It can’t be done. Impossible. The ceiling of the church is too high.” The funny thing was all of us agreed.

Until I called up Architect Philip Recto (a famous architect who has designed most of the Chinese churches in the Philippines for free) to come from Manila and help us. He came on his own expense and told me directly, “No problem with air-conditioning.” When I mentioned the high ceiling, he said, “Cool air goes down, hot air goes up.” The Church Council immediately went into action and started the fund-raising for the air-conditioners. Several months later, our Church became one of the first, if not the very first, air-conditioned churches in Cebu.

In the following years, God led me to call in Rev. Paul Huang from Bacolod, Rev. Himlal Pradhan, Rev. Mike Phua, Rev. Felix Ong from Dumaguete, Rev. John Ong from Iloilo, and Rev. Albert Ong and a delegate from Tacloban, to form the Visayas Christian Workers Fellowship, with the acronym CBDTI (Cebu, Bacolod Dumaguete, Tacloban, and Iloilo). The purpose was to foster closer fellowship among these churches by holding a CBDTI Youth Conference and a CBDTI Workers Retreat every other year.

But one of the most memorable experiences I cherished during my 14 years of ministry was the existence of the Monday and Saturday Bible study groups. The study groups were originally designed as a Christian growth Bible study, but God had a different plan. He turned it into an evangelistic Bible study. We praise God for the fruits of these Bible studies. Souls were converted and baptized – not only individuals, but also whole families. Many backsliders were restored, and even became laboring Church officers. Praise God, for up this time, these brethren are still laboring joyously in the ministry of the Lord in Cebu Gospel Church.

**To GOD ALONE BE ALL THE GLORY AND HONOR! ☩**





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will come with the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD; I will make mention of Your righteousness, Yours alone.

Oh God, You have taught me from my youth, And I still declare Your wondrous deeds.

And even when I am old and gray, oh God, do not forsake me, Until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your power to all who are to come. For Your righteousness, oh God, reaches to the heavens. You who have done great things; God, who is like You?

**PSALM 71:16-19**

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# MIRACLES

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*Pastor Alice Huang*





*The author with her family in Bacolod last July 17, 2015.*

## 1. Salvation

I had three problems before I was saved.

First, I used to be afraid to die not knowing where I would be after I die. How can I get to Paradise after I die?

Second, it is easier for me to work with concrete figures like math. It was hard for me to believe in Someone who I cannot see. How can I have faith and trust in Jesus?

Third, a classmate spoiled my brushwork. We fought and ended up in the principal's office. And more. It hurt my self-esteem because I was a teacher's daughter. So I did not talk to her for a long time. In fact, I hated her.

It's unchristian of me. Would my character ever change?

One day in a big evangelistic meeting, the Holy Spirit rebuked me of my sins. I repented and confessed my sins to the Lord Jesus. I believed in the promise that if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

He forgave me. Being cleansed inside, I invited Jesus Christ to come in and be my Lord and Savior. I knew that when I die, I would be with our Lord Jesus in Paradise. God amazingly enabled me to trust Him for life. Then He guided me to go find my classmate, and we reconciled. Since then, hatred was miraculously removed from my life.

The Lord also gave me a witness. She was my teenage cousin and buddy Elly. One day she said to me, "Your face is the same, but your person had been changed already." Praise the Lord! I'm eternally grateful to the Lord for His great salvation.

## 2. A Haunted House

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It was World War 2. News spread that the Japanese were coming. People ran for their lives. We evacuated into the hinterland of Zamboanga by trekking through the huge wild mountainous areas. We could hear the monkeys' cries echoing from afar. But where would we stay? That's the problem. The local people suggested a house there.

But it's haunted, they say, when people stay in that house, death would follow. That's why no one dared to live there. But we have nowhere else to go.

So we occupied the house. In that house, Father started our family devotion. He would lead by singing a hymn, read the Bible, and prayed. Mother told me that I grew up fat and healthy. Praise and thank the Lord!

## 3. Teacher's Fee

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I was a student at the Bible Institute of the Philippines, now the Biblical Seminary of the Philippines. Aside from studies in the Bible and theology, other academics, practical field works, etc., we were encouraged to take up music lessons.

On a Saturday in early 1966, I was to go see my piano teacher, Mrs. Navarro. It was a pay day. Three classmates left with me a total of ₱60 to pay our piano teacher. I prayed and asked God to give me ₱20.

Before I went out I, prayed again for God's provision and read the Bible. These were the words that impressed my heart: "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord Almighty." (Zechariah 4:6) I did not understand it at that time. But I got up to go and make good our appointment with our piano teacher.

I arrived at teacher Navarro's house in Quezon City. I handed her my classmates' money and was about to tell her that I could not pay her at this time.

But before I can say anything, Mrs. Navarro would not accept the money. She told me, "Everybody needs money, but I want to have a part in serving the Lord." She knew we were Bible students.

When I got back to BIOP, my classmates were astonished. But I knew God wonderfully answered my prayers and blessed all of us!

## 4. Arm Straightened

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My youngest brother strained his right arm carrying a case of soft drinks, and could not straighten it afterwards. Mother sought ways to heal him, and even consulted a medical doctor. All to no avail.

Over time, Father came to see his arm and prayed. He talked to my brother, "Let me see your arm. In the name of Jesus Christ, be healed." It was simultaneous.

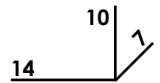
Father checked my brother's arm the same time as he prayed and stretched out the arm. My brother's arm was straightened right then and there.

Praise the Lord!

## 5. A Stone Ejected

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I received a text message from my eldest brother. He said, "The Lord enabled me to eject through urination a stone which lodged in my left kidney for more than five years!" Glory to God.



(Size of kidney stone: 14mm x 10mm x 7mm)

## 6. Nails Restored

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My Father used to smoke a lot. His nails were yellowish. Mother told him, "You have bad breath." Friends suggested ways to correct this bad habit. So Father tried candies, then tried a strong ginger drink. All to no avail. But still, Father wanted to change.

One day Father and Mother knelt down together confessed their sins, asked the Lord to change him. Mother told me they cried before the Lord. The Lord heard their cries. Halleluiah, Father was delivered from smoking!

After that, he hated even the slightest odor of cigarettes. Amazing grace! A miracle. His nails gradually returned to their natural healthy color.

Praise the Lord. Our family were so relieved and comforted.



## 7. The Notebook

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A grade 2 pupil cried his heart out. He could not locate his notebook even after checking up on his classmates. Exam was due the next day, and everything was in that notebook.

His aunt walked by and saw his plight. She told him that his grandmother often lost things and when she prayed, God answered her prayers. Would he pray to the Lord?

He prayed. He asked the Lord to forgive him for not attending to his notebook, and implored the Lord that His notebook be found. Only a moment after he prayed, the telephone rang. A classmate's voice said, "Your notebook is here in my bag!"

Praise the Lord.

## 8. "Yes, I do."

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He was a successful businessman. His wife, who was my aunt, said that he was a good husband. They never quarreled, except for the time when she shared the Gospel with him. His laborers said he was a good boss. We had close family ties. That's why I thought I could share the Gospel with him.

But the result was an angry face which I didn't want to let happen again. Henceforth, the issue of Salvation was not brought up again, but prayers continued. We wanted all our loved ones to go to Heaven.

That day came. Uncle was in bed with his eyes closed. Cancer: last stage. I wrestled within myself. Could he get well again? Maybe not. Oh, Lord, I need courage.

With open eyes, but praying fervently in my heart, I pleaded, "Lord, save him. Give me courage to tell Uncle of the Gospel."

I went near Uncle's bedside. My aunt was seated across his bed. My question was short and direct because we had talked about man's Sin problem in the past.

"Uncle, do you acknowledge that you are a sinner?"  
Very clearly, he answered, "Yes, I do."



"Uncle, do you want to confess your sins to the Lord Jesus? Because the Bible says if we confess our sins we will be forgiven."

Again he answered, "Yes."

It's amazing! My aunt and I looked at each other crying with tears of joy. After Uncle's confession I asked him, "Uncle, now God has forgiven your sins, do you want to receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior?"

"Yes, I do." It was a very clear affirmation from Uncle again. My aunt and I just praise and thank the Lord amidst flowing tears of joy! Praise the Lord, "he who has the Son has life." (1 John 5:12) 🙏

*\*....and (the Lord Jesus Christ) upholds all things by the word of His power. (Hebrews 1:3)*

# GRACE UPON GRACE

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*Pastor Jennifer Wee*

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believed everyone have experienced grace in their lives, one way or the other. Grace is something you receive that you didn't deserve.

The most profound Grace that Christians experience is the Salvation. None of us deserve to receive it, for we are all enemies of God.



But our Great God showed His unconditional love by sending His one and only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to die for us. This is the Grace that God showered to all of us.

As written in **Ephesians 2:8-9**: *"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."*

In our lives, there are many times when we could see His grace in action, but we tend to take it for granted.

As I look back, my own life is a grace from God. Why? Because I had lots of accidents, such as: almost drowning to death in a river; drinking gasoline that I mistook as water or 7-Up; falling down from the rooftop; getting hit by a car while riding a bicycle; and having a firecracker almost explode while it was still in my hand.

If I wasn't a Christian, I would believe that I have seven lives, just like a cat. But no, it's all through God's Grace why I'm still alive, and the incidents I mentioned turned out to be a near-miss or a minor accident. In fact, the most dangerous event of my life was when I delivered my son into this world. I almost died, to the point that my husband had to sign a waiver to absolve the hospital from responsibility in the case of my death or my son's death.

You see, my son was born with his umbilical cord wrapped around his neck, a condition called a **nuchal cord**. My OB/GYN had to use forceps to pull him out, and I bled profusely due to weak tissue. After I was stitched shut, I needed five bags of blood to be transfused to save my life.

Throughout the ordeal, God had provided everything. Consider that during those days, not all hospitals maintain adequate supply of blood. In His Grace, God allowed me to be confined in an affiliate hospital of the prestigious St. Luke's Medical Center, where we received a big discount.

So that's why it's all but the grace of God that up to today, I can continue to serve the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. As **Hebrews 4:16** says, *"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."*

As my son grew up, we dedicated him to the Lord. Dedicating my son means to let God use him for whatever purpose He wants him to serve. I remember one pastor preaching about God asking Solomon what he wanted. Was it wealth, power or wisdom? Solomon chose wisdom and knowledge so he could govern His people. I was praying in my heart: *"Lord, my desire is for my son to have wisdom and knowledge as well so he could give glory unto your name."*

Indeed, God answered our prayer. He gave my son the ability to read and count before Nursery. He was a consistent honor student, and graduated as valedictorian during primary school. By the Lord's Grace, my son was able to win competitions within and even outside the school, both local as well as international.

He got a silver medal in a Math competition in Hong Kong, was the 3<sup>rd</sup> runner-up in team competition and the Top Scorer in Las Vegas, Nevada, and received bronze medals in both Singapore and China.

He didn't excel only in Mathematics. He competed in Bible, computer and Scrabble. Maybe you are thinking that we are just bragging about our son's accomplishment. But no, it wasn't our genes or superior parenting skills that led to his accomplishments; we recognize that it all comes from the Lord.

I do believe some of your child(ren) have achieved much; if this is so, let us share how our Great God works in our lives and in the lives of our loved ones.

Serving in Mandaue Gospel Church is also another answered prayer. God impressed in my heart to serve Him in a small church outside Metro Manila ever since I was in the seminary.

I am glad to see how God has used MGC to transform the lives of its members, and to reach out to their unsaved friends and families.

It is also a blessing to see fellow Christians who are now serving the Lord more actively. They progressed from only attending Sunday worship service then, to doing visitations and thinking of ways to participate in the ministry today, for they see the need to do their parts in expanding God's Kingdom.

I hope and pray that more disciples of Christ will be trained, and that there will be small groups to meet each member's needs.

This will all be done on His perfect time and by His Grace, and will be another answered prayer, for nothing is impossible with God.

Allow me to end with a statement from the missionary William Carrey: *"Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God."* 🙏



# GOD'S UNMERITED GRACE

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*Pastor Eric Chan*

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reetings everyone! It has been a while since I last wrote an article for Gospel Light. During the past two years, my wife and I have been doing God's work within the city through off-campus discipleship with students, and later also with adults. I was requested by the Literature Committee to write an article; thank God it was about grace.





Truly it was only by God's grace that we have continued our labor for the Lord's vineyard here in the city of Cebu. Glory be to God and Him alone!

Last June 13, a dear friend and brethren in the Lord reminded me that the deadline for submission of the article was on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June. On that very day, as soon as I found time, I started to gather my thoughts and researched a few stories online, which led me to the news about a pastor who committed suicide.

The pastor was said to have recently remarked, "Sometimes I don't feel like God is hearing me." Pastor Teddy Parker died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound in the driveway of his home while his 800-member church and his family waited for him to show up to preach that Sunday morning.

Parker's longtime friend, Dr. E. Dewey Smith Jr., senior pastor at The House of Hope Atlanta later explained: "He was suffering with ... some emotional issues that he had been dealing with ... He needed to take a break from ministry and the way our culture is, the culture forbids that.

How much do you share? How much grace do people allow?"<sup>1</sup>

"Biblically, grace actually means the favor or kindness shown without regard to the worth or merit of the one who receives it and in spite of what that person deserves."<sup>2</sup>

I guess it won't be too much to say that Christians should understand and extend grace more than anyone else, simply because we are recipients of God's unmerited grace. But more often than not, this is not the case.

Which reminds me of the parable of the money-lender and the two debtors found in Luke 7:41-43, spoken by the Lord Jesus Christ against the Pharisees. The church is not a place for perfect people, but heaven is; so as people of grace, the body of Christ should learn to extend grace to others as well.

1 <http://www.churchleaders.com/pastors/pastor-articles/171423-pastor-commits-suicide-while-congregation-waits-for-him-to-preach.html>, retrieved on June 13, 2016.

2 "Grace," Nelson New International Bible Dictionary.

In his second letter to the church in Corinth, Paul wrote (in chapter 11, English Standard Version):

<sup>23</sup> Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one – I am talking like a madman – with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. <sup>24</sup> Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. <sup>25</sup> Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; <sup>26</sup> on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; <sup>27</sup> in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. <sup>28</sup> And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. <sup>29</sup> Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant? <sup>30</sup> If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. <sup>31</sup> The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. <sup>32</sup> At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of Damascus in order to seize me, <sup>33</sup> but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands.

Reading through Paul's two letters to Corinth, it was clear that some have maligned him and discredited both his ministry and his authority as apostle of Jesus Christ. Without a doubt, Paul suffered so much, yet he remained faithful and served the Lord Jesus until he was martyred for his faith.

I guess, given the same predicament, anyone could have simply walked away and stopped doing God's work. Indeed, how little grace do people allow! But Paul took everything in and continued on.

Shouldn't we Christians, who claim faith in Jesus' name, persevere and do the same? Yes, we should, and the Lord expects us to do so. The Apostle Paul wrote, "For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in Him but also suffer for His sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have."<sup>3</sup>

Many Christians, and worse, even fellow pastors today, have a wrong notion of God's grace. We behave as though God owes us good things. We can't even appreciate suffering for Christ as a good thing for our Christian growth. We do a little good deed, and in return expect or think that God owes us a favor. We forget that we were unworthy of His grace in the first place! For the Bible said,

3 Philippians 1:29-30, ESV

"But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."<sup>4</sup>

We can never comprehend God's grace, not until we see our own unworthiness; that we are nothing before Him. Our labor, success, or good deeds are simply results of God's grace. The Scriptures said, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."<sup>5</sup>

Paul understood grace; he recognized and knew that God can do His will without him, so he was simply a recipient of God's grace. Hence, in his letter to Timothy, Paul wrote: "I thank Him (God) who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because He judged me faithful, appointing me to His service, though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy ... and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus."<sup>6</sup>

Many times, Christians fall to the temptation of Satan. Petty feuds and quarrels consume the church. We forget that we are all recipients of God's grace. We are "God's fellow workers ... God's field, God's building."<sup>7</sup> So Jesus said, "We must work the works of Him (God) who sent Me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work."<sup>8</sup>

Cebu Gospel Church, let us learn grace; and that we are people of grace. Unmerited grace; let us keep that in mind. So we should be thankful for everything that comes our way. God is good! It is not true that God fails to listen to us. Rather, it's actually the other way around; we often fail to see that God is gracious. He has actually given us more than we deserve. And whenever God allows trouble or pain to come before us, the Lord was simply being Himself – in that He is good. For God did say "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness."<sup>9</sup> 🙏

*The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.  
My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.*<sup>10</sup>

4 Romans 5:8, ESV

5 Ephesians 2:8-10, ESV

6 1 Timothy 1:12-14, ESV

7 1 Corinthians 3:9, ESV

8 John 9:4, ESV

9 2 Corinthians 12:9, ESV

10 1 Corinthians 16:23-24, ESV



# GRACE SUSTAINED BY LOVE

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*Pastor Rosalinda Ng*

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**“M**y grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” (2 Corinthians 12:9). These were words of encouragement God said to the Apostle Paul when he had gone through great troubles & temptation, which included physical illness not mentioned in the Bible.

In his second letter to the Corinthians, Paul pleaded three times to God to lift the burden away from him, but God refused. As a result, Paul boasts MORE about his weakness, not because he was proud of his achievements, but because he was able to experience the power of Christ against the backdrop of human weakness.

Many churches have gone through many struggles, which may not necessarily be the same as the “thorn of the flesh” Paul experienced. These trials vary in different ways, but we can always see the sustaining grace of God. Sometimes, differences may result in broken relationships, with the integrity of the church torn apart. This can be quite discouraging, yet along the way, we can still see God’s power sustain the church, helping her stand still in the midst of the storm.

Surigao Gospel Church was not exempted. She went through various storms in her life. There were times when she had no shepherd to take care of the flock. Times when she encountered internal divisions, with her flock torn asunder. Times when no one cared how she looks like from the outside. Times when weakness or discouragement was felt. Times when she was buffeted by nature’s catastrophe.

Amazingly, before she totally break, God opened our eyes to see His grace for His church. God works in His own way, in His own time, to heal and restore. He provides the means for the renovation of His church, external and internal reconstruction both. We are looking forward for more years to see His children to love and to serve until He comes! 🙌

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# GOD'S GRACE: TO CGC AND THROUGH CGC

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*Pastor Perlita Tan*

I am a living testimony of God's grace  
through Cebu Gospel Church (CGC).  
**1998: God used CGC to give me  
opportunities to serve and learn**

Thank God the President of the  
Biblical Seminary of the Philippines did not  
listen to me 18 years ago, or I might never  
have met the CGC family.

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When Dr. Joseph Shao informed me that CGC needed a youth pastor and he would like me to go to CGC for my BSOP summer internship, I pointed out that since I was going to become a missionary, other seminarians should be sent instead. But he was the President and I was the Student, so in the end, Jennifer “Kim” Chua and I were sent to CGC.

After arriving at Cebu, as soon as I had the opportunity, I explained to Atsiok *hia* and Nixon *hia*—who were the deacons in charge of the Youth Ministry at that time—that my burden was missions. So I was very sorry, but I could not serve as pastor at CGC after my graduation from BSOP.

But God is sovereign. Weaving my life into the lives of CGC people was part of His eternal plan to bring glory to His name.

That summer, Kim and I each taught and spoke an average of four times a week. Aside from all the usual ministries like prayer meetings (Wednesdays and Saturdays), fellowships (Sisters' Fellowship, YPF, CYF, etc.) and Sunday School (for both Adults and Children), there were specially-scheduled three-day seminars, like “How to do Devotion.”

We stayed at the church and were given food allowance, but we were often treated to lunch, dinner, and even after-dinner *halo-halo* or coffee by the pastors, elders, deacons, and young professionals. Yu *boksu*, Tan *boksu*, Kun Guan *hia*, Peter *hia*, Kun Tiak *hia*, Atsiok *hia*, Nixon *hia*, and Danny *hia*, just to name a few. I gained ten pounds! But it was worth it because I got to know and appreciate the leaders of CGC.

I was at CGC for only one month during the summer of 1998, but God knit the CGC family into my heart so tightly that—even though it was very clear that God was calling me to reach the unreached—after I received CGC's formal letter of invitation to serve and Yu *boksu*'s printed email

sharing that he would be moving to DYFR and he was really hoping that I will serve at CGC, I actually considered going to CGC first (for two to three years) before pursuing my missions calling.

But in the end, I decided it was still best to go straight to missions. Why? Because if I were to stay at CGC for only 2-3 years, whatever ministries and changes I would have initiated would not be sustained and might even fail. Then, when another pastor come and want to do the same changes and ministries, some members might say, “We tried that before, but it didn't work!”

In the years that followed, I grieved with CGC when it went through trials, which resulted in the departures of a number of members. I also wondered—with some regret—if I could have helped prevent these if I served at CGC? I will never know.

By God's grace, CGC reached 100 years this year, and I rejoice with CGC members throughout the years for God's constant, overflowing grace to His church!

I was also blessed to see CGC members who were already attending other churches take the time to support the Centennial Choir, attend the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary worship service, and join the evening Thanksgiving dinner. CGC will always be in our hearts.

### **2003-2007: God used CGC to support and encourage me in my calling**

After I have started working among the unreached, God renewed my relationship with CGC in 2003. Un Hock *boksu* called me up and informed me that CGC would like to support me as a missionary.

I was grateful, but I declined. I was fully supported by my home church, Gerizim Evangelical Church (GEC), and preferred to have “just enough” support.

Around a month later, he called me up again and said CGC really wants to have a part in my ministry. He advised me to accept, since it will be for just a year.

The following year, Un Hock *boksu* informed me that CGC will continue supporting me, so I requested GEC to deduct ₱5,000 (the amount CGC was giving me) from their support, so that I will still be receiving “just enough” support. As a result, two churches that were many hundreds of kilometers apart became united in supporting one missionary. That was teamwork within God's universal Church!

For me, the best thing about being supported by CGC was getting to see dear friends during the annual Mission Emphasis Week—former and present pastors, church staff, elders, deacons, sisters, youth, and the faithful prayer warriors at the prayer meetings.

Each year, I was given the opportunity to share my testimony during worship service, prayer meeting, or Adults and Children Sunday School. It was never difficult to prepare what to say, because God was always so faithful and answered so many prayers for the work among the unreached.

Because of CGC's concern for me and the ministry God entrusted to me, CGC graciously supported my team mate Loisa Tabajac too, and continued to do so for several years even when I was not in Mindanao anymore.

### **2008-2016: God used CGC to sustain my life and strength**

In 2008, I returned to Manila for my first furlough (Afterwards, I planned to serve in Indonesia). I wrote to CGC and GEC to stop their financial support, since I was just in Manila. Danny *hia* called me up to ask me if I was sure, and his gracious parting words were, “Anytime you want us to support you again, just let us know.”

Six months into my furlough, I was diagnosed with cancer.

Tiong Khing *hia* and Ale *chi* opened their home for me to enjoy their herbal plants, and let me bring leaves to eat and saplings to plant in Manila. I was able to go several times, and stopped only when I started chemotherapy, because I was not allowed to eat raw food anymore. Barney *hia* and Belle *chi* also offered their home for me to stay and relax.

When I underwent surgery on July 2010 and January 2014, Nixon *hia* took the initiative to give and even to collect "love gifts" from Danny *hia*, Jingjing *hia*, Hyman *hia*, etc.

When Hing Liong *hia* saw me at a CGC prayer meeting, he pulled out all the bills in his wallet (big and small alike) and pressed them to my hands, insisting that I accept the money for my treatment. I was very embarrassed, but also very touched. Atsiok *hia* and Ann-Ann *chi* sent a check through BSOP, and eventually directly to me. Their generosity enabled me to share God's blessings to other sick missionaries and cancer patients.

Throughout the years, many CGC people have given of themselves in different ways, and all did so voluntarily, lovingly, and sacrificially. "I thank my God every time I remember [CGC]." (Phil. 1:3) I can never repay any of them for their faithful prayers, priceless smiles, expressions of genuine concern, herbal plants, love gifts, hospitality, warm hugs, delicious meals, etc. God be the One to repay and reward them all.

Yes, God blessed CGC with so much grace. But then, CGC also knew how to pass God's grace to others. I am a living testimony of God's grace through CGC. (I cry as I type these words.)

**MAY ALL GLORY BE GIVEN TO OUR GOD OF GRACE ALONE! 🙏**



Ministry to the Unreached (2004)



CYF (1998)



Eat in with Rev. Chen (1998)



Elementary CYF (1998)



Adult Sunday School Class (1998)





ear 2016 was truly a significant year to me personally, marked with milestones where God's amazing grace flows and my cup ran over. Before anything else, let me share with you the inspirations that paved the way to these milestones.

In our 80<sup>th</sup> Gospel Light publication, our theme was 'Ebenezer' – a stone that represents God's help. I have shared on how God has always provided for me, back then and even until now.

# AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

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*Mona C. Li*





My studying at Cebu Christian School was a providence that I am very thankful for. After all, this was where I first came to know God and His Son Jesus. As a child, having accepted Christ as my personal Lord and Savior, I often wondered how to love Him back for He first loved me (1 John 4:19).

The answer was found in my favorite Bible story of the widow with two coins (Luke 21:1-4). Why? In my young mind, I saw it as an opportunity to give back the love He had so richly showered upon me. Not that I had much to give as I had very little as a child. But it showed me what truly mattered to Jesus: to give my very best to Him, nothing more and nothing less.

Now that I am an adult and beginning to enjoy my first year as a senior citizen, this Bible story is still my favorite, coupled with the verse: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28)

The following are the milestones and joyous occasions when we shout and sing of God's glory and grace:

On February 1, 2016, Miah and Lala's second child, Levi Josiah, was born. What perfect timing as my husband Richard and I arrived at Richmond, Canada that very same day for our APOStolic tour of duty. I remember when Lala called me up sometime July last year, and informed me that they were expecting another bundle of joy on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2016. My first reaction was that of joy, and then I worried that I might not be able to fulfil my promise to take care of our newborn grandchild for at least a month, as I had to be in Cebu for our church's Centennial celebration. With God's amazing grace, both Lala and baby Levi had our helping hands for over 5 weeks in Canada.

Moreover, Lala's firstborn son, Caleb, was spared from the lifelong side effects of an illness that manifested during our presence in Canada. On the fourth week of our Tour of Duty, Caleb got sick. Initially, we thought it was a simple viral infection. However, when he was still feverish on the third day, I showed his appearance to my sister, Dr. Lydia Chang, through FaceTime.

She said that it looked like Kawasaki disease, but that we need to consult with his pediatrician. After learning all there was to know about it, we were vigilant in keeping tabs on the golden period of 10 days, during which IVIG should be administered to Caleb if he truly had Kawasaki disease.

He was repeatedly checked, examined and finally positively diagnosed on the eighth day of his illness. Proper medications were given, and he has since fully recovered. Whew!!! It was a close call, but all's well that ends well. To this day, I am still amazed at God's perfect timing, and I am in awe of His love and grace.

The next milestone was our church's Centennial celebration on March 19 and 20, 2016. We flew back from Canada to Cebu on March 9 with our daughter-in-law, Kimberly, and grandson, Kenzie. Again, the timing was perfect as it was Canada's spring break, and Zie had two weeks off from school. Moreover, my sister (and mentor) from England, Rev. Anna Wright, came and attended this grand occasion. I was elated that they were here to witness the once-in-a-lifetime Centennial celebration of Cebu Gospel Church.

I was humbled and honored to be a part of the Centennial Committee. It took us almost a year of careful and extensive planning to carry out all the assigned tasks. On the surface, the execution





seemed flawless, but it was not perfect. There were numerous missteps as well as kinks. At the end of the day, the important thing was that everybody tried their best to give glory and honor to our amazing God for His abundant grace to our church.

After all the celebrations, the onus was now on our church's Literature Committee, Litcom in short, to put everything into our special Centennial Gospel Light publication. Having been a Litcom member for the past 23 years, I can say that I have never belonged to a more versatile and inspiring group as Litcom was. From a five-member team in 1993, we are now a 12-member strong group, and I am simply inspired to work hand-in-hand with them. Everybody has so much to give, and gives with love in the heart.

As you leaf through almost three hundred pages of write-ups and pictures in this special Centennial Gospel Light edition, witness the beautiful proclamations of God's grace in Cebu Gospel Church – 100 years and beyond...

June 2016 is my birth month. Since I turned 60 years old and became a member of the special Senior Citizens club, I have been enjoying membership perks to the max. My favorite is the senior citizens' lane in all sorts of counters, and '*bahala na tawagon ug tiguwang basta lang madali.*'

As my family and loved ones will attest, I love being a birthday celebrant. Why? Perhaps because of the fond childhood memories I have on my past birthdays. Mama Rose, who was a Catholic, would bring me to Sto. Rosario Church to attend mass. As highlight of the day, she would always buy me a bunch of roses just outside the church.

Today, this tradition lives on. I still eagerly look forward to receiving roses on my birthday. However, the last time I counted, there were five dozen in the vase! I was overwhelmed, and gently hinted to Boss and my gremlins that a dozen is more than enough to delight me. I love roses not only because it is the flower of my birth month, but more importantly, it was my mother's name as well.

Mama Rose passed away at the young age of 54, but I've learned so much from her. Her patience, tireless spirit and ability to look at the good qualities of everyone were the three things I want to emulate from her. I am not there yet, but I hope to get better at it in the years to come. As a way of honoring my mother, my daughters and niece all have 'Rose' as their second name.



Another reason why I love being a birthday celebrant is because it was that one single day each year in my young life that I would be the 'little boss' in the house. It meant doing whatever I wanted to do without being scolded. Always a hungry child, I could eat anything I wanted to my heart's delight. Nowadays, I am called 'Boss' as a pet name, and I have become gentler to myself by doing what I want to do at times rather than doing what I need to do at all times. I still look forward to savoring all my favorite food on my birthday but with moderation now. Having reached this milestone, I would like to thank my family, relatives and friends for their love and support. Above all, I would like to thank God for His constant providence, His unwavering faithfulness and His abundant grace.

Another milestone I eagerly looked forward to is the 30<sup>th</sup> founding anniversary of Emergency Rescue Unit Foundation Phils, Inc. (ERUF) on September 13, 2016. It is a non-governmental organization founded in 1986, after the EDSA Revolution, with my husband Richard as one of the five founders. When we first started, we had very limited material and financial resources. The first three vehicles were a second-hand Sakbayan (Volkswagen Buggy) serving as an ambulance, an old cigarette delivery van as our trauma vehicle, and a heap of scrapped metal that was slowly rehabilitated to become our fire truck.

As ERUF's treasurer for the past 29 years, the task of handling meager funds has been challenging for me, but we were undaunted. Why? Because of our abundant human resources. The spirit of volunteerism among members was immeasurable, and it sustained us through the years. Slowly but surely, we've earned a stellar track record as an emergency service provider, first in Cebu City, then in Lapu-Lapu City, and finally back to where we first came from, Mandaue City.

Today, ERUF fields an average of 40 ambulance calls per day. But with a growing populace and increasingly monstrous traffic conditions, sometimes we simply cannot provide medical help as quickly as we need to. How do we solve problems where time is of the utmost essence? Speaking to a group of trainees yesterday, I told them that 'instead of giving fish to men, we hope to teach them to become fishermen.'

By God's grace, and generosity from our benefactors and supporters, our dream of putting up a paramedic training center is now a reality. It sits on a 5,000-square meter lot in Mandaue City.







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In this facility, we will provide TESDA-certified training to emergency medical technicians for our local government units so they can properly run the mushrooming ambulances in the tri-cities of Cebu.

Unknown to many, ERUF is more than just a medical service provider. We are also capable of responding to all kinds of disaster-related emergencies. Moreover, we hope to train people on first-aid, basic life support, and disaster preparedness so as to minimize loss of life and property when disasters and calamities strike. We envision a safer society by providing a vast network of medical, rescue and rehabilitation, pre-hospital, disaster preparedness, and training services to the communities.

I was once asked how one can become a member of ERUF. The answer is pure and simple – one has to have the heart to serve with a spirit of volunteerism. Our youngest child, Katherine Rose, was an ‘ERUF Baby’ as she was born in the same year the organization was founded. Growing up, Kitty would always tag along with us until she became a volunteer herself. While she resides in Canada now, she would always visit her ERUF family whenever she is in Cebu.

Looking back at our past, we may have grown by leaps and bounds, but we cannot sit on the laurels of our achievements, for there is still much work to be done as we continue to serve so that others may live. I may sound like a broken record, but the truth of the matter is, we have come this far because of God's providence and amazing grace through our paramedics, volunteers and members. Hallelujah!!!

Lastly but definitely not the least, we will be expecting another bundle of joy come Christmas day from my son Bonuy and Kimberly. Lord willing, we will soon have a ‘Rose’ for a grandchild. I dearly love all three of our grandsons, but I have been told that it is delightfully different to have a granddaughter. I am definitely thrilled and excited. ☺

As I ponder on this year's milestones, I feel indeed so blessed. Luke 12:48 states: “From everyone who has been given much, much will be required.” In my past 60 years, I've been given so much more than I ever deserve, and for that, I am forever grateful to our gracious God. As I continue to run the race our Lord has set before me, my ultimate goal in life is to cross the finish line with Him holding the prize on the other side. What great joy it will be to hear our Almighty God say: “Well done, my good and faithful servant.” (Matthew 25:23)

To God be all the glory and honor! 🙏



# DISCOVERING GOD'S GRACE AND CALL:

## A Reflection on CGC's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

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*Reverend Anna Chang-Wright*

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In England, when I received the invitation card from Cebu Gospel Church to join the celebration of its 100<sup>th</sup> founding anniversary, I immediately felt that I was holding something unique and enchanting.



The card had travelled some 10,000 kilometers by air, bearing an exquisite 3D paper cut-out model of the church building that I had attended in my youth. I realized that certain individuals had taken meticulous care in planning the celebration of the Church's founding anniversary. I thought it would be wonderful to participate in it.

It was pure synchronicity that I had already been planning a visit to the Philippines. Timing my arrival in Cebu with the Anniversary date, I was taken by the running tableau of a hugely-engaging historical exhibition, heavenly music, glorious worship, inspirational sermon, delicious food, and warm fellowship among the local congregation and invited guests.

The thoughtfulness that had gone into the planning of events reflected the great variety of abilities and gifts that people contributed. These ranged from the careful selection of archival exhibition materials, through the Centennial Thanksgiving Dinner and mementoes, the transportation logistics, to the endless practices leading to the coruscating musical performances (including an original composition) by the CGC Centennial Choir in the newly-refurbished church building.

There are too many details to repeat here, but the memory of the anniversary celebration continues to hearten my heart and spirit. The sheer collaborative work reminds me of St. Paul's description of Christ's body as comprising all parts, from the little toes to the overseeing eyes. What holds all these parts together in harmony? I believe it is the Holy Spirit sent by Jesus Christ through his grace.

While the 'grace' of Jesus Christ locates its source in the forgiveness and mercy that He wrought for the world, grace is made real and perfected in our lives when our hearts perceive and respond with *gratitude* to all of life's events, and to those around us.



In other words, for me grace has two sides like a coin. One side is the 'unmerited forgiveness' experienced through the loving self-giving of Jesus. The other side is the '*gratitude for unmerited blessings*' experienced through the constancy and generosity of God.

Throughout its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, Cebu Gospel Church made me feel as if I was a receptacle for the numerous blessings that it had received from God, and was now sharing with its friends and guests. Its hospitality reminded me of the famous scene under the Oak of Mamre, where Abraham and Sarah unknowingly entertained God.

Hurrying here and there, and through the exhorting of his wife and his servants, Abraham managed to put together a most delicious fare of milk, curd, bread and calf-meat before his three mysterious guests. As a guest of CGC, I had an infinitesimal taste of that ineffable hospitality stemming from

the inner heart of our gracious Triune God.

After all the celebrations, the next timely (and urgent) question to ask is: What is the church going to do now? What is its future? What indeed is its real calling?

Instead of considering the 'church' as the primary subject, and its purpose or 'calling' as a secondary subject, I would like to turn the matter on its head. The late influential missiologist David Bosch suggested that the 'Church' exists only and purely for the sake of Mission. Without its Mission, the Church is gradually reduced into an inward-looking and meaningless entity or club.

By Mission, we don't mean the narrow definition of going into homes and hearts of unbelievers and converting them. God's Mission or '*Missio Dei*' has a much deeper and larger agenda; it is indeed the basis and reason of all earthly existence.

God created this universe as an outpouring of his infinite generosity, hospitality and grace. His purpose is to share his ineffable Being with this universe; to share His Goodness with his Creation.

Missio Dei is, therefore, proclaiming – with all our hearts, minds and strengths – God's creative love, boundless generosity and indiscriminate forgiveness. To embody Missio Dei is to embrace every aspect of our personal, social, economic, and political worlds, and to discern God's grace in all their potentialities and actualities, chaos and messiness.

Discovering grace enables us to discover the value and worth of each person who comes into our orbit of consciousness and acquaintance. The gift of 'grace' is complete only if we help others discover grace in their own lives. This means that we should do our best to engage not only with our family and friends, but also with employees and strangers with equal understanding, kindness and magnanimity.

This further entails that we seriously challenge those economic, social and political structures that create and foster conditions leading to social inequality, unrest, anger, and ultimately, violence and death. Ultimately, it is to shed our all-too-human tendency to protect our portion of personal security and happiness; to preserve our own small peace.

For how can we have real, inner peace when somewhere in the world, thousands of children still die from thirst or water-borne diseases, many young women are still deprived of education, millions of civilians are displaced by war, refugees continue to drown in their frightful bid for freedom, and a whole nation in Palestine continues to be prevented from accessing economic and medical help?

As David Bosch states, "We increasingly find ourselves in a truly apocalyptic situation where the rich get richer and the poor poorer, and where oppression and violence are escalating... We cannot close our eyes to these realities." It is false faith to divorce the spiritual sphere from the personal, social, and material spheres of the world.

Above all, I feel that we need to consider how we can simplify our lives, including our church activities, so we can lessen our environmental footprint and help save the Earth. After all, how can we speak of faith, of the Church, and of God's Mission (of which evangelization is a dimension) if we cannot

***"Grace is made real and perfected in our lives when our hearts perceive and respond with gratitude to all of life's events, and to those around us."***

guarantee human existence and survival in the next few centuries? Indeed, this particular issue is so huge that it requires an entirely separate article.

In the meantime, I would like to say that we cannot rest on the laurels of our past achievements. The paradox is that true success leads to a greater thirst for 'divine meaning' and to higher levels of commitment and work. True success means we have to query more, venture further, and risk more. It means responding more and more sacrificially to God's call.

As a maturing people of God, we are called to give generously ever more of ourselves, our resources, our gifts, and our love. We should learn to give not what we can spare from our abundance, but to give until it hurts.

I wonder what our response would be if God were to ask 90% of what we have, rather than a mere 10%! Indeed, we should emulate the poor widow with two mites who gave her all. As St. Luke says, "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." (Luke 6:38)

I would like to end by extending my heartiest "Thanks" to you all at Cebu Gospel Church for giving me a most unforgettable celebratory experience. When autumn comes, and the nights here in England grow long and dark, I shall take out my paper cut-out model of Cebu Gospel Church, and feel my heart blaze anew with warm memories of, and deep gratitude for, your God-inspired hospitality, generosity and grace. 🙏





ne Sunday morning, while we were in the middle of our Sunday Worship Service, my tooth suddenly became unbearably painful. The pain first started some days ago, but until that day, it was still bearable.

The tooth first cracked when I was eating those hard baguettes in *La Ville Lumière*, that famed City of Light. It cracked even more when I was eating cornicks, giving me this stinging sensation.

# THE TOOTH ABOUT CHRISTIANS

Jocelyn Po

Soon, the pain became so unbearable. I took the hands of my husband, and softly whispered that my tooth ached... and I can't bear it anymore.

My husband gave me that look, as if saying, "we are in the middle of a worship service! Can't it wait?"

GRRRRR!!! If only I could dictate to this tooth that it's a Sunday!!! Teeth are supposed to behave on Sundays!!!

Then I started psyching myself up by quietly saying, "You can do it, you can do it girl... It's just in your mind." But no matter how much I tried to convince myself this time, the mind was not stronger than my pain.

I turned to my husband and pulled his hand. He responded with his undisturbed look, seemingly telling me to "decide for yourself."

I was trying to reach out to him for a little bit of comfort, but it appeared futile.

"No, no, your mind is more powerful than the pain," I often hear from skeptics. Yeah right!!! Whoever said that should try getting a toothache. Easily said, so why don't you try it? Hehehe!!!

It was a Sunday and as the little girl use to sing

*Sunday, Sunday,  
It's a happy day!!!  
Sunday, Sunday!  
What a fun day!!!*

Well, it was not a fun day. Not for me.

Dentists tell us that a tooth is as precious as gold. Nah, keep the gold; I want this tooth out.

So, I pulled out my cellphone and called my dentist. I told her I want to see her now.

She said it's a Sunday.

I replied, I know, and in fact, I am in the middle of worship service.

She told me that she will not be around until Tuesday.

I said it is okay, I don't care if she will hold office next month or year because I want it pulled now as in NOW because I cannot wait till Tuesday or even the next hour. The excruciating pain was just so unbearable.

They said tooth pain is second to labor pain. Sorry, I beg to disagree this time. The toothache was truly unbearable because it just would not stop. At least during childbirth, the child pops out whether we like it or not, and then the pain stops. If the baby does not come out, you die and the pain stops.

But the tooth will not come out by itself, you will not die from it. Well, unless it's an abscess, but that's really rare.

So you just have to suffer the pain until that tooth is pulled out. Well, the nerve may eventually die after you bang your tooth a hundred times against your door knob. Remember? In olden days, we tied our teeth to the door knob and slammed the door to pull them out.

But this time, a dentist was needed to extract it through whatever means necessary: pull it, drill it, saw it in half, whatever – tooth, root and all. I don't care how it's done, just get me out of this misery!!!

Long story short, the offending tooth was successfully extracted. Since it was cracked, painful and could no longer be saved, the dentist had to cut it into two pieces.

Yes, she picked at it, rocked it from side to side, and pulled the whole thing out. Ahhh, free of that tooth at last. I was so happy, but my happiness was short. It lasted as long as the anesthetic.

I was suffering the next few weeks. I regretted having my tooth pulled, but I reasoned that it was the best course of action. Every time I felt the wide hole on its place, I missed my tooth. It was my favorite molar: strong, and a great cruncher and biter.

The dentist told me not to eat popcorn, which I did. Not to eat hot food which... You guessed right, I did. No hard food? Nah!! What she said I cannot eat, I ate with gusto because the forbidden fruit all suddenly became too tempting to resist. No wonder ADAM fell.

As I was nursing my wound, a deep realization came to me. My favorite tooth was doing all the chewing, grinding and cracking. It never failed me until it met its match in those Parisian breads. I loved eating those breads and could not resist cracking and crunching them.

That tooth was one of my best. But when it cracked, its usefulness ended. It became a burden, a pain, a thing you wish that did not exist. You even loathed its existence. It was a problem, a real problem.





There are many people who are like great teeth in the Church. Each of us helping the others like sets of teeth, nurturing our church for a hundred years:

Some are like the big **molars**, working hard backstage.

Some are like the **front teeth**, working in the frontlines.

Some are **canine** teeth, small but sharp.

There are those who are uselessly **impacted**; hidden but still there. They do not contribute much, except to give some intermittent pain.

Some are **jacketed**: covered and living a double life.

Some have **deep cavities** – very beautiful outside, but hollowed and decayed inside.

Some are **denture implants** – acting as posts for braces and for other teeth to hold on so that those teeth can become strong, beautiful and straight.

Some are like **false teeth**, “Belonging but never Believing.”

Some are **cracked**, **broken**, and **bruised**, but still continue to do their tasks.

Some are coated with **tartar**, great teeth but choked by the decadent pleasures of life. You can hardly see the coating, but soon the gums give them up or they are pulled out before they cause pyorrhea.

Some had **cavities** that were drilled, cleaned and **refilled**. It's painful but they held on, trying to rise up from where they have fallen.

Some are **cracked**; selfishly hiding all food inside to decay, like rotten wealth tightly kept with clenched fists.

Some just **needed to be pulled out**. It's easy to say, but once they are pulled, remember the pain that the whole body will feel. Remember the hole that they will leave behind. It is not easy to fill the gap that those others have left, but there are just times that letting go is but the best thing to do.

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Love you all. 🐾



# 教會百年慶典 感恩與展望

謝國智牧師收集

宿

務基督教會蒙上主引領，已於  
二零一六年三月二十日慶祝立  
會一百周年。



以下是本會長執同工們的肺腑感言：

- ★ 感謝主，主恩長存，祂賜給我們生命，使我們成為祂的兒女。期望在這屬靈的大家庭裡，我們再有百年能為主做工的機會。我們務要堅固，不可搖動，不要自誇，只當存謙卑的心事奉主。我們要求主賜給我們力量事奉祂，要不住地與祂有密切交通的時間，明白祂的心意，遵照祂的旨意行事。我們為主做工，要按照祂的時間受祂分派，不在乎甚麼工，乃是在乎甚麼心態。凡事以主耶穌基督為中心，才能榮耀主。哥林多前書15:58說：「所以，我親愛的弟兄們，你們務要堅固，不可搖動，常常竭力多做主工；因為知道，你們的勞苦在主裡面不是徒然的。」
- ★ 希望教會能夠保存前輩們的初衷，要向失喪的華僑、華裔傳福音，引導他們認識主耶穌，歸在主的名下，完成主的大使命，榮耀主的聖尊名。
- ★ 感謝主！在教會中，我們經歷了神的疼愛，在大小試煉中有祂的保守，有主的恩典一直在引導，見證了很多祈禱蒙垂聽以及生命改變的真實事例。但願我們不僅要在教會受裝備為基督而活，去面對將來的挑戰；我們還要盡力培養下一代來愛主事主，使教會能夠繼續為主發光。主恩宏大，有時我們不知如何報答，只求主給我們力量，為祂在教會服務，彼此相愛，作主門徒，榮耀主聖名。
- ★ 盼望我們能夠鼓勵下一代，用祂的話語以及我們得勝基督生活的見證，使他們能夠更愛主，按時候結果子，而且於壓力之下仍然忠心。願他們能忍耐到底，使他們得著神所應許要賜給他們那生命的冠冕。
- ★ 本人已在本會擔任牧養工作將近一年，在這期間，我親眼目睹本會弟兄姊妹們都是蒙主的愛激勵，各盡其職，盡本分靠主恩典事奉祂。無論是重修大禮堂，為百週年主題歌作詞曲，舉辦聖頌團讚美晚會，主日感恩崇拜會，一百年聖工展覽，感恩愛宴同樂會以及出版慶典特刊等等都表現出大家對上主的感恩與頌讚。期許在本會百年慶典後，讓我們再接再勵，忘記背後，努力面前，向著標竿直跑。

以下是我們的展望：

- I. 求主使我們愛主、愛人、愛教會更深，保持全身奉獻給主，不效法這個世界，只要心意更新而變化。（羅馬書12:1-2）
- II. 追求靈命長進，向上結果，往下紮根，每天保持讀經、禱告、默想、背誦經文、參與小組查經團契和每主日崇拜頌讚主。「你們既然接受了主基督耶穌，就當遵祂而行，在祂裡面生根建造，信心堅固，正如你們所領的教訓，感謝的心也更增長了。」（歌羅西書2:6-7）
- III. 求主在本會興起一批職業青年，青少年有負擔完成主的大使命。感謝主，今年六月開始有二十位青年人參與每月一次的門徒培訓。宿務建基中學（PCGS）八月開始有二十多位八年級與九年級的中學生參與每禮拜二個人佈道的培訓。求主在下一代興起一批「主的門徒」，使我們完成主所交托的大使命。「耶穌進前來，對他們說：天上地下所有的權柄都賜給我了。所以你們要去，使萬民作我的門徒，奉父、子、聖靈的名給他們施洗。凡我所吩咐你們的，都教訓他們遵守，我就常與你們同在，直到世界的末了。」（馬太福音28:18-20）
- IV. 求主使我們在宣道事工上繼續被祂使用。今年是我們第五十一年支持宣教士、神學院、神學生以及福音機構，目前已設立一間堂會－萬那威基督教會（Mandaue Gospel Church）與一所支會樹里交基督教會（Surigao Gospel Church）。未來的日子，懇求主給我們有負擔擴張我們的宣道領域，讓使徒行傳1:8在本會實現。「但聖靈降臨在你們身上，你們就必得著能力，並要在耶路撒冷、猶太全地和撒瑪利亞，直到地極，作我的見證。」

我們向主的祈求是：「願禱的作為向禱僕人顯現；願禱的榮耀向他們子孫顯明。願主我們神的榮美歸於我們身上。願禱堅立我們手所做的工；我們手所做的工，願禱堅立。」（詩篇90:16-17）🙏

# 憑信心踏上

曾永光牧師

# 感

謝神在宿務基督教會一百年來的奇妙作為。我和師母熊國英有幸也被神呼召從1974—1985年參與在此教會的事奉、我們獻上由衷的感恩。



42年前我們剛從香港的海外神學院畢業、得悉宿務基督教會極需一位傳道人輔助剛中風的老牧師。我們經過迫切祈禱、決定回應神的呼召、婚後三個月便憑著單純的信心、踏上全然陌生的征途。當時我們既年輕又無經驗、不會說閩南話和菲律賓土語、但是教會裡的弟兄姊妹對待我們如同自己人、盡力幫助我們適應新環境。

我負責英文崇拜及青年工作、師母除了協助我、還幫助姊妹及聖樂方面的事工。學閩南（福建）話對我是一大挑戰。一位有愛心的老姊妹天天教我用羅馬字拼音讀聖經、我足足花了一整年才學會以閩南話講道。而曾師母竟然比我聰慧、四個月就可以了。懂得閩南話後、我們感到在弟兄姊妹中的交往更親切了。

我們的三個兒女：加慧、加麗及加榮都在菲律賓出世。姊妹們對師母的關心無微不至、特別是她坐月子的時候、她們更是預備各式各樣的補品（連我的體重也增加了）。即使在平常的日子、還是常有人把鮮果、雞蛋、糕點等美食送上牧師樓、我們亦經常被邀請到會友家中或餐館享受豐盛的筵席。不久我們就察覺許多福建人的基督徒、都很敬重牧者、他們的祖先也是很愛神和敬重神僕人的、他們是蒙神大大賜福的人！

事奉剛開始、就有人告訴我們：「宿務是石頭地、傳福音非常困難！」不過我們沒有因此氣餒、因為我們深信在神沒有難成的事！我們不停地每週祈禱探訪。撒旦的權勢雖大、我們的神卻仍然成就奇事。有一位弟兄後來見證說：一次醉酒後回家由樓梯跌下來、跌不死卻跌醒了、想起所漠視的福音便悔改信主。另一人做大生意說自己不必信、只要拉著女兒們的衣裳便可上天堂！我探訪他十次以上、為他祈禱、終於神軟化他的心、他就接受耶穌為個人救主。後來還成了兄弟團團長。感謝神。

在宿務六年後、我想去美國深造。師母卻顧慮到經濟問題！奇妙地、神竟安排一對美國宣教士夫婦到我們教會分享。當他們知道師母的擔憂時、竟問：「摩西帶領多

少以色列人過紅海？」師母答道：「兩百萬人。」「在曠野多久？」「四十年。」「他們衣物有破嗎？有沒有餓？鞋有否破掉？那麼你們家裡有幾個人？要去美國幾年？若果是神的旨意要你們去、你想祂會供應嗎？」宣教士講完、為我們祈禱後、便離去了。我們的信心得到堅固、決心倚靠神的應許過活。感謝神、祂感動宿務教會、我們的親人、以及個別的弟兄姊妹支助我們。兩年裡、雖然有時我們會迷惘、不知道明後天將如何的時候、神總會差派小烏鴉把肉及時叨來、供應豐足、從不誤事。哈利路亞！榮耀歸於全能的神！

從惠敦神學研究院畢業後、我們重回菲事奉。感謝神的恩典和教會的推薦、我於1983年被按立為牧師。教會要建主日學樓、我們就與弟兄姊妹一起憑信心動工、工程完成、一沒所缺。我們更多著重培育青年人。宿務教會辦有基督教學校、有忠心的校牧和老師同工、引領很多青年人信主。我鼓勵他們來參加教會每星期六早上六時的祈禱會、然後邀請他們到牧師樓吃早餐。之後一起查經或探訪。感謝神前後十一年中、有十位青年獻身唸神學、其中兩位回來教會事奉、一位做牧者、一位做學校校長。

每一次當我們重回宿務探望弟兄姊妹時、我們都十分興奮雀躍。看見許多青年人都已長大成為教會的領袖、有些更做了長老及執事。又喜見萬那威福音中心的建設和自立、同時教會積極地參與扶貧振災、繼續支持對菲律賓人傳福音的事工、以及強調宣教和支持神學院、叫我們不住感恩。

在教會慶祝一百週年的前一個主日、我傳講的信息是：「時常記念這些事」（彼後1：12-21）。但願我們持續地站穩在信心的根基上、並追求在神的道中成長、滿有基督豐滿的形象。正如百年會歌的歌詞：「一百年她持守主的真道、宿務基督教會願榮耀祢！」

神是信實的、願祂的名被稱頌、直到永遠！✝

# 宿務基督教會 與我

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許玉英師母

# 我

出生於南島岷欄佬（Mindanao）鄢市、生長在基督教的家庭。鄢市基督教會是由中國大陸來的西方宣教士創立的、是獨立地方教會。我九歲時、家父鼓勵我到教會參加主日學、因此鄢市教會就成了我屬靈的家。





1965

在我青年時期、「菲聖」校友張金英牧師在鄢市教會做全時間的傳道人。她勤勞地在教會事奉、包括探訪、講道以及主日學青年事工。有一天她來探訪我、鼓勵我回到鄢市教會、因為我曾有一段時間不在華人教會聚會。

每一年宿務教會舉辦夏令會、我們鄢市教會的青年人都積極參加。我在這些夏令會的屬靈活動中清楚救恩、並回應神的呼召立志一生事奉主。

一九七一年我大學畢業後、憑信心進入菲律賓聖經學院受造就。奇妙的神感動宿務教會一對長輩在經濟上支持我。當時我看到許多華人教會荒涼缺乏傳道人、我就有負擔在華人教會事奉。

一九七五年從菲律賓聖經學院畢業後、我毅然回到鄢市教會事奉。



1966

一年後、神帶領我與謝國智牧師結婚。結婚前、宿務教會的牧師、長執特意來看望我、他們表示宿務教會願意在經濟上支持謝牧師與我在鄢市教會的事奉。當時謝牧師受菲律賓中華基督教會委派到北呂宋兩個地方的教會事奉。我們經過一段時間的禱告等候、尋求神的帶領、於是神帶領我們到迺乙教會事奉。

兩年後、我們離開迺乙教會回「菲聖」深造、同時在銀禧堂做青年事工。從一九七八年直到今年、我們在銀禧堂已有三十八年的事奉歷程。

謝牧師於五年前退休、在五年內仍不忘上帝僕人的神職繼續關心銀禧堂的事工支持宣教士、同時幫助一些有需要的教會的工作。

今年正月、謝牧師接受宿務教會的邀請擔任牧養工作。主用二首詩歌感動了我、使我決心與他一同在宿務教會事奉。

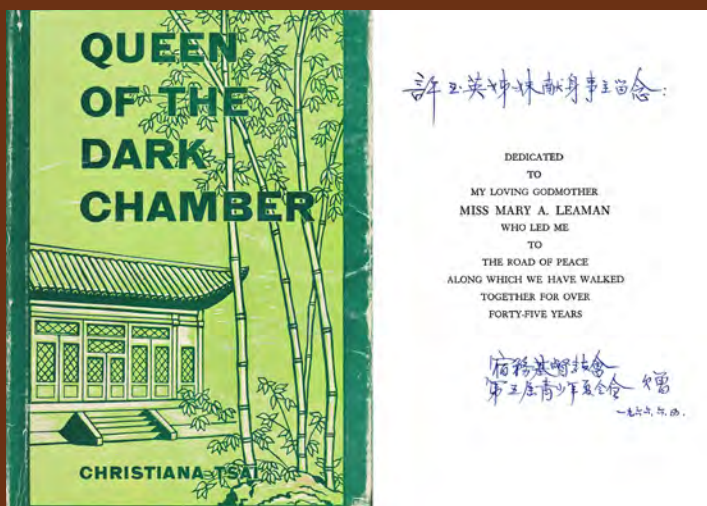


1967



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「我在這些夏令會的  
屬靈活動中清楚救恩、  
並回應神的呼召立志  
一生事奉主。」



黃禎榮楊昭治 賢伉儷



1976



1976

詩歌「只有順服」副歌：

非我願做之事  
非我願去之地  
因我不配選擇自己的路  
救主為我揀選  
這是最好無比  
願主指引我去或留

宿務教會百週年主題詩之副歌：

一百年她持守主的真道  
宿務基督教會願榮耀祢  
只有祢知道、主、未見將來  
願教會為祢發光百年。👑





# 不住地禱告

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雯華

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- I. 祈禱是咱在靈裡與上帝交通
  - II. 人人都能夠祈禱，但是不信主的人之祈禱，不會蒙神垂聽
  - III. 祈禱的首要：
    - a. 信心：最有效的祈禱是要有信心的祈禱。上帝藉著聖經對咱說話，咱卻以信心向神說話。咱從聖經知道上帝是萬權能的神，是創造宇宙萬物的主宰，無所不知，無所不在，無所不能的上帝。

祂愛敬畏祂的人，也喜歡聽他們的祈禱。（希伯來書11:6）「人非有信，就不能得神的喜悅；因為到神面前來的人必須信有神，且信祂賞賜那尋求祂的人。」

- b. 聖潔：信主的人知道咱的天父是極聖潔的神，咱做祂的兒女也必須要聖潔。（利未記11:45）「我是把你們從埃及地領出來的耶和華，要作你們的神，所以你們要聖潔，因為我是聖潔的。」
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**「但是感謝上帝，  
咱屬主的人  
有聖靈在  
咱心內，  
當咱祈禱的時，  
祂就馬上  
來幫助咱，  
祂賜咱屬靈  
的智慧能夠  
得勝魔鬼一切  
的詭計。」**

c. 自省：咱親近上帝以前必須要先自我省察。在咱生活的過程中，有否得罪人呢？有否羞辱了主的聖尊名呢？咱也可以懇求聖靈幫助省察，因為祂知道咱一切所做的，有否一些隱而未現的罪還未向主認罪呢？應該求主赦免。（詩篇19:12）「誰能知道自己的錯失呢？願祢赦免我隱而未現的過錯。」

d. 認罪：咱自省以後，知道咱的過錯，若真心認自己的罪，上帝是信實的，是公義的，必要赦免我們的罪，洗淨我們一切的不義（約翰一書1:9）。

e. 悔改：咱既然知道上帝是怒恨罪惡的，那麼咱就不再去犯罪（約翰一書3：9）。咱要時時刻刻順從聖靈的引導就不放縱肉體的情慾（加拉太書5：16-18）。

f. 親近上帝：有了真正清潔的心，咱才能夠坦然無懼的來到施恩的寶座前來親近上帝。

IV. 為什麼保羅在帖撒羅尼迦前書5:17，在他最後的訓導教示咱要「不住的禱告」呢？因為「不住的禱告」在基督徒的生活中是很重要的。

a. 在約翰一書5：19告訴咱這世界是在魔鬼掌權下。v 19「我們知道，我們是屬神的，全世界都臥在那惡者手下。」

b. 以弗所書6:10-13「我還有末了的話：你們要靠著主，倚賴祂的大能大力作剛強的人。要穿戴神所賜的全副軍裝，就能抵擋魔鬼的詭計。因我們並不是與屬血氣的爭戰，乃是與那些執政的、掌權的、管轄這幽暗世界的，以及天空屬靈氣的惡魔爭戰。所以，要拿起神所賜的全副軍裝，好在磨難的日子抵擋仇敵，並且成就了一切，還能站立得住。」



- c. 彼得前書 5:8 「務要謹守儆醒。因為你們的仇敵魔鬼，如同吼叫的獅子，遍地遊行，尋找可吞吃的人。」
- d. 約翰福音 10:10a 「盜賊來，無非要偷竊，殺害，毀壞…」盜賊就是指魔鬼，牠來要偷竊咱的平安，殺害毀壞咱兄弟間的好感情，牠愛兄弟姊妹因不好感情起爭論，最後分裂。所以咱要特別要小心，不可給魔鬼留地步。咱絕對不是魔鬼的對手。但是感謝上帝，咱屬主的人有聖靈在咱心內，當咱祈禱的時，祂就馬上來幫助咱，祂賜咱屬靈的智慧能夠得勝魔鬼一切的詭計。

- v. 現在要來做一個譬如給咱看到不住禱告的重要。譬如你與你的妻子或你的丈夫說話。在談話中間有一些意見不同，因此引起鬥嘴，不久就生氣，後來爭吵說對方的短處，互相傷感情，使你失去平安。這就中了魔鬼的詭計。（提摩太後書 2:23-26）。但是咱感謝主，在這種情形以下，咱信主的人，聖靈會感動咱要馬上停止爭論，祂提醒咱這是魔鬼的工作，指示咱要隨時祈禱。咱可以進入咱的房間，安靜下來，在主面前傾心吐意向主祈禱。咱祈禱的時要遵照主耶穌在馬太福音 6:9-13 的方式祈禱。

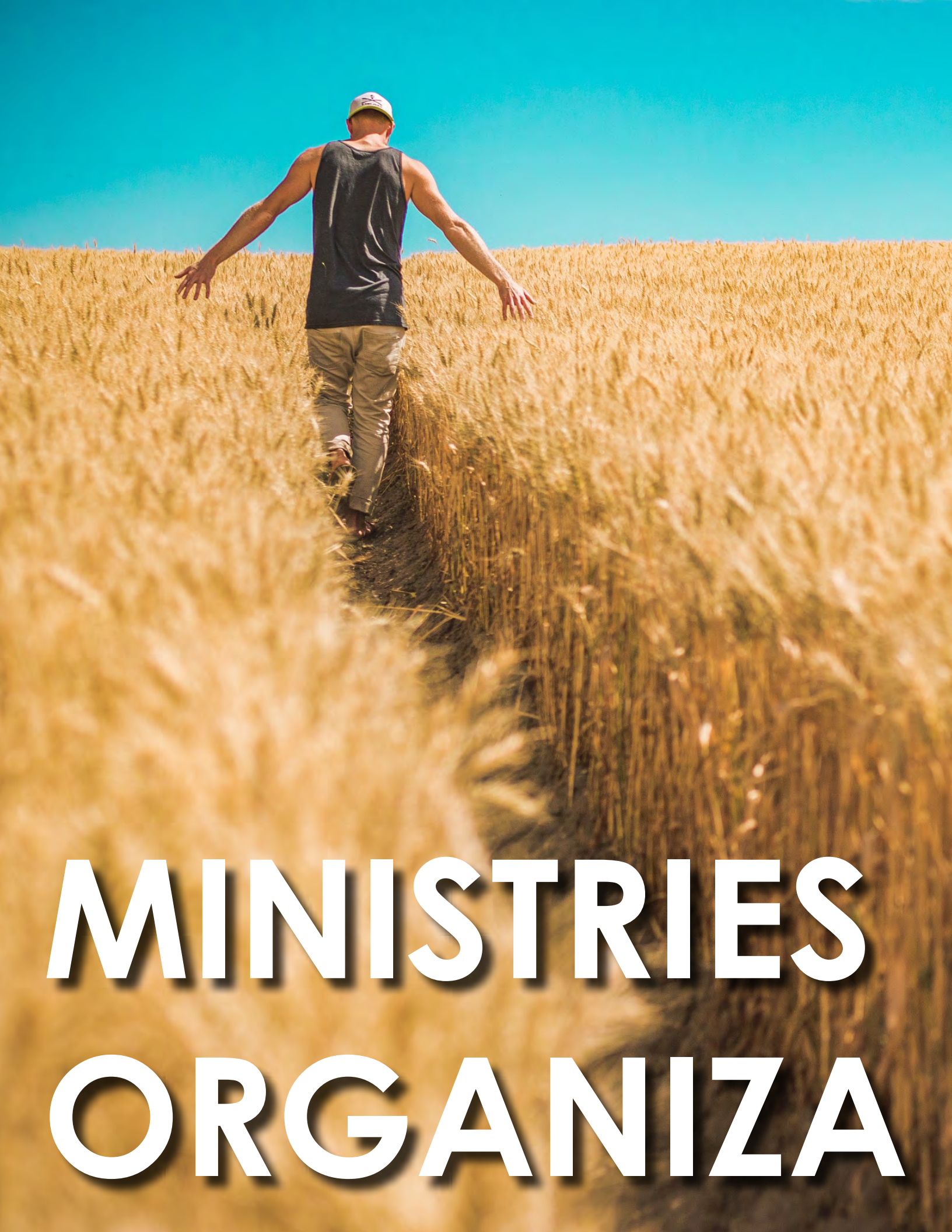
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- a. 頌讚：愛阮的天父，萬權能的上帝，阮所敬拜，所事奉獨一的真神，阮感謝祢。祢很愛阮世間人，祢犧牲了祢獨生的愛子主耶穌基督降世，為阮所犯的罪釘十字架死。因為祂的死，阮今日才能夠得永生。將來能夠在天堂永遠與祢同在。阮實在滿心感謝祢。
- b. 認罪：主啊！求祢憐憫阮，恩待阮，阮實在很軟弱很無知，常常為著很小事來爭論，互相傷感情，給魔鬼留地步，真是沒有基督的生命，求主赦免阮的罪。
- c. 饒恕感謝：主，阮感謝祢，祢賜聖靈在阮心裏，祂時刻在保護幫助阮，不許祢的名受辱。既然阮是屬主的人，那麼阮的本性也應該好像主耶穌基督愛人，並且會赦免得罪阮的人。

- d. 祈求：主，阮感謝祢教導阮要「不住的祈禱」，使阮避免了很多麻煩，很多傷心的事。阮實在感謝祢。但願阮能夠把這好消息分享給眾兄弟姊妹，使他們也能夠同樣得到這個福分，能夠在魔鬼所掌權的世界裡謹慎居住，能夠專心為主做工，討主的喜悅，榮耀主的聖名。

所以兄弟姊妹，每次咱若遇著問題，或是與人爭論，或是遇著煩難的時候，要記得約翰福音 10:10a 這是魔鬼的工作，咱不要給魔鬼留地步。咱要馬上去祈禱，就會得平安。咱的天父一定會幫助咱。

詩篇 46:1 「神是我們的避難所，是我們的力量，是我們在患難中隨時的幫助。」 🙏



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# MANDAUE GOSPEL CHURCH



# PRAYER PARTNER

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*Dr. Naome Oh*

John Maxwell's 1996 book, "Partners in Prayer", is read by church leaders and lay people worldwide. It is no secret that prayer partners should know how they could unleash the potential of prayer on behalf of their church. According to Maxwell, praying for others, including church leaders, is one of the fundamental for church-building. These are the following steps for church prayer.

1. Be spontaneous
2. Be specific, according to your needs
3. Ask the right way: Ask (James 1:5-6), Seek (Luke 11:7), and Knock (Revelation 3:20)
4. Pray with all your heart; pray aloud, tune out the distractions, and keep a prayer journal
5. Pray continually (1 Thessalonians 5:17); growth is found if you continually talk to God. This enables us to try and develop practical prayer skills.

We shall be guided by the word of Isaiah 40:31 (KJV): "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." God honors those who wait on Him, so we need to talk less and listen more, perhaps 30/70 or 20/80, not the

other way around. Wait, and be patient. Allow God to love you. Let God search you, then let God show you how.

**Confession Time.** We should confess our sins immediately, and never allow our position to keep us from doing so. It is a very humbling experience to confess. God is never surprised by what we do, so be honest. He will always tell us when we did something wrong. When sin is tolerated, it increases. Thus we consult the infallible Word of God in the Bible. The psalmist wrote in Psalm 119:89 (NIV): "Your word, Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens." So, we need to use God's Word, as suggested in 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV): "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Philippians 4:4-7 (NIV) states: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which

transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

**Meditation Time.** Do what is advised in James 1:22 (NIV): "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." Mediating will help us understand the Scriptures and apply them to our lives, as related in Psalm 1:1-3 (NIV): "Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither – whatever they do prospers."

**Intercession Time.** 1 Timothy 2:1-4 (NIV) states: "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."

**Petition Time.** Pray with the attitude of "Thy will be done,"

as is prayed by Jesus in Luke 22:42b (NIV): "...not my will, but yours be done." Be honest with your feelings, problems and needs. Talk to God about the little things that concern you.

**Application Time.** Jeremiah 32:16-44 showed that Jeremiah's prayer came with God's promise of hope. If we are God's people who love Him, there will come a time when faith will be rewarded. In John 14:23-24 (NIV), Jesus reassured the apostle Jude: "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me."

Hebrews 11:1 (NIV) says: "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." Faith is a tangible expression of prayer that confirms our expectation that God can and will bring about his own purpose. Isaiah 55:11 (GNB) recounts God's offer of mercy to Israel: "[The word that I speak] will not fail to do what I plan for it; It will do everything I send it to do."

With a heart filled with praise, we should treasure our relationship with God, for He is perfect. Prayer has become part of my life, and will be the reason for the success of Mandaue Gospel Church (MGC). Amen.

John Maxwell wrote about the prayer of Dr. Wilbur Chapman, which multiplied in scope and power as three believers become ten, ten became twenty and twenty became fifty and so on, and on. John Maxwell has truly reached the world; how else would I know about his book, "Partners in Prayer"? As a member of MGC, I pray that the more-than-10-year-old church will one day look for God's Glory.

These are the five requests I always pray for:

1. Her members people would sense the Glory of God
2. We would follow the Word of God
3. We would be united in the love of God
4. We would go forth to fulfil the mission of God; and
5. Lastly, we would experience the joy of God.

We will pray for the church by partnering with our Pastor Un Hock Wee and his wife Jennifer Wee, to pray continually, strategically, and powerfully for the 24/7 protection for MGC. 🙏



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Church."***



# HOW MGC CHANGED MY LIFE

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*Diorela Uy*

Since the inception of Mandaue Gospel Church (MGC) back in 2006 and up until now, MGC has always been a constant in my life.

I remember that 10 years back, when MGC was still just starting out, one of the main reasons why my family and I started going to MGC was because of traveling convenience. It took less than 15 minutes to go from home to MGC.

Suitably enough, this indeed was a serendipity, since at that time I was also a new transferee at PCGS, and someone who became one of my closest friends also attended service in MGC. It's quite the story: the quaint little church that once started out as a little community would soon be so impactful in my life.

MGC played a big role in my personal life, during my most critical phase of my young life. For it is during the critical and formative teenage chapters of high school through college years of every student where we are easily influenced. Every day, we see and hear different things, and our minds as children are easily tempted and swayed. Furthermore, the growth of technology brings about the even-faster growing influence of social media.

Thankfully, I was kept grounded, not only by my Christian high school (PCGS), but also its sister Church. Eventually, my siblings and I became more accustomed to church activities, and it was at that stage when we joined the church choir.

This was my stepping stone for my growing spiritual relationship. It felt nice that, after one whole hectic week of school drama and activities, Saturday evening was a time to revitalize our faith through music.

It was the perfect time for choir members to gather, have Bible study, and then practice for the following day's hymn. It was a breath of fresh air; a moment to pause, reflect, and praise the Lord every time we sing praises to His name.

High school passed, and naturally, things have their ups and downs. But it only truly came to me how vital a solid Christian foundation was when I stepped into university. I attended a Catholic University, and sure enough I met different people and different cultures from all walks of life. Just like many others in our minority, it was a shock to me when I was first introduced to several of their practices.

It frequently bothered me whether or not I should conform to their unfamiliar ways just for the sake of my grades. The harder I thought, the more I realized that there was actually nothing to worry about – I was already baptized!

To me this was a blessing in disguise, as it was through the continuous encouragement from our pastor and through prayers, that I was reminded that all problems, big or small, are never meant to be faced and solved alone.

Now that I'm already done with school and am moving on to the next phase of my life, I await the different obstacles that will come my way.

In similar fashion, new church attendees should move on to the next phase with the coming of a new year for MGC. However, spiritual growth does not come instantly. It involves constant prayer, reflection and guidance – not only from the church elders, church pastors, and our parents, but most importantly, from the Almighty Lord. We yearn for change in this fast-moving world, but I do hope we do not yearn to change the essence of a church. 🙏





# SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT



# SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAY

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*Gabriel Yap Jr.*

**7**oday is our Sunday School Sunday. It has been the practice for the past 4-5 years to have the Sunday School children assist in the Praise and Worship.

Praise God for our Sunday school children: they never say “no” when we ask them to help and assist.

In fact, our Sunday School department is many times blessed. As the Scriptures say:

*“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (ESV)

This brings to mind a song we sing in Sunday School, with the lyrics: “Count your many blessings, name them one by one.”

As we count our blessings one by one, truly the Lord is gracious to this department! Let me just count a few of our blessings:

1. There are many Sunday school “alumni” who are now serving along with us.
2. The encouragement, love, care and assistance to one another are the fruits of our faith and righteousness through Christ.
3. The Sunday School department was able to go to Taiwan and enjoy the blessings and friendship with one another.
4. Each fellowship has its own anniversary except Sunday School. On the way to Taiwan, we all decided to set an Anniversary date for our department. Through the examination of archives, pictures, letters, and diaries, we discovered that Cebu Gospel Church's Sunday School started with a few children in a home, using the living area “sala” and kitchen. We found a picture showing the existence of Sunday school way back in 1921.

A diary from a certain Alice Fullerton recounted that the ministry grew to 20-25 children in 1923-1924. Moreover, Ptr. Pilar Siao recalled that “the Sunday School used the older ones to teach the younger children, like Ampí-chi and her sisters who were older.”

After all these years, CGC's Sunday School Department is now 95 years old! Curious to learn about their Sunday School history, we called up St. Stephen's Parish Church, which is the oldest Chinese church in the Philippines.

***“We believe that our church and department have a special place in God's heart.”***



**Top:** Erwinson Chan, Derwin Chan, Rev. Harg Ang, Elder Celestino Siao, Gabriel Yap Jr., Denzel Po, Peter Suarez.

**Middle:** Kimberly Te, Merry Lourdes Lee-Yu, Michele Po, Michelle Suarez, Dolores Chan, Irene T. Ong, Susan Chua, Jenny Ting, Dereick Po. **Bottom:** Jane Ivy Lim, Alice Huang, Josephine Q. Yu, Catherine Chua, Ann Marie Su, Lily Young, Jocelyn Po, Lili Gothong, Krystle Junel Ong.

According to their administrative officer, Ms. Aileen Sy Fung (施慧明), their Sunday school just turned 65 years old this year. Therefore, Cebu Gospel Church's Sunday School is actually the oldest Chinese Sunday School in the Philippines!

Wow! It is an honor to be part of this department, and we believe that our church and department have a special place in God's heart. It was very hard to pin down the exact date, since those who were involved at the start are already with the Lord.

After much discussion, we teachers came to an agreement to set our Sunday School anniversary on June 12.

5. This department feels it is right to recognize some who have gone ahead of us. We would like to give posthumous recognition to:

- **Brother Francis Young**, who had taught many years. Perhaps we can ask Lily Young, and perhaps even James and Cathy to take up the mantle!
- **Brother Philip Uy**, who had taught for many years as well. Maybe it is time for his wife, Lourdes, and his daughters to carry on his legacy.

6. Our department would like to acknowledge some Sunday school teachers who have taught for at least 40 years. In fact, we gave them a plaque of appreciation during Sunday School Sunday on September 25, 2016:

- **Sister Josephine Yu** 50 years
- **Sister Lily Young** 46 years
- **Sister Jenny Ting** 45 years
- **Sister Magdalena Po** 43 years
- **Pastor Alice Huang** 43 years 🙏



# 主日學述主恩

吳李欣然執事

親愛的主內兄弟姐妹和朋友：早上好！

今天是宿務基督教會的主日學主日。在過去四、五年來，我們的主日學生都參與主日崇拜會唱詩。這些小朋友都是主賜給我們教會的恩典。聖經帖撒羅尼迦前書五章十六節至十八節：「要常常喜樂，不住地禱告，凡事謝恩，因為這是神在基督耶穌裏向你們所定的旨意。」

有一首詩歌的歌詞寫道：主的恩賜你當算。現在讓我在這裡講幾個主於近來對主日學的恩賜：

現今有許多青年人在主日學裡面學習訓練作同工事奉主，真是感謝主。

藉著主的信實和公義，使教師學了許多的功課，操練忍耐與鼓勵的心，愛護、關懷以及助人的心。

感謝主，教會能讓主日學部的教師有機會一同到臺灣經歷難得的團契。

在臺灣聚集一起的時候，我們討論到教會各團契都有週年紀念日。為什麼主日學部沒有呢？查看部分記錄以及一些照片、信件、筆記等

等，才找到在1921年有一張照片，並有

Alice Fullerton 在1923-1924年的日記提到主日學的開始。當時的主日學生只有幾位小朋友，後來慢慢增加到二十多位。根據蕭必冷傳道所講是由黃世英姊妹（就是黃根源長老的姊妹，也就是顏少青兄弟的媽媽）和她的妹妹在教導那些孩子。

核查這些記錄，主日學到如今已經有九十五年了。在菲律賓，華人教會歷史最悠久的是馬尼拉聖公會，可是根據他們的伍施慧明師母說，她們的主日學剛慶祝六十五週年。因此，宿務基督教會主日學的創辦在菲律賓華人教會中應該說是最早了。噢！感謝主使我們有這種恩典，能在主日學的工作上有份，真是難得，真是榮幸！

唯一遺憾的是我們至今還查不出主日學創辦的具體日期。經過討論，大家同意六月十二日為宿務基督教會主日學的週年紀念日。

在慶祝主日學主日時，我們請蕭必忠長老、傅黃麗麗執事和葉恩典校長上台頒獎給

一位年輕的主日學生。她從小學一年級到中學一直赴主日學，願主繼續賜她堅強的信心，使她無論在什麼環境中，都會為主做光做鹽，來榮耀我們的主。她就是傅子安兄弟和葉蓮蓮姊妹的千金－傅依仁姊妹。主日學部也要頒發獎匾給楊壽峰執事與黃蒼龍執事，他們在主日學誠懇教導主的話語。屆時敬請兩位執事的家屬前來領獎。

同時還將對幾位已經教導40年以上的教師表示誠摯的謝意，希望他們繼續忠心教導主的話語與造就青年人，她們的芳名如下：

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| 一. 黃約麗傳道  | 43年 |
| 二. 傅珊珊老師  | 43年 |
| 三. 丁美珍執事  | 45年 |
| 四. 楊江雅娟執事 | 48年 |
| 五. 許郭錦繡執事 | 50年 |

願上帝繼續祝福主日學的工作，這不單是主日學校長或教師的責任，乃是我們每一位主內兄弟姐妹應該齊心協力做的事。

最後，讓我以一個故事與大家共勉：有一天，一些孩子在遊戲，其中有一個女孩子跑進去玉米田藏身，但當她

要跑出來的時候，因找不到出路就跑得更急跑得更遠。不久，她媽媽在找她，大聲呼叫女兒的名，因看不見女兒就擔心著急。所以請大家幫助找，但那女孩仍不見蹤影。幫忙尋找的人有的拿手電燈，有的開車頭燈，一面叫一面找。那時太陽已經快下山了，但是還沒找到。其中有人建議大家手牽手一排一排來搜尋這片玉米田。他們一邊尋找一邊喊叫那孩子的名字。到

了田中心才看到孩子已經死了，躺在那裡。母親看到這樣的情景，就悲傷地說：「一開始，我們為什麼沒想到要手牽手地找，如果早點一同合作，早點同心合意，我的小孩子就不會死。」

親愛的兄弟姊妹，我們大家要抓住機會，同心合意事奉我們的主，互相代禱，傳講福音，使我們的子孫、親戚、朋友認識真神，因為主再來的日期近了。✝



# MY LITTLE TAIWAN EXPERIENCE

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*Jocelyn Po*

**S**ometimes reality starts with a dream, and dreams start from friendly conversation. This is exactly what happened with our trip to Taiwan.

It all started from a friendly chat and conversation with some Sunday School Teachers.

Many years back while I was Sunday School principal, we wanted to hold a sharing and planning session for the Sunday School. We ended up going for a day tour to Bohol.

It was quite difficult to organize at that time, but our trip came to fruition thanks to the help of all Sunday School Teachers; Brother Gabriel Yap's assistance was particularly invaluable.

That one-day tour in Bohol produced much friendship, fun and camaraderie, team work, and, of course, great memories.

Fast-forward many years thereafter, we still treasure and think back to that moment of fun and excitement.

One day, after having one of our ordinary chats, Michelle Po suggested, why not schedule our next trip in Singapore, Taiwan or maybe South Korea?

The proposal produced much laughter and a lot of jest for the following years. However, the idea was already seeded in our minds and was nurtured every time we meet.





My fellow Sunday School teachers are like sisters to me, and always kept the hopes and dreams of a Taiwan excursion alive as part of the topic of conversation. And it did happen! The Bible is true in saying:

*And it shall come to pass afterward, that I pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men will see visions.*

**Joel 2:28 (ESV)**

*Where there is no prophetic vision the people are discouraged, but blessed is he who keeps the law.*

**Proverbs 29:18 (ESV)**

The same thing is happening with our Sunday School Teachers. We are not getting any younger, but we are not getting older either. Instead, we are getting wiser. Because of that, we share with each other our dreams, hopes and fun things in life, because we are like brothers and sisters.

And so, on June 8, 2016, the Sunday School Teachers of Cebu Gospel Church of the Christian Faith Foundation, with the blessings of the councils, packed up their bags. And voila, we found ourselves

in the airport, bound for Taiwan, and huddled together praying with excitement. We landed at the Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport.

I did not know that there was a Taoyuan airport, or a place called Taoyan. All I know is that Tao Yuan was a fine Chinese restaurant at J Centre Mall. But, Taoyuan it is.

The first group to leave the airport was Penny and her mom, followed by my family which included Dr. Wanda Po. It took the other group so long to get out from the airport. We thought they have not found their luggage. Later we found out that one of our teachers, Krystel, was held in quarantine because she was running a high fever; she looked okay except for some colds and coughing, but her temperature was 40 degrees Celsius!

After some blood testing, she was released under observation. Whoooh! Relief!! She had to wear a mask. Everybody was concerned for her.

Every so often, somebody would touch her forehead to check if she is okay. It seems that we were all delayed due to her fever, but nobody minded. That's more than friendship. That's called family.

One for all, all for Krystel! 🙏



# SUNDAY SCHOOL TESTIMONY

Ma. Dolores Chan

*Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.*

**Proverbs 22:6**

Thanks be to God, that for over a hundred years, He has used the household of faith in Cebu Gospel Church as an instrument of His grace, especially for the welfare of little children.

Indeed, obeying what Lord Jesus Christ has commanded – to not forbid the children to go to Him, but to let them know Him. To let the children know about His love for them and of His power in listening and answering their prayers. And most especially, learning about His words of eternal life written in the Bible.

Being trained at their young age in the ways of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the knowledge and confidence that God loves them, these little ones will always find guidance, refuge, strength, wisdom, comfort and joy in God's Word when they grow old.

Having once been a Sunday school pupil myself, I thank God that I grew up in His Word. So, now that I was a mother of four wonderful children (Doren, Derwin, Erwinson, Erwina), I made sure my children attended Sunday school in their formative years too.

All four of them have been guided in God's Word, and are loved by the family in Christ at Cebu Gospel Church. And today, all of them are now happily using the gifts God has given them to serve Him at Cebu Gospel Church.

By God's grace, I have been a CGC Sunday School teacher for a while now. Guided by His Word of Truth and Life, I shine His light to the little ones. Always remembering the commandment of our Lord Jesus not to forbid the little ones to come to Him. And most especially, heeding His warning for us teachers not to be a stumbling block to our students. For if we cause the little ones who believe in Him to sin, we sin against Christ.

Teaching others requires stricter judgment on one's part. So, fellow teachers, let us make sure that we train up a child in the ways of God's pure Word, not adding nor subtracting from His Words lest God rebukes us and finds us liars. (Proverbs 30:6)

P.S.: I can't wait to be a Sunday School Teacher for my grandson Dylan Chase Go Chan too. Praise and thanks be to God Our Father in Heaven in the Name of His only begotten Son our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ from whom all blessings flow. 🙏

Catherine Chua

*<sup>7</sup> So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup> He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. <sup>9</sup> For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.*

**1 Corinthians 3:7-9**

Every Sunday, my mom would always wake me up early in the morning, as if it were a school day. She dressed me up and prepared me to attend Sunday school. We would sing songs of praise and memorize verses. We listened to Bible stories told by my teacher, and answered the activity worksheets.

There were times we would do some crafts and play some games. I willingly participated in all these, not knowing that I really enjoyed attending Sunday school. I wanted to receive the perfect attendance award and prize, so I never missed a class.

As I grew older, I came to realize that Sunday school played a very vital role in my life. It taught me the basic things a Christian must know.

Even if I knew the pat answers all in the head and not by heart, the knowledge helped me when God hit my heart during the right time. Sunday school facilitated my spiritual growth.

Now that I am a Sunday School teacher, I want to impart God's word to the little ones just as it was imparted to me. I know He will use Sunday School to bring more kids to His kingdom.

I am a witness of how God has used Sunday School to bless me, and I pray that many more will be blessed through it, and it would continue to bring glory to His name. 🙏





# SUNDAY SCHOOL TESTIMONY

*Elena Go*

What would education be without a teacher?

Someone once said, "A teacher impacts eternity; one never knows when his influence will end."

Luke 6:40 states that when a child is fully-trained, he will be like his teacher. Having been a teacher for several years, I have heard and read about many sayings that relate to teaching:

- Teachers have class.
- To teach is to touch a life forever
- A teacher preserves the past, reveals the present, and creates the future.



All of these are great, but the greatest saying concerning a teacher is found in the Bible in John 3:2, which referred to Jesus. The verse says "Thou art a teacher come from God."

This scripture informs you of the simple fact that teaching is not just a profession, it is a calling from God. He wants to use you to impact the lives of the students He has placed in your care.

Even if no one else cares, you care. And because you are called of God and are dependent on Him, you will make the difference in the lives of your students. 🙏

# SUNDAY SCHOOL TESTIMONY

Pastor Rosaline Lim

Deep and wide, deep and wide, There's a fountain flowing deep and wide.

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Deep and wide, deep and wide, There's a fountain flowing deep and wide.

“Oil in My Lamp” and “Deep and Wide” were the first two songs I remembered singing in Sunday School. With Bible stories, memory verses, candies, prizes, and special events, Sunday School was really something to look forward to. Growing up in Sunday School was memorable, as my Bible knowledge grew with it.

I recall some of the veteran Sunday School *siansis* who mentored me: Yao Giok Sian, Pek Eng Sian, and Piling Sian (Pilar Siao). I am struck by the fact that they not only taught the word of God, but also lived it out in their lives.

Sunday School has always been one of Cebu Gospel Church’s strongest ministries. You can clearly see this as its students transition through and the torch is passed from one generation to another.

If I am not mistaken, God has blessed our Sunday School for the past 95 years. Even now, He guides and works through the teachers and students, so that they may walk in His statutes. May our Sunday School continue to live true to the legacy left to us by our founders, for the glory of God.

**Soli Deo gloria! 🕊**

Give me oil in my lamp; keep me burn - ing. \_\_\_\_\_ Give me

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oil in my lamp, I pray. Give me oil in my lamp; keep me burn-ing. \_\_\_\_\_ Keep me

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burn-ing 'til the break of day. Sing ho-san - na, sing ho-san - na,

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1. Sing ho - san - na to the King of kings. 2. King!



# 主日學教師的見證

傅珊珊

天父在我一生中賜給我的恩典實是數算不完，雖然我不是什麼偉大的人物，但是在天父的眼裡，我知道我是祂的寶貝。

我從小生長在一個基督教的家庭，父母都是基督徒。因為父親生意的關係，我們全家就搬到樹里爻居住。那時候我雖然還小，但是我還清清楚楚記得母親是怎樣為主做工。

從前樹里爻的地方沒有華人教會，母親就在那時候開始主日學的工作。每當星期六下午，我就跟著母親到華人的每間商店去邀請他們的兒女來到我們家裡參加星期日上午的主日學。那時候的孩子們都非常單純，他們很喜歡去參加。起初人數不算很多，但是後來就漸漸的增加。那時我們的房屋不大，椅子也不夠用，所以小孩子們都坐在地上。媽媽一個人做了一切的工作，從領唱、講故事、讀聖經，並教他們唸金句。雖然很辛苦，但是媽媽覺得很快樂。因為她認為能為主做一點的工作，就心滿意足了。這件工作，媽媽一直做到回來宿務才停止。

我還記得母親對我說：「你當老師，應該感謝上帝給你有機會在基督教的學校教書。所以千萬不要忘記每天在學校裡，除了教學生屬世的知識以外，同時也要教學生屬靈的智慧。你必需趁著有機會及時間，多多為主作工。同時希望你能夠好好的讓每個學生認識基督，使他們接受主耶穌做他們個人的救主。」

最後，我希望在教會的一百週年，主恩能夠長存直到永永遠遠。而我呢？我必定要事奉天父一直到祂接我歸天才停止。主恩豐盛無限，傳給到萬世代，榮耀歸於上帝！✝

# TESTIMONY

Michele Po



Do you know that this chair is older than many of us now celebrating the Centennial?

It's true! We used to carry these folding iron seats across the living room at the parsonage, when we gathered for Sunday School Bible lessons in a corner of Pastor Michael Tsang's living room.

Wearing heeled shoes (*de rigueur* for high school at that time) and carrying our Bibles along with these chairs was quite a memory.

Nowadays, the new generation of Sunday School kids are so blessed with air-conditioned classrooms and ready seats with Bibles already provided.

Hmmmm...! ✝

# SUNDAY SCHOOL TESTIMONY

Ann Marie Su

I believe that the Sunday School is an essential ministry of every church. It really helps in molding and nurturing the children to become future leaders of the church. I am very grateful to the Lord for making me one of the blessed children who grew up in Cebu Gospel Church Sunday School.

I remember those days when I was still a toddler (we were 9 siblings in all!). We all piled into our station wagon every Sunday morning, and my father would drive us off to Sunday School.

All the children would gather in the multi-purpose hall, singing songs of praise to the Lord. Our beloved Beng Ha Sian would enthusiastically lead us in song combined with actions and gestures. After the Singspiration, we trooped off to our respective classrooms.

Siansi Gim Siu (Josephine Yu) was my Kinder 2 teacher, and she really taught us a lot about God's Word. I really enjoyed the lessons and the things she made us memorize, especially the memory verses.

Every Sunday, we were given picture cards, now replaced today with sweets. I still keep a collection of those lovely cards, and have indeed kept God's Word in my heart.

Siansi Beetin (Bee Tin Yu) was my Grade 2 teacher, and I remember always being excited to answer her questions and get a little surprise as a reward.

Siansi Lele Po (Jocelyn Po) was my Grade 5 teacher who taught us to memorize all the Books of the Bible, the 10 Commandments, and even more.

All of my teacher-mentors were so helpful for me, especially after I accepted the Lord as my personal Lord and Savior and started my own walk with the Lord.

I was so inspired by my teachers, and, coupled with my love for kids, I could not wait to help in the Sunday School ministry.

By the time I reached College, I started to assist in the toddler class. After that, I became a substitute teacher for the English class – we had opened the class to cater to non-Chinese kids who attended Sunday School in Cebu Gospel Church.

After I graduated from College, I was given a class of my own to handle – Nursery 2, a class I handled for a decade. After that, I was promoted to Grade 5, then 6, then High School, and then College.

Thinking about it now, it has been more than two decades and my passion still remains with Sunday School. Something very beautiful is that now I am ministering side-by-side with my mentors – all for the glory of our God! 🙏



***“Something very beautiful is that now I am ministering side-by-side with my mentors.”***



# SUNDAY SCHOOL TESTIMONY

Michelle Suarez

I graduated my special education degree in my late 30s, not knowing that I will be a Sunday School teacher instead of becoming a career educator.

In this capacity, my primary concern is for the salvation and maturation of my students. I have been teaching Sunday School for seven years now. Indeed, I am so happy to serve the Lord in this Ministry.

To the right, you can see a picture of one of my previous classes. 🙏



## 主日學教師的見證

丁美珍

感謝主的恩典，保守帶領主日學直到今日，這確是一件不可思議的事。自服事主日學以來，深覺自己的軟弱、不配，對神對人仍有諸多虧欠。然而有一件事我永不後悔，因主恩長存，使我仍可在主日學工作上事奉。

教主日學是如同向兒童傳福音，是一件極其緊要的工作。因為聖經記載，人自出母腹後就有了始罪，與神疏遠。因此我們應向兒童傳福音，搶救寶貝的靈魂，使他們歸主得永生。

當初，尼尼微城為何不被傾倒呢？因為那些人從大到小都悔改認罪，神顧念到有許多的兒童。祂說：「讓小孩子到我這裡來，不要禁止他們，因為在天國的，正是這樣的人」（太19:14）。

兒童的心最容易感受，他們見人笑，也就嘻嘻的笑，見人哭，也就嗚嗚的哭。人家教他們的話語，都很容易接受，他們對福音也是一樣的容易感受。我們應多多求主給我們智慧與力量，使我們能向兒童傳福音，讓他們能接受主作他們個人的救主。

要向一個頑梗的家長來傳福音是很困難的。但是許多時候，剛硬的家人因著他們子女信主的影響力，就悔改接受主。因此，我們應多多注意主日學工作，把福音傳給他們。

我受主愛的激勵，在這工作上有份，願意同心齊力來興旺福音，並與大家分享我教主日學的心得。🙏



# SUNDAY SCHOOL TESTIMONY

*Gabriel Yap Jr.*

This picture was given to me by my teacher, Josephine Yu, more than 30 years ago. It brings childhood memories of my time as a student in Sunday School, and shows how much our teachers care for their students.

To all my past Sunday School teachers who nurtured us every Sunday morning, I am grateful to all of you! And the best thing now is, I am serving along with them as a co-worker in Christ.

I've been teaching for many years, and I am calling my past Sunday School students to fan the flames, stand for Christ, and start serving – for we are not given a spirit of timidity, but boldness. Let us run the race together, fight the good fight, and finish the race. We may reach the finish line in different time, but the best part is, when we cross that finish line, it will be absolutely rewarding. 🙌



## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ME

*Josephine Q. Yu*

Jesus said: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Mat. 19:14). Jesus loves children, and He emphasized the importance of children.

He wanted us to teach, nurture, guide, and lead them to know Him. That's why our church's Children Ministry is one of the most important ministries we have to focus on.

Immediately after I graduated from Chinese Senior High at the age of 17, I was invited by the late Hilaria Tian to teach kindergarten at Cebu Eastern College. At first, I hesitated, but after thinking it over, I accepted the challenge. Teaching had become my first job.



**1980 Kinder 2**

A year after, I started teaching the Sunday School Kindergarten 2 class at Cebu Gospel Church. It was fun to be with kids of 6-to-7 years old.





**1981 Kinder 2**



**1982 Kinder 2**



**1997-1998 Grade 7**

They were so cute, adorable, sincere, and innocent. By being with them, I felt so young and happy! I told Bible stories, we sang Christian songs, and memorized Bible verses together. We had contests and quizzes and they were very eager to be rewarded.

When the department was trying to add more young teachers to teach Sunday School, I was asked to teach a higher level - Grade 7. I was a bit reluctant because I already enjoyed being with kids.

Before I agreed to be transferred, I had to prepare myself because I knew teenagers were very inquisitive. So I decided to take Bible courses to equip myself.

By God's grace, I was able to finish Master of Divinity, and Master of Arts in Theology and Religious Education. I also wrote a book entitled "Methods of Teaching the Youth" during my studies. That made me more confident to teach the youth up to this day.





1998-1999 Grade 7

As I look back, I am very glad and comforted because most of my students have become deacons or deaconesses serving the Lord in our church (past and present) with different functions. Among them are:

- **Gabriel Yap Jr.:** Youth Committee, Christian Education Committee, General Services, Sunday School principal, Church Administrator
- **Daniel Ong:** Youth Committee, Spiritual Committee, General Services Committee
- **James Young:** E-Committee, Mission Committee, Spiritual Committee
- **Gilbert Yap:** Mission Committee, E-Committee
- **Emmanuel Ong:** Sacred Music Committee, General Services Committee
- **Julie Tio:** Finance Committee, Literature Committee
- **Jane Jane Ong:** Membership Committee, Ushering Committee
- **Douglas Ong:** Literature Committee



2000-2001 Grade 7



2001-2002 Grade 7





2003-2004 Grade 7



2004-2005 Grade 7



2005-2006 Grade 7



2006-2007 Grade 7



2007-2008 Grade 7



2008-2009 Grade 7





**2011-2012 Grade 7**



**2012-2013 Grade 7**



**High 1 Class  
CGC Sunday School SY 2013-14**

**2013-2014 Grade 7**



**2015-2016 Grade 7**



**2016-2017 Grade 7**

Teaching Sunday School is a noble task that can mold character, influence personalities, and transform lives. It means fulfilling the Great Commission of "teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:20) It demands dedication and commitment to fulfill the highest calling that God has placed in the universe. That's why we Sunday School teachers need prayers, support, and encouragement.

Looking forward, as I am about to pass the baton to the younger generation, I hope that our leaders can give more importance to the Sunday School ministry. The future of our church depends upon the foundation that we lay on them. Our Centennial song "A Hundred Years More" can only be materialized if we can raise up future leaders through Sunday School. 🙏





# SISTERS' FELLOWSHIP

# AMAZING LIVES

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*Pastor Alice Huang*

**A**s Cebu Gospel Church celebrates her Centennial this year, we also celebrate the 65th year of God's grace for the Sisters' Fellowship. With the sole purpose of glorifying God, I would like to take this special occasion to share some life testimonies of joy with our readers.

## 1. ONE LIFE

As recalled by Mrs. Cheng Eng Huang, the Sisters' Fellowship started with twelve people at 3:00 PM on February 7, 1951, the first Tuesday of the month. On this day, Rev. Se Ko Liang convened with some ladies at the old residence of Mrs. Chuy Siok Cang Uy in downtown Manalili Street.

The meeting venue remained fluid and changed several times over the years. Finally, it was decided that for the sake of convenience, the fellowship should be held inside the Philippine Christian Gospel School campus (in Junquera Street), until the new sanctuary was built in Jones Avenue, Capitol.

Since then, the Sisters' Fellowship continued to meet at 3:00 PM every Tuesday. Activities include Bible Study, topical themes, testimony meetings, health talks, "Joy Dancing", "Line Dancing", and Visitation Ministry on Thursday afternoons.

Each year, the fellowship members hold a yearly retreat. Every six months, officers conduct a training session. Our motto, as taken from Luke 1:46-47, is how Mary sang: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."

**Vision** We are the soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ. With strength coming from knowing and walking the TRUTH. Marching by victory lane till Christ returns.

**Mission** We read the Bible daily and pray for alertness; we strive to be equipped to share the Lord's Gospel with joy, as we model life, going far and near, expanding God's Kingdom.

The Sisters' Fellowship has grown numerically and spiritually through the faithful nurturing of Cebu Gospel Church. During the Centennial Celebration, we presented the "Soldiers' Dance," expressing our desire to live victoriously as soldiers of Christ amidst challenges in a changing world. May the Lord of Harvest continue to bless her.

## 2. LIFE RADIANCE

When Jesus enters into our lives, no one notices at first. But when this new life shines out from us, no one misses it. This is why the Lord Jesus said, "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). "Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

What actually happens is that our lives are transformed in Christ Jesus through the Holy Spirit, and this combines with our obedience to Him to exude radiance. In the following section, we present to our readers some transformed lives of our sisters in Christ throughout these decades:

- When Kheng-chu first took up residence in Cebu, the move was abrupt. Her Christian Mother-in-law encouraged her to "go...", and some friends also reached out to her. Thus, she accepted the invitation and was welcomed into the Sisters' Fellowship. She noticed that the interpersonal relationships were friendly. Aside from regular fellowship meetings, they had other opportunities to get to know one another. In other words, the sisters love and care for each other.



- So-ngo often shares her testimonies of God's love and mercies, appreciating life. Sometimes we find them printed in the Gospel Light. Her yummy suman ma-chang (sticky rice dumplings) which the fellowship enjoyed still lingers in some memories.
- Mamerta brings love every time she attends the Sisters' Fellowship. Many are encouraged.
- Clotilde believes in the Lord Jesus Christ. With her transformed life, she likes to do visitations zealously and caringly. Although some don't respond, she remains undaunted. In the fellowship, she is humble and of few words. In her old age, she cherishes and cares for her husband who has been bedridden.
- Siok-hian suffered a stroke, which completely changed her life. She cried in hopelessness every day. And then she heard the Gospel and believed in Jesus Christ, which made her turn her life around to hope in the Lord Jesus. When she received water baptism she said, "I used to shed tears every day, but now I trust in the Lord Jesus and have joy. Thanks to the Lord."
- Eugenia does not have much money, but desires to cheer up some friends in the fellowship who she feels are poorer and/or lonelier than she is. Every Christmas, she would put a small amount of money in tiny envelopes, which would be given as gifts. In doing this, she finds joy and peace.
- As chairperson, Muy-tie and the officers spearheaded the formation of the code of conduct for the Sisters' Fellowship. This provided guidelines for Fellowship activities that bring glory to God. She continues to serve the Lord under different roles. With all smiles she said, "I like the Sisters' Fellowship. All my illnesses disappear every time I come here."
- Carmen has been healed of her heartaches and hurting after separating from her husband. By trusting the Lord day by day, she finds comfort and strength. Her joy and serenity brings in her relatives and friends to the Lord.
- Lidian was orphaned at a young age. Experiencing harsh realities in life made her bitter and hard. She tells us, "stones are hard, but my heart is even harder. But when I was diagnosed with breast cancer, many from the church came to care for me. Members from the Sisters' Fellowship visited me. At this point in time, the love of God thawed my stony heart,

and I decided to receive the Lord Jesus as my Lord and Savior."

- "My second elder sister already believed in the Lord Jesus, and it is only my eldest Sister who needs to be saved. I went to China with the goal of bringing my eldest sister to the Lord. But while in China, I realized she is no longer there. 'A-chi, I believe in the Lord Jesus already. I have come to China to bring you to trust in the Lord Jesus. A-chi, where are you now?'"
- Last but not least, I close this section with a story of Madame Chuy Siok Cang Uy. She orchestrated a beautiful event in the life of my family. You see, my father came from China to Cebu, where he had no relatives, but did have friends in Christ. With love in Christ, Madame Uy organized my parents' wedding. She even sent two daughters to honor the occasion: Se-Eng, the bridesmaid; and Maria, the flower girl. As post-wedding grace, Madame Chuy Siok Cang Uy opened her home to Sen Hong and Eugenia Huang.

### 3. INVITATION TO LIFE

I am touched by the lives displayed above. Most of them are ordinary people. But when their lives are connected with the Lord of life, the transformation is simply amazing! The old is gone, and all have become new in Christ. How can we have this life?

Apostle John wrote: "He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life." So, come, everyone who received Him, everyone who believes in His name. To you, he gives the right to become children of God. We invite you. 🙏

***"Let your light shine  
before men, that they  
may see your good  
deeds and praise  
your Father  
in heaven."  
(Matthew 5:16)***

# 恩典人生

黃約麗傳道

# 今

年，宿務基督教會舉行百年感恩慶典，也是姊妹團契第六十五週年紀念。述恩講見證是我們的本分，主為我們成就的事是值得我們傳揚

的，願榮耀歸與主。茲將姊妹團契經歷的事與讀者分享，以見證主奇妙的恩典。

## 一．同一生命

根據早期禱榮姆記錄：1951年2月7日星期二下午三時，梁細羔牧師帶領姊妹們第一次在耀閭姆在 Manalili 街的舊居聚會，總共十二人。但因種種原因，聚會地點曾遷移數次。

最後，覺得校園內的禮拜堂，雖上下課聲音嘈雜，但交通方便，乃決定回到校園內的禮拜堂聚會。直到新堂落成，姊妹團契才享有安定聚會之所。

姊妹團契經常於每星期二下午三時聚會，安排各種性質不同的活動，如查經，專題講座，感恩見證，醫學常識，讚美操，排舞。星期四下午探訪事奉。每年舉辦團契退修會及職員培訓營。我們的團訓記載在路加福音1:46，馬利亞說：「我心尊主為大，我靈以神我的救主為樂。」

**異象** 我們是主耶穌基督的精兵，  
能力從認識真理遵行聖道，  
促排入凱旋行列直到主臨。

**使命** 每日讀經禱告如兵器常修整，  
樂意與人分享主福音，操練基督  
榜樣生命遠近宣道擴展神國。

在宿務基督教會不斷培養之下，姊妹團契契友生命長進，同一個生命聯於基督。在宿務基督教會百年慶祝的感恩愛筵上，姊妹團契獻了一條節目叫〈精兵舞〉。表示我們是基督精兵，在世上諸多挑戰面前，每天靠主過得勝生命。

## 二．生命發光

當基督的生命進入我們裡面，人家不覺得甚麼，而當這新生命從我們裡面照出光來時，人家就看得見！主耶穌對信祂的人說：「你們是世上的光。」又說：「你們的光也應當照在人前，讓他們看見你們的好行為，又頌讚你們在天上的父。」主耶穌在我們生命中的奇妙工作，加上我們的順服，就照出光來。請讓我在此略述這幾十年間姊妹們的一些活見證：

- 蔡姊妹移居宿務市，受鼓勵參加姊妹團契。她回憶：那時，姊妹們關係很好，除聚會外，還經常彼此關照。我是新來的，大家樂意主動與我交談，彼此認識。有一位長輩常問我叫什麼名字，幾歲了。問了幾十遍，我都一一恭敬地照答。姐妹們看見我不厭其煩地一遍又一遍地如實照答，都笑開了。有一位姊妹有問題，就到允祥姆家小住，暫時避了難。還有一位姊妹作心臟手術住進醫院，姊妹們就到醫院探望她，問她貴姓大名，她饒有風趣地回答：「您不知道嗎？我就是那位帥哥也。」逗得大家哈哈大笑。



笑。感謝主，姊妹們就是這樣彼此相愛、關係融洽地享受著團契生活。

- 周余姊妹常樂意為主做見證，偶爾在《務光季刊》也看到她寫的見證。至今尚有契友忘不了她親手蒸的營養粽子。
- 馬姊妹每次把主的愛帶到團契中，多人受其鼓勵。
- 葉洪姊妹信主後為主所用，她寡言謙卑，熱心事主，經常勸人信主，不怕挫折，堅持探訪。晚年夫妻仍恩恩愛愛、相濡以沫。
- 張姊妹因中風生活受到很大的影響，精神也受到很大的打擊。在絕望中只有天天痛哭。後來她聽了基督的福音而相信主，受洗歸主名下。她微笑地說：「以前我天天灑淚，信主後我常常喜樂。感謝主！」
- 黃陳姊妹家境雖然不是很寬裕，可是每年降生節，她總要預備幾個小小紅包送給幾位比她窮苦孤單的契友或朋友。她覺得這樣做，心靈才有安寧快樂。
- 陳蕭姊妹當團契主席的時候，努力擬定團契簡章，使團契活動有條理榮主名。她微笑著分享說：「我很喜歡來團契聚會，每次參加團契，我的病痛都消失了！」
- 陳姊妹遭受丈夫離棄，蒙主醫治她心靈的創傷。平時她靠主喜樂，且熱心領人信主。
- 黃姊妹是個孤兒，從小吃盡苦頭，個性強硬。她說：「石頭硬，我的心更硬。後來我患了乳癌，教會許多人來關心我，姊妹團契也有人來探望我。這時主的愛溫暖了我的心，我決志要信主。我二姐已先信主。前不久我去中國想帶領我大姐信主，才知道她已

不在人世了！阿姊，我信主了。我來是要領你信主。阿姊，你現在在哪裡？」

- 最後，我不能不說起黃江水淑姑婆為我家所做的美事。在這百年內的初期，先父從中國來宿務做「新客」，舉目無親。因主愛，黃江水淑長老積極籌辦我父母的婚禮。她指派她的兩位千金，世英姑為伴娘，棉西姑為花童。為婚禮增添了光彩。婚後又蒙恩主安排，新郎新娘住在長老府上，就是新郎家父黃神貺和新娘家母陳寶寶。感恩無盡。

### 三．生命邀請

以上姊妹們的見證，扣人心弦。人的生命怎會如此奇妙地改變？關鍵在於生命與主耶穌基督建立新生命關係。使徒約翰告訴我們：人有了神的兒子就有生命，沒有神的兒子就沒有生命。每一位來到主耶穌這邊，將擁有可以靠祂成為神兒女的盼望。來吧，因為凡接受主耶穌的，就是信祂名的人，祂就賜給他們權利，成為神的兒女。這是我們向每一位朋友的誠懇邀請！✝

**「你們的光也應當  
照在人前，讓他們  
看見你們的好行為，  
又頌讚你們在  
天上的父。」**

**馬太福音5:16**

# 兄弟團契之簡史

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故楊壽峰執事

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弟團契是在一九五六年七月八日由林佩軒牧師帶領創立的。第一次聚會是在吳鴻秋長老府上舉行。





參加的人數為十二人。吳鴻秋長老被選為第一任的主席。講員是歸正教的牧師山益遠醫生。他用施洗約翰的謙卑誠懇地不惜生命為主作開路先鋒來勉勵兄弟們。

兄弟團契於一九五六年開始後，初期參加的牧者是梁細羔牧師、梁慎微牧師、楊其耀牧師與林明通牧師。曾永光牧師自一九七四年擔任青年傳道至按牧一直參加。繼後有楊忠民牧師、陳長成牧師、王志強牧師、吳文欽牧師、黃運福牧師等。

長老執事和其他的兄弟有張振宗長老、吳鴻秋長老、蘇宗惠長老、林玉樹長老、林開春長老、丁明遠長老、郭毓賢長老、陳泉水執事、蕭天瑞執事、許敏如執事及其子、建基的校長吳文炳先生、楊民偉兄弟、傅文彩兄弟、王克儉兄弟、黃神況兄弟、陳晚能兄弟、莊謙芬兄弟、蔡文質兄弟、

王年碧兄弟、黃煥珍兄弟、吳建安兄弟、黃克超兄弟、葉浙江兄弟、林倫超兄弟、王芳景兄弟、柯子彬兄弟、蕭必忠長老、陳長志執事、陳興諒兄弟、吳福美兄弟、王賜源兄弟、吳偉生兄弟、卓源源兄弟、蔡清泉兄弟、林亨利兄弟、蔡欣欣兄弟、林金艇兄弟、洪萬安兄弟、張溫齡兄弟、許孝欽兄弟、許信安兄弟等。

小弟來宿務後被邀請參加團契。聚會的時間是每星期六晚八時。地點是在培幼室。

後因有些契友于工作與參加星期六的聚會有衝突，因他們需要發薪水給員工又要於週末結賬各種不方便，而改在每星期五晚八時開始。

小弟參加的時候人數有七、八人。因互相等候聚會開始，常延至八點十五至二十分鐘才開始。閉會時間也常拖延。

陳長志兄弟提倡準時開會、準時散會。在八時正的時候，無論只有三、五個人都開始吟詩聚會，也在九時正閉會。這樣操練至習以為常，使秩序大大進步。

聚會地點從培幼室遷到二樓之議事廳。後來因契友大多數年長，上樓較不方便才換在圖書館舉行。

探訪工作是兄弟團契工作的特色。其他活動為查經、專題講座、見證會、培靈佈道會等。

最後以腓立比書3:13-14來和弟兄們勉勵。「弟兄們，我不是以為自己已經得着了。我只有一件事，就是忘記背後努力面前的，向着標竿直跑，要得上帝在基督耶穌裡從上面召我來得的獎賞。」

願弟兄們愛主愛人，同心合意，興旺福音。✝



# CARMEL FELLOWSHIP:

Our Fellowship is with  
the Father and with  
His Son Jesus Christ

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*Ma. Dolores Chan*



raise God for one hundred years  
of God's grace bestowed upon  
Cebu Gospel Church!





In this household of faith, we don't forsake the assembling of ourselves, together considering one another, in order to stir up love and good works. Through fellowship, we exhort each other all the more as we faithfully await the Lord's coming.

Cebu Gospel Church has a number of different fellowships whose purpose are to meet the needs of members belonging to different age groups.

The fellowships include: CYF, Grades 6-12 & College Fellowship, Young Professionals, Brothers' Fellowship, Sisters' Fellowship, Suncell, and Carmel Fellowship.

So, what is the purpose of Carmel Fellowship?

***“It is a fellowship  
for brothers  
and sisters who  
cannot attend  
the time schedule  
of the other  
fellowships.”***

It is a fellowship for brothers and sisters who cannot attend the time schedule of the other fellowships. In Carmel Fellowship, the group feeds on God's Word as they meet every Thursday evening, for only God's Word can truly bring exhortation, edification, and comfort to us.

Through God's pure Word, our fellowship is indeed with the Father and with His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. After receiving grace from God, the members in turn would know to say what is good for the necessary edification imparting grace to others, and take care to not be a stumbling block for others.


Praise the Lord, for throughout the years, the Carmel Fellowship continues by God's grace since its inception on December of 1972.

The fellowship was organized by then-Reverend Liang Sin Wei, Elder Nelson Sy, Pastor Ngo Pek Eng, Pastor Lim Che Sing and Brother Lucio Ong. Rev. Wei was the one who christened it the “Carmel” Fellowship.

Come to Carmel Fellowship, and be one with us in studying God's Word! And as we receive the opportunity, we may in turn impart God's Word to others not just in words but also in deeds. 🙌

# THE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Catherine Chua

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a small, vintage-style globe. The globe is tilted and shows the continents of North and South America. A compass rose is visible at the bottom of the globe. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green and yellow, suggesting an outdoor setting. The hand is wearing a red sleeve.

**7**he psalmist wrote in Psalm 133: "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robes. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion, for there the Lord bestows His blessing, even life forevermore."





This passage reminds us of how precious and sweet it is if we are one and like-minded in the fellowship of God. Imagine the possibilities we can accomplish in glorifying God if we work as one!

In 1984, three members deemed too old for the Christian Youth Fellowship (CYF) but too young for the Carmel Fellowship sought to belong in a group suitable to them.

With the burning passion for Christ, they established a fellowship for the young professionals where they can relate with one another on how it was to be a professional at a young age.

Although they started out with just three members, with faith like a mustard seed, the fellowship grew. The passion to pursue Christ is what sustained this fellowship to the present.

As professionals who are currently living in a career-driven world, most of us tend to focus more of our time and energy to the dreams we have in life. Sometimes, we forget that Jesus is more important than pursuing our career.

It is sad to know that many of us get blinded by so many temptations of this world – distracting us from what really matters. We get carried away at the lies Satan uses, such as achieving our dreams would make us happy and complete.

Many of us would sometimes never run out of excuses why we can't go to church or attend fellowship. Reasons range from "I have work", "I'm too tired and I can't make it", "I'm feeling sick today" or even "I woke up late."

But if we are really honest with ourselves, most of the times we make those excuses because we don't want to go to church. By doing this, we fail Christ.

But the wonderful thing is, though we may have failed Christ many times, we can never fathom His love for us. In His perfect time, He will bring His beloved ones back to Him because of His grace; no matter how far we are from Him. He forgives and forgets the sins we committed, and remind us that we can find true joy only in Him.

Through fellowships, we are reminded of this marvelous fact. Through fellowship, we share each other's struggles and pray for each. Through fellowship, we encourage each other and grow together in the Lord.

Let us continue to give our all to God and pass that zeal for Christ to the next generation to come. Not only to the young professionals, but to all believers!

Let us be reminded of this message from Moses: Fear the Lord your God, walk in His ways and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul. Observe His commands and decrees. Hold fast to Him. He is your praise and He is your God. 🙏





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id you know that Christian Youth Fellowship (CYF), the fellowship for the youngest members of our church, is actually the oldest ongoing fellowship in Cebu Gospel Church?

# CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

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*Ann Marie Su*



The CYF has been existing for the past 68 years since November 1948. It was born when some godly leaders had the vision to equip and train young people for spiritual growth and ministry.

Originally, it was named the Student and Youth Fellowship – open to all the students and the young. Brother Francisco Yap was the first president of CYF. As a matter of fact, many of those from the pioneering group have become church leaders or have been passionately serving the Lord as lay members. Two of them, Li Tiong Chi and Adon Ong, eventually became Church leaders.

Week after week, these faithful students met on Sunday afternoons and enjoyed a variety of activities – singing & praising God, themed sermons, Bible studies, film-showing, group dynamics and case studies, prayer and sharing, and of course, outdoor fun too.

All the things they did together were geared towards helping them grow in their spiritual walk with God, as well as their relationship with one another.

Besides these weekly meetings, this group of adventurous youth also had yearly events which they prepared with much care and diligence. These included summer camps, youth rallies, leadership trainings and retreats, and even evangelistic meetings.

Sponsored by the Youth Committee, the Christian Youth Summer Conference, first held in 1951, was held every April when most of the youth were on summer vacation. These events brought together youth from different cities like Tacloban, Dumaguete, Bacolod, Iloilo, Surigao, Butuan and Zamboanga.

Many CGC youth were always excited to go to new places and join these camps – learning about God and meeting new friends.

Years later, when the Filipino Chinese Christian Foundation held its national camps in the Luzon area, the pastors from the five Visayan churches decided to hold their own camp. Thus, the first all-Visayas Christian Youth Summer Conference was held in 1988. It was called the CBDTI – Cebu, Bacolod, Dumaguete, Tacloban, and Iloilo.

The Chinese churches in these five cities took turns in hosting the yearly camp. Cebu Gospel Church's CYF first hosted the camp in 1990 at Bethany Church. An annual youth rally was also organized yearly. The first was held in 1974 with Rev. Wesley Shao expounding on the message – God Loves the Youth.

Aside from the Summer camps, we also had College Retreats during semestral breaks to help keep the fire burning in the college students, knowing especially how different college life is from high school. The first was held in 1976, at the Baptist Bible Camp, located in Mount Xion, Guba, Cebu. In 1992, the event was moved to December, and was later called Winter Camp.

While the youth were enjoying weekly fellowship with one another, the Elementary CYF was later organized by Rev. and Mrs. Tsang in 1977, who believed that the younger ones could also be taught and trained for the Lord's ministry.

They were gathered and guided, as they interacted with each other and shared what they know and think about God. Soon, the baton passed on to Sister Joyce Uy, who faithfully led the kids to a closer relationship with Jesus.

One day, she visited our home and from then on, my mother always made us attend CYF. At first, it was rather difficult for me. I was a shy person, and did not want to mingle much with other people. I even made excuses why I could not go – the fellowship used to be held at 2 PM on Sunday afternoon.

I am glad the teachers never gave up on me – sometimes the fellowship was held in our house so we could all join. My family accounted for quite a large portion of attendance, since we numbered nine siblings in all! Eventually, I learned to enjoy the afternoon bus rides, picking up other young people to join the CYF.

In 1978, members at the high school and college levels held their elections for their own set of officers. From then on, there were officially three separate CYFs – Elementary, High School and College – with their own leadership structure, and with the Tsang and Chua Chi couples as advisers.



**CYF IN THE 1950s**



**CYF IN THE 1970s**

The split was necessary in order to cater to the specific needs of the different age levels of the attendees. Moreso, the number of members was really growing. Praise the Lord!

Since the three CYF groups met separately every Sunday afternoon, it was easy to invite entire families. Siblings will just go to their age-appropriate fellowships, and then meet up again after the fellowship ends. We could also have joint activities among the three CYFs.

It was also during this time when the youth began to join the Saturday Prayer meeting, after which the Tsang home was opened to them for breakfast. This encouraged fellowship outside the CYF.

Anniversaries were especially fun because there would be many participants. Every now and then, we would have a big outreach with the CEF kids instead of having a party. We let each member sponsor a street kid – assisting the latter during the whole event as he/she plays and eats, until it's time to say goodbye.

The CYFers always went home feeling good, because they have blessed someone less fortunate than them and shared the love of Jesus to them.

During the fellowships, each CYFer was frequently encouraged to preside or lead songs, which I really did not like at first, but learned to love as the weeks went by.

Once you become a regular attendee, you get to be nominated for officership. In my case, I first helped out as a public relations officer. I moved on to arts, and then became the business manager – a position I really enjoyed since I love to serve people.

Doing this led me to discover my spiritual gifts, which are "service" and "helps." Later, I had the chance to serve as treasurer, and then, secretary. At this point, I realized that God had also given me some administrative skills

We also did visitations after every fellowship, by visiting irregular members and those who were not physically well. I remember this was one of the exciting and fun activities, because we would go on a joyride with our counsellors, who treated us to yummy snacks after the visitation before bringing us home.

By the way, I was attending College CYF when I was asked to lead the Elementary CYF, which I gladly accepted since I was a lover of kids. I was lucky to have several younger CYFers help me with the young ones.

During this time, the high school CYF changed its schedule to Friday 6 PM so they could invite the students from Philippine Christian Gospel School (PCGS) to join. Then, the College CYF followed suit, scheduling it from 8 PM to 9:30 PM.

With the new schedule, I was able to attend and serve in all three fellowships.





**CYF IN THE 1990s**



**CYF IN THE 2000s**

When I graduated from College and moved on to Young Pro, I began serving as a counselor in CYF – a position I hold until the present.

While the older youth had their share of camps and retreats, the elementary group had its own set of activities. Each year, we would hold Junior Camps for kids at the Elementary level.

Just like our Ahias and Achies, we would also enjoy 4 days/3 nights away from our homes and live in the church compound with other children. Many times, we held the camp at Mandaue Gospel Church.

We enjoyed learning about God and other important things in life. We ate and slept with other children – eventually making more friends.

Indeed, fellowship has helped me a lot in my spiritual walk with God. Not only did we read and study the Bible together, we also memorized scripture verses. I really enjoyed serving and ministering to the young people.

I remember that we also had a Christian music library where we could borrow Christian tapes – to encourage the young people to listen to Christian music instead of the worldly songs.

By just being a regular member, we get to encourage one another and at the same time be encouraged by others – as we share our testimonies with each other about the goodness and faithfulness of God.

As I look back on those good old days, I realize that it has come full circle. I am presently helping out the same way in CYF, but this time, as a teacher with many students.

I hope we could help the youth in their spiritual walk with God – helping and equipping them to be mature believers and the future leaders of our church. Indeed, I am grateful to our good Lord for allowing me to grow up with CYF as part of my life.

Presently, CYF has 12 counsellors, with about 70 attending every Friday from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. We always start with a simple dinner, and then the Praise Band leads the group in praising and worshiping God. This is followed by whatever activity that has been lined up.

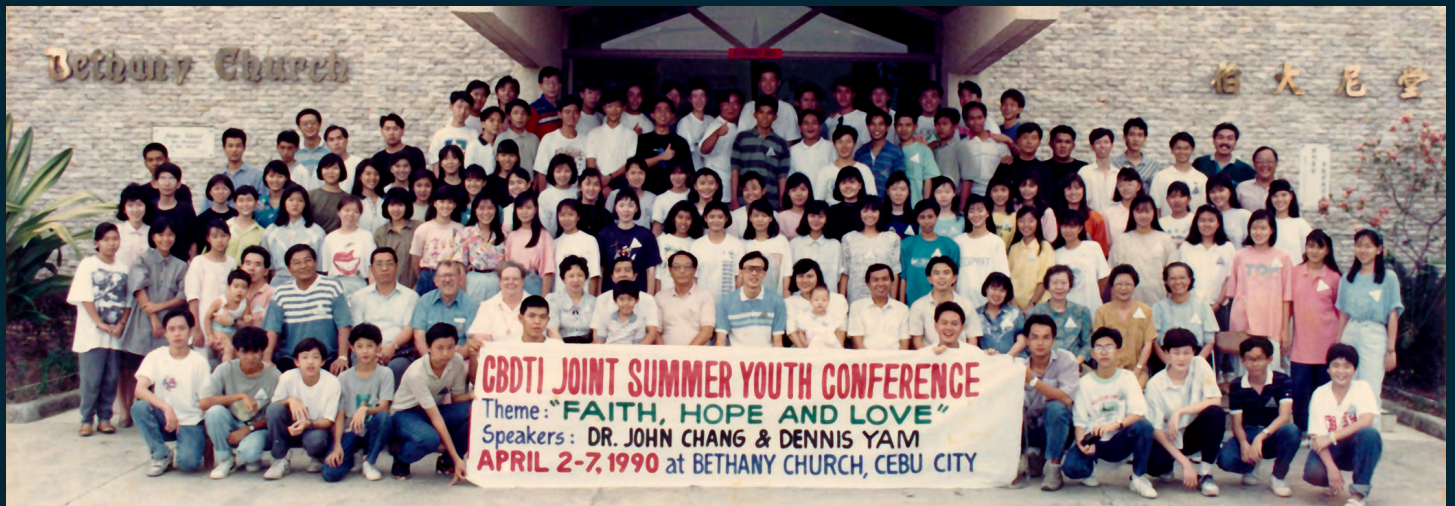
We have annual activities like “Counsellors Appreciation Night” and “Church Workers Appreciation Night.” These are organized to show appreciation to the people who have helped us in the fellowship.

Bible studies are set every third week of the month. We also have panel discussions on some important life issues. We are up-to-date with the latest Christian films. We see to it that we watch them with the youth and help them evaluate the films, pointing out important lessons to learn.

It is our goal that each of the youth who have come across CYF will have a good relationship with God and eventually with one another.

Please continue to pray for our youth that they may really mature in their saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, and would be able to impact the people in their lives. Hopefully... someday they will rise up to become good leaders of our Church. To God be all the Glory and Honor! 🙏





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# 唱詩班

## 喜樂與歌頌

丁葉環環

# 箴

言17:22上提醒我們說：「喜樂的心乃是良藥。」它會醫百病，而且心裡自然而然湧出讚美上帝的歌聲。

如詩人大衛王，雖然遇到敵人追殺，他還是靠着音樂的力量活下去。

因他相信音樂來自上帝，他所得到的幫助，乃是求告創造天地的耶和華的名。

「我要歌頌禰的力量，早晨我要高唱禰的慈愛。因為禰做過我的高台，在我急難的日子，作過我的避難所。」

詩篇59：16

大衛王寫下這首詩正是被敵人追殺的時候，即使他在危難當中，他仍然謹慎，記得上帝所賜予他的慈愛與力量，不停地歌頌上帝，同時獻上感恩。

大衛王也曾經說過：「要等候耶和華，當壯膽，堅固你的心，我再說，要等候耶和華。」詩篇27：14。無論我們處於任何境遇，只要靠着上帝的慈愛，我們就能夠安然渡過，

在懼怕與軟弱的時刻，要記得「耶和華是我們的力量，是我們的盾牌，我們心裡要倚靠祂，就得幫助。我們心中歡樂，我們必用詩歌頌讚祂。」詩28:7。

願上帝的慈愛與喜樂充滿我們！上帝對我們永遠是信實的！✝

# CHOIR

## JOY & PRAISE

Translated by Elizabeth Oh

# P

Proverbs 17:22 reminds us that "A joyful heart is good medicine..." It can heal any sicknesses, and the heart naturally overflows with the sound of praise to God.

Just like the psalmist King David: Although he was pursued and wanted dead by the enemy, he remained alive by leaning on the power of music.

This was only possible because he believed that music comes from God. The help that he received came from calling on the Name of Jehovah – the Maker of Heaven and Earth.

*"But I will sing of your strength, in the morning I will sing of your love; for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble."*

Psalms 59:16

When King David was being pursued by the enemy, he wrote the song in Psalm 59:16. Even in the midst of danger, he remained vigilant, remembering the love and strength that God had given him. He unceasingly praised God and offered thanksgiving.

King David also said: "Wait for the LORD; be strong and let your heart take courage; yes, wait for the LORD." No matter our circumstances, as long as we rely on the Lord's loving kindness, we will be able to live through.

In times of fear and weakness, remember what David wrote in Psalm 28:7: "The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him."

May the Lord fill us with His loving-kindness and joy! God is ever faithful to us! ✝



# GOD'S AMAZING G.R.A.C.E. THE PCGS EXPERIENCE

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*Dr. Wanda Po and Pastor Stephanie Wong*

**A** tender word of kindness to the cruel master; extending a handshake of forgiveness to the serial killer; touching someone who has a communicable skin disease; giving up your outer cloak as well as your inner garments; receiving into your home a stranger who is an outcast by society... These are some expressions of grace.





All that Philippine Christian Gospel School (PCGS) is today – her people, buildings, facilities, and accomplishments – all these are also manifestations of God's amazing grace.

Founded in 1948 by members of Cebu Gospel Church, the school became one of the pioneering schools in the region for quality Christian education offering the Chinese curriculum.

She also became a fertile ground for evangelism and discipleship. Today, PCGS continues to be an arm of Cebu Gospel Church in the ministry of children, youth and adults.

## **GROWTH**

Since the founding of the school in 1948, God never fails to meet every need. During times when the school's finances were in crisis, God used people to meet those needs.

Endowed with God's wisdom, the men and women of the Board of Trustees rose up to meet each of these financial challenges. They initiated projects and staged shows that will generate funds to help the school's finances.

In 1984, under the leadership of the late Mr. Nemesio Garcia as Chairman of the Board, he initiated the construction of the 18-classroom Uy Cang Chui Siok Building for the elementary pupils.

In the late 90s, the high school buildings became unfit for use. God, in His appointed time, raised up a group of young professionals and entrepreneurs to compose the new set of Board of Trustees. Brilliantly diverse but one in heart and purpose, they were determined to rebuild the campus. Hence, the campus master plan came into being.

This was a three-phase building project that started with the 3,039.75 sq. m. Ong Lian Siong Gymnasium completed in 2002 and fully air-conditioned in 2008. In 2003, the one-story preschool building was remodeled and a second story was added to include a 134-seating capacity Ong Lian Piak Audio-Visual Room, a computer laboratory, a library, and a faculty office. This building was named "Haggai 1:4"; the verse reference was written on paper by an anonymous donor, who dropped it with his generous donation into the offering bag.

In 2004, the last phase of the three-phase building project was completed. This is a 5-storey High

***“God’s outpouring  
of His grace  
humbles us  
to no end.”***



***“We teach to  
prepare students  
for living in the world  
for the world in the  
Name of Christ.”***



School and Administration building named after the patriarchs of its major donors – Ung Han Liong and Yap Yok Sr. In 2010, an annex to the elementary Uy Cang Chui Siok Building was built.

It is God's grace that moved God's people and alumni to give generously in response to the call for change and improvement. It is God's grace that sustained the Board of Trustees in their passion to see the school campus rebuilt. It is by God's grace that the school remained steadfast and strong despite the dark clouds and stormy days. God's grace was certainly seen in the growth and expansion of the school buildings and facilities.

But His grace is not limited to the physical aspects of the school. The student population also steadily increased over the last ten years. As the 2016-2017 school year opens, we have 777 enrollees. A perfect number! By God's grace, PCGS will continue to grow.

## **RECOGNITION**

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Today, operating schools have become more like a business enterprise; it has in fact, become very competitive. Just like businesses, schools have to be marketed through print and non-print advertisements. All schools face the challenge of finding some means of quality assurance for parents who spend tens of thousands on tuition and other school fees.

The acknowledged measure of quality in educational institutions is accreditation. Schools are challenged to continually improve their programs and services. Hence, schools are encouraged to submit to what is called voluntary accreditation. This procedure aims to assist schools at self-improvement.

Dr. Derek J. Keenan in his book **“Called to Lead”** (2002, p. 173) wrote, “Schools that achieve accreditation become part of the greater learning community of high quality schools. They move forward in a strategic way because they have disciplined themselves to achieve the affirmation and respect of an independent evaluative agency. Accreditation helps educational institutions establish evidence and data-supported baselines of quality from which they can proceed to improve, mature, and develop to their fullest potential.”



Consistent with this desire to self-improvement, we decided to accept the challenge of submitting our three programs to voluntary accreditation. During the tedious process of preparing for this academic exercise, we drew inspiration and encouragement from our God who also desires that we pursue nothing less than EXCELLENCE; by God's grace and empowerment, we were determined to finish the task and to do it well to the glory of His Name.

In 2005, all three programs – Kindergarten, Elementary and High School – were recognized as quality programs; thus, each one was granted Level 2 accredited status, effective December 2005 until December 2010. All glory to God alone for his amazing grace!

This academic exercise is to be continuously pursued. Hence in 2010, the second cycle of evaluation was conducted; again God surprised us when the agency qualified our Elementary and High School programs for Level 3. Today, we continue to be recognized as an accredited school; God's outpouring of his grace humbles us to no end.

## ALUMNI

Chinese philosopher Guan Zhong once wrote: 一年之計，莫如樹穀；十年之計，莫如樹木；終身之計，莫如樹人。 In English, it can be translated as "If your plan is for one year, plant rice; if your plan is for ten years, plant trees; if your plan is for a lifetime, educate children."

Thus, "Education is life" defines our educational philosophy. We teach to prepare students for living in the world for the world in the Name of Christ.

Starting from its founding year in 1948, Kian Kee has already graduated 3,890 students. Based on the school registrar's file, 143 alumni completed their tertiary education with honors.

Here are the numbers including honors received for graduate and post graduate studies:

- Ten summa cum laude; 42 magna cum laude; 97 cum laude; and six receiving honors or scholastic recognition or distinction.
- The school is also proud of alumni who topped the board examinations. To date, 35 alumni made it to the top 20 in a board examination; among these, ten alumni landed first place in a board examination.
- Aside from all these academic accolades, about 38 alumni received citations for other special achievements.
- But more importantly, based on reports received, at least 40 alumni are into full-time ministries serving either as a church pastor, a missionary, or in Christian school education.

God has used the school to further His kingdom on earth; it is His grace that saved us in Jesus, but it is also His grace that chose a few to work in His vineyard. All His grace!



## COMMUNITY

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Behind the cemented walls of PCGS are crowded wooden houses with floor areas of around nine square meters, serving as living and dining rooms during the day, and bedrooms in the night for 2-3 families.

Behind the unseen walls are people convinced of their hopelessness and so have settled for poverty and “under-education,” if there is such word.

But the grace of God has not left these people where they are. God himself allowed the school administration to see through these walls and the urgency in their hearts to walk and work among the people in this community.

This vision and burden has enjoined the whole PCGS family (students, faculty, staff and parents) to commit for 5 years (school year 2011-2016) to work together with the barangay captain of Barangay Sta. Cruz for the transformation of the people in the community. Thus, based on the school's vision and mission the objectives for the community outreach program was formed, which is as follows:

For the less privileged people of the community to RISE in Christ!

- R Rise above their present circumstances
- I Impart to and Impact the society
- S See beyond their present condition
- E Exert effort to reach for the extraordinary
- in Christ The only source of hope and new life.

Without delay, every department of PCGS embarked to adopt and reach out to different age groups, from toddlers to adults.

- The preschool teachers visited the Day Care Center every Thursday to teach songs, Bible stories and Christian values to the kids, while their parents also stayed to listen.
- The Elementary students and faculty (with the help of some Bible students from Bible Baptist Church) welcomed children from ages 6-12 and teens every Saturday, and conducted Math and English tutorials with songs, Bible lessons, and Christian Values. This was packaged with other events and interests like sports, Christmas parties, outing and Daily Vacation Bible School in summer.

- The High school students, teachers and non-teaching staff took the extra mile to reach out to the teens for sports, tutorials and values education and the adults for livelihood program and Bible Study.

When the Grace of God dawns on you, it is irresistible. It is grace that sustains the sacrificial love of the PCGS family to reach out to the people who needed hope. It is grace that broke the walls of hopelessness and captured the hearts of the lost. At the end of five years, there is an overwhelming joy to see the fruits of grace:

- The children are said to be more behaved at home and studying well in school.
- A few teens are now attending young people's fellowship at the Katipunan Bible Baptist Church.
- Some homes are open for home Bible Studies and visitation.
- A family is regularly attending worship service.
- A mother, a son and a nephew are baptized.
- A former dropout has finished high school through ALS (Alternative Learning System with Operation Mobilisation) and is now studying in the University of Cebu, taking up a Bachelor of Science Major in Business Administration.
- Some mothers have been employed in beauty parlors, and a few are engaged in home service massage.
- Nine adult ladies are actively engaged in small business endeavors.

Behind the walls of despair is hope in Jesus Christ! The grace of God has brought the people in the community to RISE above their circumstances and to find freedom through salvation in Jesus Christ.

## EDUCATORS

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Many mentors have come and gone in the passing of time. But the men and women who have made a difference in lives of the school's students remain in the pages of the school's history and in the hearts of her alumni. Such influence has gone a long way into making them what they are today.

They are teachers who taught with HEART (Humble, Enthusiastic, Available, Relevant, and Truthful). The teachers cited in the following paragraphs are some of my personal choices:



- **Mrs. Teresa Lim Ng Siok Kim** (黃淑琴老師) is foremost in my list of teachers who exhibited genuine humility. She was very learned in Chinese studies – grammar, literature, history, culture, etc., whether spoken or written Chinese, she was the ultimate scholar par excellence. Yet, she never looked down on anyone who had less education or limited knowledge in Chinese. Moreover, she did not consider herself as having already achieved “perfection” in Chinese studies; she was always pressing on, and constantly attended teaching seminars. She never stopped learning. At the age of 70, she learned how to use the computer, one of the very few teachers in the Chinese department who embraced the new technology for instruction. Her humble spirit shames the wise and the smart.
- There was always enthusiasm when she steps into our classroom for a class in Chinese Geometry. Geometry was a difficult subject for many of us, but **Ms. Judy Ong** (李美麗老師), with her enthusiasm in teaching the subject, was inspiring. Her enthusiasm was very encouraging and made learning geometry challenging yet enjoyable. I had caught her passion for numbers; hence I pursued a degree in Mathematics because of her influence.
- If many of today's students struggle with Filipino, they are not alone. I, too, struggled with it; but my Grade 5 teacher, **Ms. Editha Key**, was kind enough to extend instruction time beyond class hours. She graciously and patiently helped me with it. She made herself available after school hours to coach me. Filipino did not become my favorite subject, but Ms. Key became one of my favorite teachers.
- How can you make ancient Chinese history relevant and interesting? **Mrs. Tan Muy Tie** (蕭梅治老師), with her strong and high-spirited voice, can tell fascinating stories and make centuries-old Chinese history come to life. There were always life lessons attached to the successes and failures of Chinese historical heroes and villains.



- The name **Ms. Victoria Batocoy** will be on the lips of countless Kian Keenians when asked the question – “Who led you to salvation in Jesus?” To many first and second graders, the name Ms. Batocoy is such a sweet name; just as sweet as the name of Jesus that she shared with her students. She never missed to be truthful to the biblical mandate to bring every soul to the saving grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ; she remained truthful to the Bible, faithful to the task of evangelism, and to the task of teaching the Truth to all her students.

Henry Adams was right when he wrote, “a teacher affects eternity!” There are still many more teachers and mentors of PCGS who have made their marks in my life as well as in the lives of some other students. Their beautiful examples have led many to live meaningfully – loving God and loving others. These mentors taught not only with their words but also with their works; they taught with eternity in view.

Counting the blessings that God has bestowed upon Philippine Christian Gospel School, no one can claim any merit. It's all God's grace – amazing, irresistible, abounding and overflowing in outward acts of generous giving and humble service by God's people. 🙏



# THE ROAD TO A HUNDRED YEARS: An Insider's View from the Centennial Committee

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Lili Gothong

**7**o quote from the first verse of our Centennial Song: "The works of man alone will pass, without the hand of God." Praise our mighty Lord God for His grace and mercy towards our Cebu Gospel Church, which thrived in the city of Cebu—a city known for people who love idols.



It is indeed a privilege to be part of the Centennial Committee for Cebu Gospel Church. The Church Council tasked five council members to form a central committee to initiate planning for the Church's 100-year celebration in 2016.

These core members then requested a few members of our Church to serve as "executive committee members" to help organize the big event. Praise God, they were willing and ready! Even though most of them are busily involved in their own secular work, they were always ready to heed the call and serve our God. Isn't that amazing?

The committee first met on April 5, 2014, brainstorming the specifics on what and how are we to celebrate our church's big day. How could we exalt the God's greatness and grace that he showered upon CGC?

The questions came non-stop: when will we start celebrating? What will be our theme? There were so many that we did not even know how to start!

Finally, our group decided to request the congregation to "Fast and Pray." Some members did it in groups, while others did it individually. After much contemplation, some concrete ideas gradually began to form.

First of all, a "theme" was necessary, so we started working on that theme. There were many suggestions: 頌讚主恩, 數算主恩, 主恩無盡, 極大讚美..."

We finally collectively decided to use John 1:16 (ESV): "For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace." Indeed, God's Grace – 100 Years and Beyond: 主恩長存.

After that, the Lord continued to guide the committee members, inspiring one member after another to suggest ideas which the committee will then study. The process was organic and came very naturally.

Take for example, our invitation card. It was the brainchild of someone who traveled abroad, saw a very special card, bought a copy, and presented it to the group. It was just an idea, nothing more. The possibility of actually achieving it seemed impossible at that time. We must have forgotten that **nothing is impossible** for God!

But in the background, someone worked silently to bring the idea to fruition. So many trials were encountered that necessitated physical and mental exertion before a solution was reached—a supplier outside the Philippines was found and contracted.

How the idea became a reality, I have no idea. Truly, it was by the grace of God!

Next, we dreamed of having a **Hundred-Voice Choir** to praise our Lord. A good suggestion, but will it materialize?

Seems impossible. Yes, our Church Choir is well-known for its magnificent vocals, but we literally needed a hundred singers!

Okay then, maybe let's not call it "100 Voices", but the "Centennial Choir" (*oh ye of little faith!*). When we watched them practice, it as figuratively with blood and tears. It was very challenging to coordinate everyone to come and practice together, thus discouraging the Choir director.

How was that particular hurdle overcome? They sent out the practice songs in CDs to everyone who was willing and able to join, including those who were outside Cebu or even outside the Philippines.

What was the result? I believe everyone witnessed the presence of God himself. When I watched the rehearsals, my heart melted. Imagine a motley crew consisting toddlers (the youngest was three years old) and even a nonagenarian (the oldest participant was 92!) practicing from 7:00 to 10:00 PM.



Once, the Choir even practiced until almost midnight when our Conductress – who came all the way from Vancouver, Canada and was leaving the next day – requested for them to practice more.

A hundred years of existence is not easily achieved. The Church encountered ups and downs, trials and testing by our Lord to make us strong for Him. To be firm for Him. And most of all, to remind us about the humble origins of **CEBU GOSPEL CHURCH**.

Therefore, we must also acknowledge the Heritage Committee, which started to work since 2011. Its members are God-sent, some of them may not be physically strong, but were spiritually charged with GOD's mighty power and wisdom.

They performed superbly. They got every fellowship, even the Philippine Christian Gospel School, and our daughter churches Mandaue Gospel Church (MGC) and Surigao Gospel Church to prepare bulletin boards to show everyone the mission and vision that underlies their existence. Everyone participated with eagerness, praise be to our mighty God!

Then we requested a very special family, so gifted by our Lord God with musical talent, to compose a hymn befitting the occasion: creating not only the music, but also English and Chinese lyrics as well! Would that be possible? Yes... and no.

Yes, they *can* do it, but the question was: *will* they do it? This gifted family is rather shy; when you ask them to do something, they would immediately respond that they do not know how to do it. But when God needed them, they couldn't say "no."

We all know it's not an easy job, especially since this family is a bunch of perfectionists. You know what I mean. Every note and every word has to be wisely placed. Our God is a perfect God, and so this family was just the right fit to do it! Again, trials and tribulation abounded, but were overcome by their hearts in writing the song for the Lord!

I thank those who walked the extra mile to make this celebration a success. God works through people around us. People from CGC and MGC. Former members who no longer worship in our church. These people have extended their hearts to help us.

What's more, there were also people who were not even members of our church, but extended their helping hands so sincerely. Most significantly, even friends and family who have not yet accepted Christ willingly aided us in our requests.

It is true, miracles after miracles were happening after we exalted God's name.



Yes, I realize that sometimes we feel so fulfilled, and everything seems so perfect. When pride starts to fill us, God would immediately show us our mistakes and our weaknesses. But never to discourage us, but to make us see that we need HIM to perfect our work carefully.

How did we uncover our mistakes? Through the prayers of our church members. They really prayed with sacrifices and tears. Wonderful things happened, because God listens to and answers collective prayer. So powerfully.

Did everything run smoothly? No! There were trials all throughout. Voices complaining about this and that; people getting sick; family problems popping up. Sometimes, even committee members became overly-sensitive towards others' opinions.

All I could say was, "Lord, do not leave us. We are almost there in glorifying your name! We know that Satan is working hard too, but You are more powerful. Through Your Strength we can overcome this!"

As is written in James 1:2-4, "My brethren, count it all **JOY** when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its **PERFECT WORK**, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. 我的弟兄們，你們落在百般試煉中，都要以為大喜樂；因為知道你們的信心經過試驗，就生忍耐。但忍耐也當成功，使你們成全、完備，毫無缺欠。"

Wow, thank GOD for His reminder and encouragement. He always guided us and gave us His wisdom to decide for His work. How then could we not do our part, no matter how little, to help glorify the KING of KINGS? Our Centennial Choir made it to a hundred voices, with people coming from afar: from Manila, to Singapore and Canada. I could not imagine the effort, the time, and finances involved in the undertaking.





Participants practiced, practiced, and practiced. The Psalm recitation from the four or five-year old preschoolers from the Philippine Christian Gospel School; the "Being Christian Soldiers Joy Dance" presentation of the Sisters Fellowship, whose majority were already senior citizens; our Sunday School's "Revolting Children;" the puppet presentation by the Young Professionals. Even our church employees joined in, scheduling their practices after cleaning up the mess we left behind after church services.

I acknowledge our CYFers, and a group of young people calling themselves the V Crew – they must be the victorious ones? The Joybells and Soul Searchers. Everyone practiced not because they are good at performing, but because of God's Grace. Without it, nobody would stand up and perform. This time, the Lord used so many shy brethren to open themselves up and come out from their shells to help the church.

Our Lord also give us talented people to handle the choreography. Although she is so slim, I praise God's power in making her so energetic, it's as if she has an extra eye to help point out our mistakes during the rehearsals for all of the programs.

Can you imagine how much God blessed her with such energy and wisdom?! These things happened during in the preparation of the CGC Centennial Year celebration – an outburst of Thanksgiving to our mighty God.

I end with a somewhat controversial issue: finances. Many people asked why we have to spend so much when we can do something big to help the world—the poor and the needy. Does that sound familiar?

Remember, my dear friend, we did this not for men, but as a form of gratitude. To magnify our Lord who has been with us for a hundred years and beyond. How can we *not* celebrate?!!

When our earthly parents reach 80, 90 or 100 years old, would we not be so happy and ask other people to celebrate with us? What more for our GOD who took care of us, loved us, and provided for us for a hundred years? He does not grow old, He does not change, and He will never leave us nor forsake us. All we need to do is to get connected with Him every day, every time, for every breath of our lives! I urge everyone to love Him with all our hearts, all our soul, all our minds and all our strength! Praise be to God Almighty! 🙏





# MISSION COMMITTEE



# EXPERIENCING GOD'S GRACE

## AT CGC MISSION COMMITTEE

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*James Young*

**7**he Cebu Gospel Church Mission Committee (CGCMC) was founded more than fifty years ago, with the goal of fulfilling the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ to spread the Good News to our city, our province, our country, and beyond.

CGCMC is composed of our Pastors, Elders, four elected Deacons from our Church Council, and a representative from each of our church fellowship groups. There are five main areas that we give financial support in pursuit of our Mission goals:

1. First, we support **Missionaries** who plant a church under a five-year program within a specific area or locality. There is a periodic review of their work, and we have, at different times, either sent an independent pastor, or our own Mission Committee members to visit and evaluate their church planting ministry.
2. Second, we support **Seminaries** for their operational expenses as well as provide Theological Education Support for Seminary Students. This ensures the constant supply of new workers for the vineyard of the Lord as well as the upgrading of the knowledge and skill of the existing pastors in the mission field.
3. Thirdly, we support **Philippine Christian Gospel School (PCGS)**, especially in her Christ Emphasis Week activities. This helps introduce the Gospel to students and make life-long disciples out of our next generation.

4. Fourth, we support **Operation: Jesus Loves You (JLY)** which has conducted children's feeding and teaching ministry, medical missions, evangelistic work, and disaster response such as the sending of relief goods and the rebuilding of damaged churches in Cebu and beyond.
5. Last but not the least, we support various **Christian Organizations** like the DYFR-FM radio station, House of Hope, the Philippine Student Alliance Lay Movement (PSALM), Campus Crusade, Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, Serving in Missions (SIM), Port Christian Center, Evangelism Explosion, CCOWE Philippines, and the Philippine Council of Evangelical Churches.

Each of these organizations offers a unique approach in bringing light and salvation into a world that is often lost in the darkness. In the succeeding pages, we present a couple of testimonies from people whose lives were saved: one through the ministry of PSALM, and another through the Christian drug rehabilitation center, House of Hope. We also include an acrostic from House of Hope which spells out their ministry. Through this, we hope to give you a glimpse of how your support of our Mission Committee creates a ripple that keeps the blessing going even outside of our circle of influence.

The history of the CGCMC is lined with many great stories, both told and untold, about how faithful men and women of our church gave their time, talents, and possessions in the fulfillment of the Great Commission. Through it, numerous churches

were built both in the Philippines and abroad (particularly in China), and the Gospel indeed was made available to many a man, woman, and child.

For this article however, we shall view how God's Grace has been experienced at the Mission Committee through a more recent lens, since the writer's personal existence does not cover the length and breadth of CGCMC's existence.

It is not an understatement to say that the history of the CGCMC was fraught with challenges. A few years back, it was experiencing apathy, as evidenced by meetings that had difficulty in achieving quorum, differences in opinion, lack of direction, and eventually, the inability to meet our annual Mission Fund goals.

When this writer was chosen to lead the committee, his first reaction was to decline because of lack of ability and experience. However, through the kindness of the Mission Committee members, they assured him that this will be a collective work wherein all hands will be on deck to move our Mission Work forward as we approach the Centennial Anniversary of our church.

The twin disasters in 2013 that were the Bohol earthquake and Typhoon Yolanda presented a new mission for us – how to effectively coordinate a disaster response that will bring relief and hope to our suffering countrymen. The Mission Committee and Operation: JLY accomplished this by bringing together the entire church in a marathon packaging of emergency relief goods.

These operations eventually saw our assistance brought to different parts of Bohol and Tacloban, and even the northern tip of Cebu through trucks, boats, and motorized pump boats through the rivers and seas. With the cooperation with the Chinese Christian Relief Association (CCRA), we were also able to rebuild fourteen churches that were either damaged or destroyed by typhoon Yolanda.

These experiences created a bond within the Mission Committee, and rallied the support of our members. Our meetings became more substantive, and attendance and participation in

meetings grew. The annual mission fund goal was also attained with the vigorous promotion by our Mission Committee officers, and Deacons David Tan and Gilbert Yap. Praise the Lord!

Even as things were getting better at CGCMC, our church was still searching for a Pastor to lead us into the Centennial Anniversary. The Church invited a few prospects, but it did not pan out for one reason or another.

There were some who fretted, "What if we reach a hundred years without a Pastor? When will the Lord send us a shepherd who will lead us?" Little did we know that God was preparing for us to experience His amazing grace through the CGCMC.

In June 2014, the CGCMC received a request for assistance from representatives of evangelist Dr. Stephen Tong, to help coordinate his citywide crusade to be held on July 24. Our committee approved this request, and provided logistics and meals in coordination with the other Chinese churches in our area. It was during our welcome lunch with Dr. Tong that this writer and Brother Nixon Po became reacquainted with Rev. Vicente Sia, whom God arranged to be in the same luncheon with us.

We knew him from way back when we were attending youth summer conferences to be a good and faithful man of God. As we conversed with him, we discovered that he was strong in missions with a passion for the lost. In fact, when he retired after many years as senior pastor of Jubilee Evangelical Church, he continued on as a pastor for missions. Dare we hope that he might be the one God will provide our church?

We continued to exchange pleasantries with him, and found out that he was in Cebu to supervise some of their church-supported missionaries. We offered our church parsonage as a guest room should he happen to pass by Cebu again. We also told him about our lack of a Church Pastor, and ask him if he would consider leaving his comfort zone in Manila, his family and friends, to come to Cebu (*as they say, there is no such thing as a free lunch, so we didn't waste any time in grabbing the opportunity to invite Rev. Sia*).



To our amazement, Rev. Sia was very positive towards our invitation. He promised to pray about it, and seek the guidance of God. He became our Missions Emphasis Week speaker in the following year, and the rest, as they say, is history. Praise the Lord! We truly experienced God's Grace in providing us a Church Pastor just in time for our Centennial celebrations.

**Postscript:** It has recently come to our knowledge that Erwin Sedenyo, the grandson of our late church driver Dodong Libron, has now come under the tutelage of Pastor Kirk Importante and is studying to be a pastor / church-planter. This was made possible through our church-planting initiative at Sambag 2, the place of residence of Dodong. We can see the Grace of God coming full circle when the grandson of our longest serving driver commits his life full-time to serve the Lord and spread the Gospel. Praise the Lord! 🙏

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# BOOK SHELF

## A TESTIMONY OF A LIFE THAT IS SAVED THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF PSALM

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*Kris Antonia "Krisa" Tiongson*

**W**hen I was a kid, I was smart and good in the eyes of my family and peers. My life was normal, ordinary, and idealistic. I thought my life was perfect. I was naïve. Everything in my life seemed fine.

But then, fast forward to 2007, I found myself in the hospital. My eldest sister had just given birth to twins by C-section. It was supposedly a joyous occasion. We were supposed to be happy. We had new baby girls.

But when you scratch beneath the surface, the truth is we were all scared. My sister wasn't married; she was only eighteen. The image of a seemingly perfect family suddenly disappeared.

I was fourteen then, and I was depressed. I kept on crying and crying until I felt empty and questioned why this happened. I hated my sister. I looked up to her and I felt betrayed. I couldn't imagine facing the people around me. I was her sister, and I felt that our life was tainted. And being her younger sister, ending up like her

was the inescapable afterthought of most people. I didn't even care how hard it was for her or what she was going through.

One night, I found the Bible gathering dust on the book shelf. I secretly brought it to my room because I was embarrassed. No one had ever read, or let alone touched the Bible at home. I was curious and lost, and so I read it from page 1. But I couldn't understand it. I decided to abandon it. I left it to gather dust once more. My attempt at finding answers failed. Little did I know that it was God's way of calling out to me.

And so for years I simply tried to survive each day not knowing what to live for. Finally, I graduated from high school, after all the drama, and I convinced my parents to let me study in Cebu. I told them that I wanted to be a dentist and Cebu had a great dental school. I was the youngest and the first to move out, so naturally my parents were hesitant at first. But after a while, they finally approved.

I was happy because deep inside, I knew that coming to Cebu wasn't just for my studies. It was

a form of escape from our unconventional and dysfunctional life. What with all the hype with my sister's babies, plus the fact that my mother's half-sisters who were almost my age showed up out of nowhere. Well, that made me feel stranded and lost, and so I left for Cebu. It was selfish, but I convinced myself otherwise.

I then began my first year in college. After a couple of months of adjusting, I found myself in a ministry in San Vicente Ferrer Parish. It was okay. I didn't quite fit in but I tried my best. Every week was the same, and I travelled far for the monthly fellowships.

I'll be honest. I was desperate for God. But I was forcing myself. I felt that something was missing and after about a year, I stopped. In spite of everything, I thanked God for always guiding me and protecting me. Without that ministry and being new in Cebu, I would have drowned in the superficiality and the fake happiness that society provided.

But the point is, it was over. I was only clinging to the hope that God would lead me someplace safe, to a place where I belonged, somewhere I needed to be. Yet in that gap of time, I realized that God never abandoned me, for He surrounded me with Christ-believers. They were my classmates and friends. God indeed is so wonderful because all that time, He was leading me to a certain point, preparing me for the climax of this story.

On February 25, 2011, someone shared the Gospel to me and I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior. About a year later, on that fateful Friday in August, I met my discipler. We were just passing by the chapel in school and someone called out to us, inviting us to a fellowship. We were in the same course. She offered me and my friends a weekly Bible study. We happily accepted.

And so we had our Caring Circle Lessons every Thursday. In some meetings, there would be over ten of us. In other meetings, we would only be five. Sometimes, our meetings would be postponed or cancelled. Instead of a couple of months, our ten-lesson Bible study extended to eight months.

But I persisted because I was hungry for more, and I desired to know God outside the context of religion. I was a lost sheep and I felt that all those lessons kept me on track.

On our 10<sup>th</sup> and final lesson, I was both anxious and excited. I was anxious because I wondered, "What's next?" What happens after this?" But like a thrilling novel, something amazing was waiting over the next mountain. After a while, I was properly introduced to PSALM, and I was presented the opportunity to join the leadership training in Davao.

Being the coward that I was, I hesitated because I knew that I would never be the same again. But lo and behold, God gave me the strength and the courage to pursue the opportunity.

I remember that on our last CCL meeting, I was asked what kind of light I was. I looked inside and I said that I was a lampshade hiding in the closet, illuminating but hiding in darkness. God made me realize that it's time to open the closet, shine brightly, let His glory be seen in my life. As it is stated in Matthew 5:14-15: "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house."

So onwards to Davao I went. I arrived as an ordinary student, coming as another face in the crowd. But I went home a proud child of God, a humbled servant, a disciple of Christ, a once-lost-but-now-found sheep, and a Christian by heart. Indeed, God changes you in ways you cannot imagine.

The most important lesson I have learned in my 22 years of existence is that once you accept Jesus Christ in your heart and acknowledge that He is your Lord and Savior, you will be like a bud of flower coming into full bloom. And that is the truth. I am a living testimony of God's great power and I thank God for using PSALM as an instrument to reach out to more souls.



Now, I am in my 6<sup>th</sup> year in Dentistry, and I can honestly say that life is beautiful despite all the hardships. All the suffering in this world will pale into comparison with the abundant life that God has planned for us.

I leave you with the verse from 1 Corinthians 15:58: "Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." 🙏



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# THE HAND THAT ROCKED MY CRADLE

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*Ginno Paolo Amodia*

*"I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand."*

**Psalms 40:1-2**

**I** was awakened from my midsummer night's slumber as the cold wind sent me shivering. As my eyes searched, it caught the visage of a boy, in his teen years, who was sleeping next to me.

I had spent the night in this PUJ, the owner of which I have not even laid eyes on. And this boy was a car washer. Yes, I slept with car washers! I had to rub the sleep off my eyes to see if this was for real or not. I could hardly believe that this was really me. Am I one of them now? Do I deserve to belong here?

Sunrise was yet hours away. I was uncertain if there will ever be one in this wretched life of mine. I couldn't go back to sleep, so I spent the wee hours

of the morning pondering and recalling how I came to be in this mess. My whole being was engulfed in sin and confusion. I was trapped. My life was in a whirlwind... I was hooked on drugs.

All my hanky-panky started as merely a game of curiosity. I was 15 years old then when a cousin offered me a try. Such a tender age. I was young, innocent, and supremely overconfident that I'll never get hooked. But that move started it all. My problems began there. At first, it came slowly. But further on, it paved the way to my addiction. It was like the earth's gravity pulling me hard unto it. I tried marijuana, cough syrup and shabu. It was with shabu that I really got hooked into.

I often handed the blame down to my family, probably because my parents never really got along very well. My younger brother and I often witnessed our parents arguing and disagreeing on so many things. My father had attitude problems, and it was my Mom who took the responsibility

to support us with our needs. She even endured being far from us when she decided to leave to work in the States. I was seven years old then, and my brother was five. It was tragic but we had no choice.

To make up for her absence, she sent us to a very good school, in fact a very reputable one: Cebu International School. But I guess material things and money will never suffice. It never did fill up that empty space within me. My only consolation then was my love for basketball. It was with the hoop and the ball that I spent my troublesome days with. I loved playing basketball since I was little. I often thought of it as a gift from God because this was where I was good at. I even dreamt that I'd make it big someday. But this, too, was not spared by the destruction drug addiction did to me.

I married at an early age. I now have two wonderful and smart daughters – two God-given treasures to keep. One thing I regret the most is that I never really got to spend time with them and enjoy the wonders of being a father, because I was too indulged in shabu.

I lost respect for my family that even their things became target for my looting. I sold off my children's clothes, my wife's personal belongings, and everything I laid eyes on – appliances, jewelry, and even food.

I would not go home for days, but would just show up when I was out of drug money and had to look for things in the house to sell again. I failed to realize what pain and shame I had brought to my family.

And so, they decided to let me undergo rehabilitation, I was forced to stay in DRACC, Lahug. But after four months, I prematurely left the program because I had convinced my family that I was my normal self again. But after two weeks, there I was again. I went back to drugs, but it was worse this time.

It reached a point when my family grew really tired and weary of all my foolishness. My mom didn't want to talk to me anymore. My wife, who was always the last one to hate me, was now giving up. I couldn't enter the house anymore because everybody was afraid they might lose something.



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**“God has  
given me  
another chance,  
another life.”**

**“His saving  
grace and love has  
made me  
an instrument  
of faith and  
renewal.”**

I had to beg for food. I experienced eating outside my very own house like a beggar. I deteriorated into mere flesh and bone. It seemed like every time I went home, my family looked like every one of them want to give my very mangy face a good punch.

That's how I came to be here sleeping with car washers in parked jeepneys. Everyone had turned their backs on me because it seemed like there wasn't even a ghost of a chance for me to change. I was left all alone and confused.

But I couldn't blame them, for I abused, neglected and disrespected them all because of drugs. I almost made drugs my god, my *raison d'être*. So, I had no one to blame but myself. All my excuses were just nothing but scapegoats.

It was then that I considered the idea of entering the House of Hope. I knew I needed help and I would only be reunited with my family if I open my heart for change and humble myself for rehabilitation.

It became the biggest step that I took, the greatest accomplishment I'll ever have, one that I would have regretted the most had I not done it. Because it was here that I found God and made him my Lord and personal Savior.

God indeed embraced me with his open arms. Despite my grave sinfulness, God accepted me back because Jesus had once given us a promise:

*I desire mercy, not sacrifice. For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.*

**Matthew 9:13**

God has given me another chance, another life, a brand new one. Those gloomy days I spent under the influence of drugs would just remain as a closed chapter of my life – something to look back on but not something to cling unto. Those were all unhappy memories, but I know that God gave them to me for a purpose.

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*

**Jeremiah 29:11**

His saving grace and love has made me an instrument of faith and renewal for my family and friends. It was a great challenge and an accomplishment for me – how he has used my life for the conviction of others.

For the rest of my life, I will never be too proud to say that I once was a sinner, a drug addict. But now I am born again as a Christian. In fact, I had professed my faith at my baptism last February 13, 2002. I have learned to trust in the Lord and acknowledge him in all my ways, and he indeed made my paths straight (Proverbs 3:5-6). Everything that seemed impossible and unreachable for me before, God has all set before me now.

Since then, my life has never been the same. The Lord has blessed me and my family richly. I had sought him and how I found him.

*"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord, "and will bring you back from captivity."*

**Jeremiah 29:13-14a**

I have come to greatly appreciate every minute of my life, every bit of God's gracious bounty upon this Earth – lofty mountain peaks, flowers in bloom, birds a-chirping, most of all, LIVES RENEWED!

LORD, HOW GREAT THOU ART! 🙏

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# HOUSE OF HOPE

## AN ACROSTIC

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**H**eeding God's calling for him, one valiant man from Singapore set his foot ashore to our island of Cebu back in 1998. Bro. Robert Yeo had a vision of using what was once his broken life to inspire others to find hope in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**O**pening the doors of that bungalow he rented in Cebu that same year, he welcomed brothers who were burdened of the bondage of substance abuse and addiction in their lives. Bro. Robert underwent the very same ordeal in the past. He knew exactly how it felt to be an outcast in society, to be tangled in the perils of addiction.

**U**nsurprisingly, his ministry grew and was greatly blessed by God into what it is now. From a group of a few brothers, to a population of over 60 brothers at

present; from the few square meters inside that bungalow, to a very spacious and conducive area of 6,000 square meters of land in Gun-ob, Lapu-Lapu City to this very day.

**S**tructured on the basic principles of Christianity, our one-year rehabilitation program consists of four major components. These guidelines are aimed to help extricate each resident brother from the menace of their substance abuse and addiction.

**E**ncompassed in our program are Spiritual Therapy, Work Therapy, Physical Therapy and the Social Therapy. The core component is Spiritual Therapy because we greatly believe in the mighty power of our Lord Jesus Christ in renewing and restoring broken lives.



**O**n any typical day, the residents participate in daily Bible devotions and personal Bible study time. They are also assigned to worship in designated partner churches of the ministry. Every Saturday night is prayer meeting schedule where families or friends of our brothers can join in fellowship with the whole House of Hope family.

**F**or Work Therapy, residents are engaged in different work assignments, be it in our Rubberfloat-making project or water dealership project. They may also be tasked according to their skills and abilities. Some brothers with culinary expertise or experience may help out in the kitchen. Others may also help out in the office or at the maintenance department.

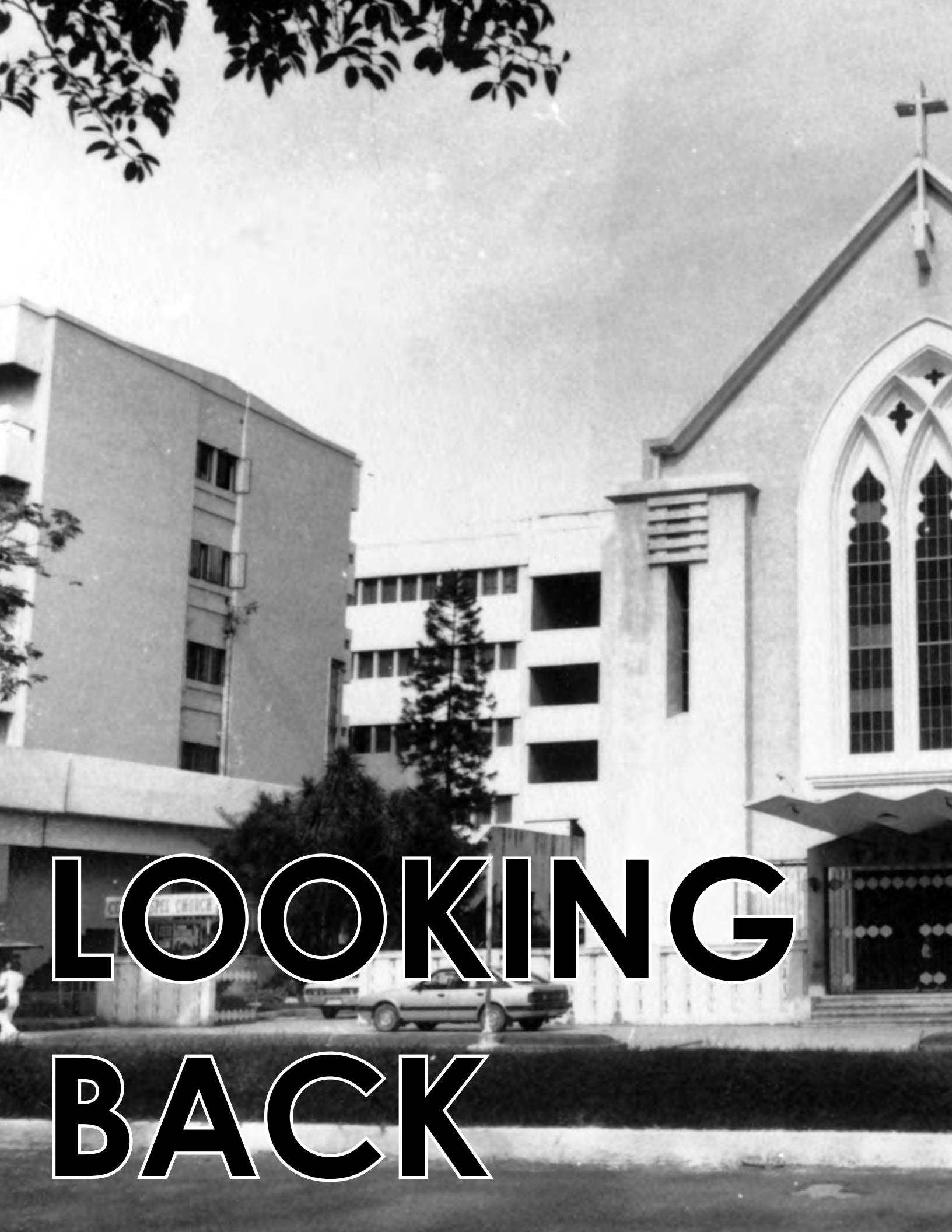
**H**elping our brothers gain back their healthy stature is the aim of our Physical Therapy. Our residents are encouraged to participate in any sport or activity each day when the clock strikes 4:00 PM. They can either play basketball, futsal, badminton, billiards, darts, table tennis, and many other sports. Some may opt to sculpt out their body contours again by hitting the gym we have in the premises. Still, others may opt to go for a regular jog.

**O**ur Social Therapy aims to help our brothers integrate back into society after the harrowing experiences they may have incurred from their shenanigan days. Our House

of Hope family engages in some social activities every now and then, such as marathons, civic-oriented parades and programs, drug symposiums in different schools and companies, and even sports tournaments we get invited to. Additional downtime activities include island hopping or swimming trips within the province. We also hold our annual retreat every May.

**P**roudly, the House of Hope ministry has become a channel of renewal for people who have gone wayward and have been engulfed in sin and confusion, to restore their lives and fulfil their God-given destiny by getting to know Christ and making Him as their Lord and personal Savior. Some of our brothers have gone to pastor their own churches, or have mended their broken relationships with their families and friends. Others have pursued successful careers of their own.

**E**ach renewed and redeemed life that the House of Hope ministry has laid witness to, is a great reason to celebrate and praise God! And we will continue to rejoice for the greatness and awesome grace and mercy of our Lord God Almighty as we continue to welcome brothers into our family, as we continue to celebrate anniversaries, and as we continue to proclaim that our God is truly a merciful, loving and awesome God!!! 🙏



# LOOKING BACK



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# LEAVING YOUR LEGACY

*Dr. Jean Uayan*

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eaching a hundred years is indeed a grand milestone for Cebu Gospel Church, and it is all thanks to God's grace. As our Church celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, it is a very appropriate time for us to ponder on the legacy of faith.



The word "legacy" means "something transmitted by or received from an ancestor or predecessor or from the past." People usually think of material inheritance when they use this word, but the word acquired this meaning after 1460. A century before, the word referred to a "*body of persons sent on a mission*," or an "*ambassador or envoy*."

Cebu Gospel Church's legacy is spiritual and everlasting, and as the body of Christ, we are on a mission. All of us share this very special and precious legacy that cannot be bought or accomplished by man.

## **THE FAITH THAT IS OUR LEGACY**

Our faith is this: we believe in God the Father who sent His beloved Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross for our sins, and we also believe in the Holy Spirit who is dwelling in us and is perpetuating this faith down through the ages. We need to focus more on who Jesus Christ is, through reading the Gospel according to Matthew.

Matthew presents Jesus' identity in three ways. First, since his audience was mainly the Jewish people, he identified Jesus as the **Christ** (*Christos*) in chapter 1, verses 1 and 16. To the Jews, the Messiah is the One anointed by God to become the Savior of mankind. Presenting Jesus as the Messiah not only reveals who He is, but also reveals who God is.

This goes all the way back to the Old Testament book of Genesis. God created man, but man sinned and fell from His grace. He remained gracious and faithful to man, promising a Deliverer, a Savior, the Anointed One. Jesus Christ truly is our Lord and Savior.

Matthew then identifies Jesus in another way: He is the **fulfilment** of what was written in the Scriptures. God promised us a Savior during the Old Testament times and fulfilled this promise in the New Testament period.

This is what Matthew 1:22 means. God chose the Israelites, even though time and again they failed Him. From the line of Abraham and David, God made possible the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is what the Bible is all about.

The third way that Matthew identifies Jesus is that He is the **God-man**. In Matthew 1:18 and 20, he mentioned twice that what Mary conceived was from the Holy Spirit; and in verse 23, Jesus is called *Emmanuel*, meaning "God with us."

These three verses reveal that Jesus is fully-God and fully-man. This revelation was given to Joseph as recorded by Matthew, but it was also given to Mary as found in Luke. This is the same revelation given to all Christian believers from that time until today. We believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the One True Savior promised by God, and we believe that He is truly God and truly Man.

## **FOUNDING FATHERS OF CEBU GOSPEL CHURCH**



**Rev. Paul  
Frederick Jansen**



**Rev. Dr. George  
Williamson Dunlap**



**Mrs. Deveen  
Taylor Dunlap**



**Rev. Jorge B.  
Patalinghug**



**Sih Eng Su  
薛永黍**

***“God used the American Presbyterian missionaries, the Filipino Christians, and some Chinese Christians who were already in Cebu to organize Cebu Gospel Church.”***



**Rev. John Wallace and Antonia Forni Dunlop**

Photograph courtesy of Dorothy Dunlop-Olson, youngest daughter of the Dunlops, who transmitted it via e-mail on January 4, 2016

## **PASSING ON THE LEGACY**

The church established by Christ has been commissioned to pass on this legacy of faith from one generation to the next. But how did Cebu Gospel Church receive this legacy? Let me tell you the story.

In 1898, the door for the Gospel to enter the Philippines was opened. Protestant missionaries were free to do their work in Manila, Iloilo, Cebu, and many other places. In Cebu, the first missionaries who planted the Gospel seed were Rev. Paul Frederick Jansen and his wife Elizabeth White Jansen (蘭新夫婦), who came in 1902 and served until 1917.

Another couple who helped our Church were the Dunlaps—Rev. Dr. George Williamson Dunlap (喬治蘭納) and Deveen Taylor (蒂比蘭納), who came in 1907 and served until 1935. Unfortunately, we have almost forgotten Rev. George Dunlap, and confused him with Rev. John Dunlop!

The confusion is caused by the Chinese name—both rendered as 蘭納牧師. In actuality, George Dunlap came to Cebu before John Dunlop, and was the one involved with the emergence of CGC. John Wallace Dunlop came in 1918 and served until 1937; he returned in 1964 and died in Cebu in 1977 (which may explain why CGC members remember him more vividly).

Regardless of who came first, George Dunlap constantly ministered to northern Cebu and other parts of the Visayas. He assisted CGC as well when he was in Cebu City. Between 1901 and 1916, mission records from the U.S. Presbyterian Church's Board of Foreign Missions show that these missionaries focused on the people of Cebu City, Compostela, Dumanjug, Balamban, and Bohol.

One of the fruits of their labors was Rev. Jorge B. Patalinghug, who became the pastor of Matilda Bradford Memorial Church, which later changed its name to Bradford United Church of Christ in the Philippines. He met and invited Tan Khim (陳琴) who in turn invited Kang Tsui Leng (江水龍), the nephew of Cang Bon Pit (江文筆), to the Filipino worship service.

But even before this happened, two Chinese Christians—Chiu Tsong Kiau (周宗橋) and Sih Eng Su (薛永泰)—had already discussed plans





This photo is one of the earliest, taken on August 21, 1921, and showing **George and Deveen Dunlap** seated in the middle. Note the name given by the missionaries: The **Chinese Christian Church of Cebu**.

**Source:** Philippine Presbyterian Vol. XIII, No. 4 (October, 1922): 23.

with the missionaries to hold Chinese services in the afternoon at Bradford Church. This was how CGC emerged. God used the American Presbyterian missionaries (the Jansens, Dunlaps, Raths, and Dunlops), the Filipino Christians (especially Rev. Patalinghug), and some Chinese Christians (Chiu and Sih) who were already in Cebu to organize Cebu Gospel Church.

Turning to mission reports,<sup>1</sup> we found the following records that show the progress of events during the first decade:

- **1916** (reported in May 1917) — A [Bible] class of young Chinese of the best caliber was recently formed.
- **1918** (excerpted from a report by Rev. George Dunlap) — For nearly two years now regular services have been held every Sunday afternoon. Thus far we have had very good interpreters who were men of good standing and character, thus adding greatly to the power of the message. This service would no doubt seem rather strange to the visitor; the missionary leading the singing not

<sup>1</sup> The mission records are from *The Eightieth Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America Presented to the General Assembly, May, 1917* (NY: Presbyterian Building, 1917); *Philippine Presbyterian Vol. XIII, No. 4* (October, 1922): 23-24; *The Eighty-fourth Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America Presented to the General Assembly, May, 1921* (NY: Presbyterian Building, 1921); *The Eighty-fifth Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America Presented to the General Assembly, May, 1922* (NY: Presbyterian Building, 1922); and *Mission Meeting Reports for 1923-1924 of the Philippine Mission, Manila, Philippine Islands, October 6-14, 1924*.



knowing a word he is using, and no doubt the Chinese brethren would have little idea of the words were it not for the singing book he has in his hands. A prayer in English, then a song in Chinese, scripture and prayer by a member of the congregation who, as a rule, is the one who has to do the interpreting.

- **1920** (reported in May 1921) — Work for the Chinese has been started in the Visayan Sunday School, and Mrs. Rath [Theresa Margaret Kalb (term of service 1903-1934), wife of Rev. Charles Rath] has made calls on the Chinese women in company with the wife of a Chinese merchant of Cebu, who had been educated in a mission school in China and acted as interpreter [this refers to Mrs. Sih Eng Su who studied at Iok Tek Girls' School (毓德女學校)]. One Chinese woman [it is safe to surmise that she is Mrs. Cang Ng Chhai Toan, wife of Cang Bon Pit] has been received into the church.
- **1921** (reported in May 1922) — Chinese Church — The first Sunday in May 1921, the Chinese congregation was organized into a church. Two elders and a deacon were chosen from the seven young men who composed the organization. A number

of months ago, at their own initiative, they decided to hold a prayer meeting each Sun[day] evening in addition to the regular Sunday afternoon service. From this prayer meeting came the desire to have some special evangelistic meetings for the unconverted Chinese of the city. Three meetings were held. They were well-attended, and a splendid spirit was shown. The last night, 38 young men signed cards expressing their desire to accept Christ as their Savior.

- **1924** (reported in October 1924 by Rev. Judson Leolin Underwood) — Five of the Chinese teachers [of Cebu Chinese School] are stalwart Christians, and when the services of an American teacher were sought from our mission force, it was considered too good an opportunity for Christian service to be refused, and Mrs. Dunlap is giving part time to this work. Mrs. Rath is conducting a Bible class for women and the Chinese women themselves hold a Sunday School in one of their homes. The mission ladies have all done visitation that has been helpful. Up to the time of her transfer to Iloilo, Miss Fullerton helped in this work. For six months subsequent to the



This 1926 picture showed the early members of Cebu Gospel Church, many of whom were well-respected Chinese school teachers.

**Sih Eng Su** is seated second from the left. To the right are **Rev. Dr. George Dunlap**, **Rev. John Dunlop**, and **Rev. Jorge Patalinghug**.

**Source:** Cebu Gospel Church Golden Jubilee Souvenir, 1916-1966.



*Biederwolf meetings, a catechumen [pre-Baptismal] Bible class was conducted by the pastor for prospective members. Most of the twenty-three new members received this year came through this class. We now have a church membership of forty. Four of the men take turns with the pastor in preaching. The latter conducts a Bible class each Sunday following the regular hour of worship. An every-member canvass was made at the beginning of the year, over fifty subscriptions being made on the envelope plan. The Chinese vow and pay. Surely the Lord must love them. They are such cheerful givers, and we find it easy to love them, too.*

In the fiftieth anniversary publication of Cebu Gospel Church, Go Pang Kong wrote that Chiu and Sih gathered eleven people during the first meetings of the Chinese congregation at Bradford Church. They are: Mrs. Cang Bon Pit/Jiang Wen Bi (江文筆夫人) nee Ng Chhai Toan/Huang Cai Duan (黃彩段), her son Kang Sun Heng/Jiang Shun Xing (江順興) and daughter-in-law Sih Ma Bin/Xue Ma Min (薛媽敏), her daughter Mrs. Uy Cang Chui Siok/Huang Jiang Shui Shu (黃江水淑), Mr. and Mrs. Ng Siong Chu/Huang Xiang Ci (黃祥慈夫婦) and their three daughters, and Mrs. Iap An Tun/Ye An Dun (葉安頓夫人) with the legal name of Anton Yap, and her daughter.<sup>2</sup>

For about three decades (1916-1948), the Chinese congregation, at first numbering only eleven, worshipped at Bradford Church. Mrs. Cang Bon Pit, or Ng Chhai Toan (黃彩段) was one of the first to believe and be baptized. Her children and relatives, and a few other Chinese, became the core members of CGC.

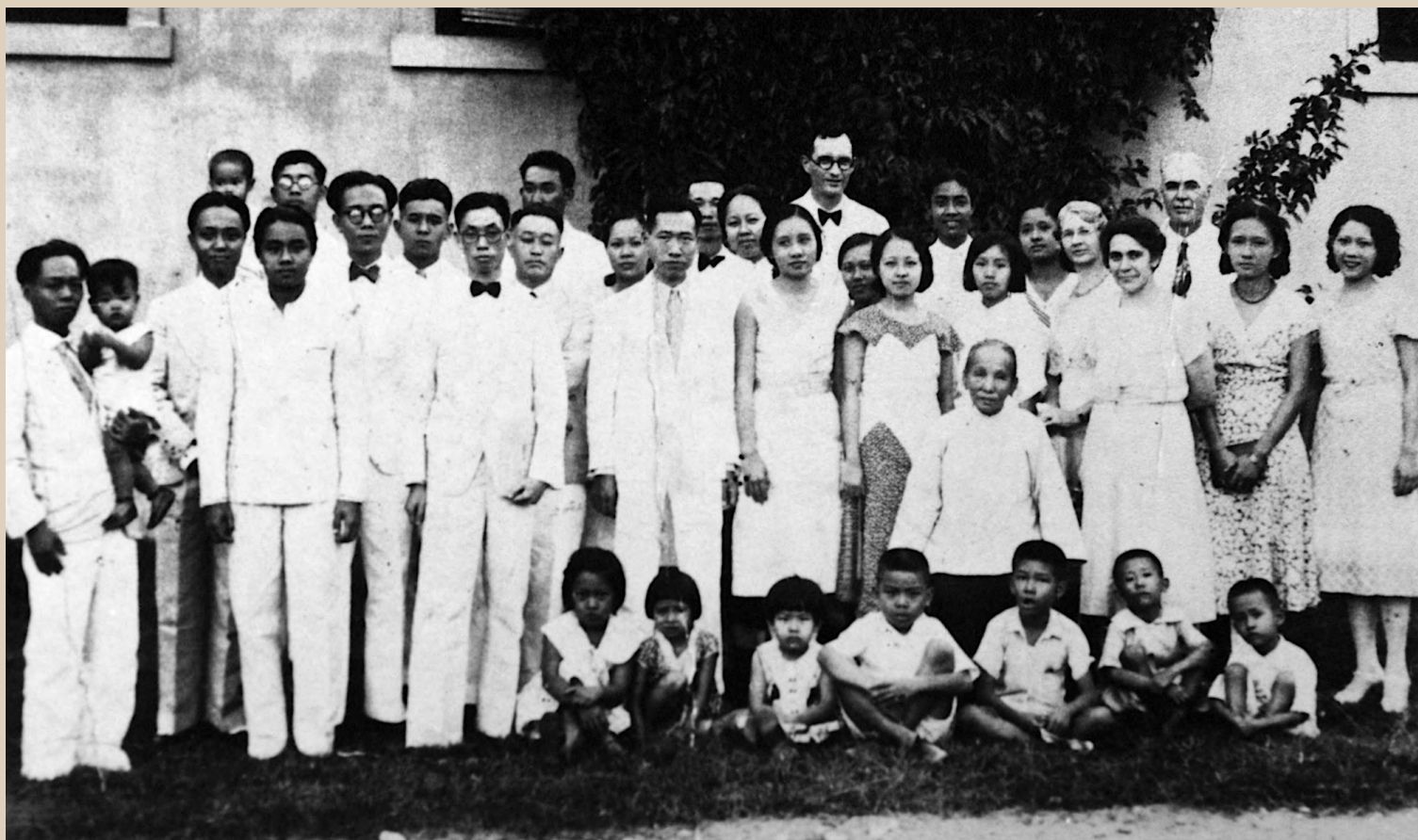
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2 吳邦光 (Go Pang Kong), 宿務初期的基督教會 (The Early Christian Church in Cebu)," from 宿務基督教會金禧獻堂按牧慶典特刊 (Cebu Gospel Church Golden Jubilee Souvenir 1916-1966). Cebu City: Cebu Gospel Church, 1966: 59.

**"The Chinese vow and pay. Surely the Lord must love them. They are such cheerful givers, and we find it easy to love them, too."**







This is an early photo taken beside **Bradford Church**, with **Mrs. Cang Bon Pit** seated and some missionaries and the rest of the Chinese members around her.

**Source:** Cebu Gospel Church Golden Jubilee Souvenir, 1916-1966.



This photo of **Matilda Bradford Memorial Church** was taken by the author in the course of writing her dissertation.



## **LIVING/LEAVING THE LEGACY**

I wanted to highlight this early history of CGC to show how the legacy was bequeathed by the first generation Chinese Christians. That generation went on to build a church structure on Junquera Street and to establish the Kian Kee School (now Philippine Christian Gospel School) around 1948. They have passed on the legacy to the second generation.

This legacy has come down to us, and we have the privilege and duty to pass it on to the next generations. If you think carefully, each one of us who is a believer received this legacy of faith from someone else: a pastor, a preacher, a teacher, a relative, a friend or even a stranger.

Since we have such a precious legacy, should we not keep passing it on to the generations that come after us? But how can we keep and pass on this legacy of faith? Philosopher Soren Kierkegaard said: "Life can only be understood backwards, but it must be lived forward."

There is a beautiful hymn entitled "Legacy of Faith" written by Dan R. Edwards and David Shelton. The lyrics are:

**I**

Looking back, I thank the Father  
For the saints who've shown the way,  
For the lessons they have taught me  
Are alive in me today.  
As I look into the future,  
I pray I can do the same.  
So that all who come behind me  
Find power in Jesus' name.

**II**

As the legacy continues  
I pray I can do my part,  
For someone may be watching,  
Trying to find a way to start.  
So I'll live a life that's faithful  
To Jesus and His way,  
For the legacy of others  
Starts now with me today.

***"If you think carefully,  
each one of us who  
is a believer received  
this legacy of faith  
from someone else:  
a pastor, a preacher,  
a teacher, a relative,  
a friend, or even  
a stranger.***

***Since we have  
such a precious  
legacy, should we  
not keep passing it  
on to the generations  
that come after us?"***

### **CHORUS**

A legacy of faith that guides us to tomorrow,  
A legacy of faith that leads us on our way  
As we join the path they've trod,  
And we yield our lives to God,  
Lord, let us hold that legacy today.<sup>3</sup>

There are still so many unreached Chinese and Filipinos on Cebu, and after 100 years, there are only seven Chinese churches in Cebu City.

There are almost a hundred Chinese churches in the Philippines. Is this enough? How about Asia and the rest of the world? How are you going to leave your legacy? 🙏

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3 [https://www.lorenz.com/Files/Files/Lorenz/Products/Sample\\_Pages/10\\_2594M.pdf](https://www.lorenz.com/Files/Files/Lorenz/Products/Sample_Pages/10_2594M.pdf), accessed October 16, 2015.



# 立

會一百週年確實是宿務  
基督教會重要的里程碑，這完全要感謝上帝的恩典。欣逢教會一百週年禧慶，這一個時刻非常合適讓我們去思考信仰的傳承。

## 傳承信仰的使命

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譯：邵莊秀美博士



「傳承」(legacy)這單詞的意思是「傳遞下來的產業」，從祖先或先賢接過來。在1460年之後，當人們使用這個詞彙，他們通常認為是指所繼承的產業；但這個詞彙在1460年的一個世紀之前乃指「一個受託使命的人」這個意思，或指一個「大使或公使」。宿務基督教會有這屬靈和常遠的傳承，而我們作為基督的身體，我們有這使命，要與人分享這個非常特殊和珍貴的信仰傳承，它不是商品可以購買或由人來完成的。

### 我們所傳承的信仰

我們的信仰是：我們相信上帝，祂差遣祂的愛子耶穌基督為我們的罪而死在十字架上；我們也相信聖靈，祂是永遠居住我們裡面，也延續這個信仰垂千古。

通過閱讀馬太福音第1章，我們需要更多地關注耶穌基督是誰。馬太以三種方式呈現「耶穌」的身份。首先，由於馬太的聽眾主要是猶太人，他在第1章呈現耶穌是**基督**(Christos)，第1節和第16節。對猶太人來說，彌賽亞是上帝的受膏者，成為人類的救主的那一位。呈現耶穌是彌賽亞不僅揭示了祂是誰，更顯示了上帝是誰。這要追溯到舊約的創世記。上帝創造了人類，但人類犯了罪，從祂的恩典墮落。上帝仍然以憐憫為懷，對人忠實，

應許了拯救者，救世主，受膏者。耶穌基督確實是我們的救主。

馬太又以另一種方式指出耶穌：祂是**應驗**聖經所說的話。上帝在舊約時代答應給我們一個救主並在新約時代成就了一切承諾。這是馬太1章22節所記載。上帝揀選以色列人，儘管他們一次又一次的失敗，從亞伯拉罕和大衛的根源，上帝讓耶穌基督道成肉身。耶穌基督是應驗聖經的應許。

馬太還用第三種方式指出耶穌，祂是**神人**。在馬太1章18，20節，他兩次提到馬利亞是由聖靈懷了孕；在第23節，耶穌被稱為以馬內利，意思是「上帝與我們同在」。這三節表明，耶穌是完完全全的神，也是完完全全的人。這個啟示是給約瑟的，記錄在馬太福音，也給馬利亞，記載路加福音。這啟示也是給所有的基督徒，即從那個時候一直到今天的信徒。我們相信耶穌是彌賽亞，是我們的救主，是上帝所應許的，我們相信祂是完全的神，又是完全的人。

### 信仰薪火代代相傳

基督已托付祂所建立的教會要留意這信仰傳承，從這一代到下一代。宿務基督教會是如何接受這份信仰傳承？讓我訴說她的故事。

## 宿務基督教會的創始人



保羅·弗雷德  
里克·蘭新牧師



喬治·威廉姆森·  
蘭納博士



蒂比·泰勒·  
蘭納師母



喬治·巴達凌忽  
牧師



薛永泰

# 「上帝用美國長老會宣教士，菲律賓基督徒，以及一些華人基督徒在宿務組織了宿務基督教會。」



約翰·華萊士·蘭納牧師與  
安東尼·蘭納牧師母

1898年，福音得以進入菲律賓的門打開了。宣教士及傳道者可以自由地在馬尼拉，怡朗，宿務，和許多其他地方工作。在宿務，第一對埋下了福音種子的宣教士是保羅·弗雷德里克·蘭新牧師（Rev. Paul Frederick Jansen）和他的妻子伊麗莎白·懷特·蘭新師母（Elizabeth White Jansen）（即蘭新夫婦 the Jansens），他們服事期間從1902年直1917年。

另一對來幫助教會是蘭納牧師夫婦（the Dunlaps），就是喬治·威廉姆森·蘭納博士（Rev. Dr. George Williamson Dunlap）和蒂比·泰勒·蘭納師母（Devee Taylor Dunlap）。他們自1907年來，直到1935年。可是，我們幾乎忘記了喬治蘭納牧師，把他和約翰·華萊士·蘭納牧師（Rev. John Wallace Dunlop）混淆了！

這種混亂是由於中國人起的名字一把姓名一起作為「蘭納牧師」。實際上，喬治·蘭納牧師到宿務是在約翰·蘭納牧師之前，並參與我們教會的成立。約翰·蘭納牧師於1918年到達並擔任職分直到1937年；然後在1964年又回來宿務，於1977年去世（這也許可以解釋為什麼我們會友比較記得他）。即使我們不考慮那一位先來，喬治·蘭納牧師確實經常在宿務北部和米沙鄢群島的其他部分服侍。他也協助我們教會。從美國長老教會的宣教記錄，外國使團委員會表明自1901年至1916年期間，這些來自美北長老會外國使團的宣教士都集中在宿務市，孔波斯特拉，隆達，巴蘭班和波荷島。

宣教士們勞苦的果子是喬治·巴達凌忽牧師（Rev. Jorge B. Patalinghug），他成為明德布拉德福德紀念教堂的牧師，後來教堂改名為布拉德福德基督教會。他邀請陳琴（Tan Khim）；而陳琴又邀請了江水龍（Kang Tsui Leng），即江文筆





這張照片是最早的照片，1921年8月21日拍攝，  
顯示喬治和蒂比蘭納坐在中間。

注意傳教士給出的名字：The Chinese Christian Church of Cebu。

（Cang Bon Pit）的侄子，參加菲律賓人的崇拜。在此之前，兩位華人基督徒，周宗橋（Chiu Tsong Kiau）和薛永黍（Sih Eng Su）已經與宣教士討論，並計劃每主日下午在布拉德福德教堂開辦華人聚會。這是宿務基督教會如何成立起步的。上帝用美國長老會宣教士（Jansens, Dunlaps, Rath, and Dunlops 等等），菲律賓基督徒（特別是喬治·巴達凌忽牧師），以及一些華人基督徒（周宗橋和薛永黍）在宿務組織了宿務基督教會。

我們翻閱以下宣教事工的記錄，顯示第一個十年期間事務的進展：

- 1916年（1917年5月報導）—「有一群很優秀的華人青年查經小組已經形成了。」
- 1918年（由喬治·蘭納牧師的一份報告）「現在已將近兩年一經常舉行每星期日下午的聚會。到目前為止，我們已經有良好名譽和性格優秀的男士作翻譯員，這大大增加信息的供應。這項服務無疑對過路遊客會顯得十分奇怪的，宣教士帶領唱歌，他其實不知道一個漢字；而華人弟兄如果不是靠他的手中的詩歌本，根本對宣教士的想法及話語一點也沒有概念。有英語的祈禱，漢語的詩歌，有聖經經文；以翻譯員帶領會眾祈禱，作為有規則的崇拜。」
- 1920（於1921年5月報導）—「為華人的工作已經在米沙鄢開始主日學，拉特夫人〔Theresa Margaret Kalb 即特蕾莎·瑪格麗特·卡爾布（服務期間1903年至1934年），是查爾斯·拉特牧師（Rev. Charles Rath）的妻子〕探訪華人之時有一位華僑商人的妻子伴隨著，



她曾在中國教會學校接受教育並能擔任翻譯〔這就是指讀毓德女學校的薛永黍夫人 (Mrs. Shi Eng Su)〕。另外一個華人婦女〔應該是黃彩段 (Mrs. Cang Ng Chhai Toan)，即江文筆的妻子〕已被接收到教會了。」

- 1921年 (1922年5月報導) —「華人教會的聚會在1921年5月第一個主日舉行，當天正式成立教會，從七個年輕人選擇二位長老和一位執事。幾個月以後前，他們主動決定除了常規的週日下午聚會，還要舉行每主日晚上禱告會。從這個禱告會建議為全市未信主的華人舉行了三次特殊的佈道會，參加人數不錯，最後一晚，有38位青年男士簽下決志卡，表達自己願意接受基督為他們的救主。」
- 1924年 (由賈德森·安德伍德牧師 Rev. Judson Leolin Underwood 報導，1924年10月) —「有五位華人教師已是堅定的基督徒，當時我們正尋求一個美國老師的服務，而蘭納師母正好兼職這項工作。拉特太太也正在進行婦女查經班；有一個姐妹在自己家中舉行主日學校；還有其他女宣教士所做探訪的事工也大有貢獻。富勒頓姊妹 (Miss Fullerton) 在她轉移到伊郎之前，幫助了姐妹會這項工作。在 Biederwolf 牧師舉行佈道會隨後

半年，已經開了一慕道查經班，來了23位新成員。我們現在有40個教會成員。又有4個人輪流幫牧師講道。還進行每週日一小時崇拜後的定期查經班。每年開始時，每個會員都徵求投票，有50多個立定參加奉獻信封的計劃。他們如果承諾就必定奉獻。神的确地是愛他們。他們是這樣開朗，又甘心而作的，我們發現很容易喜歡他們。」

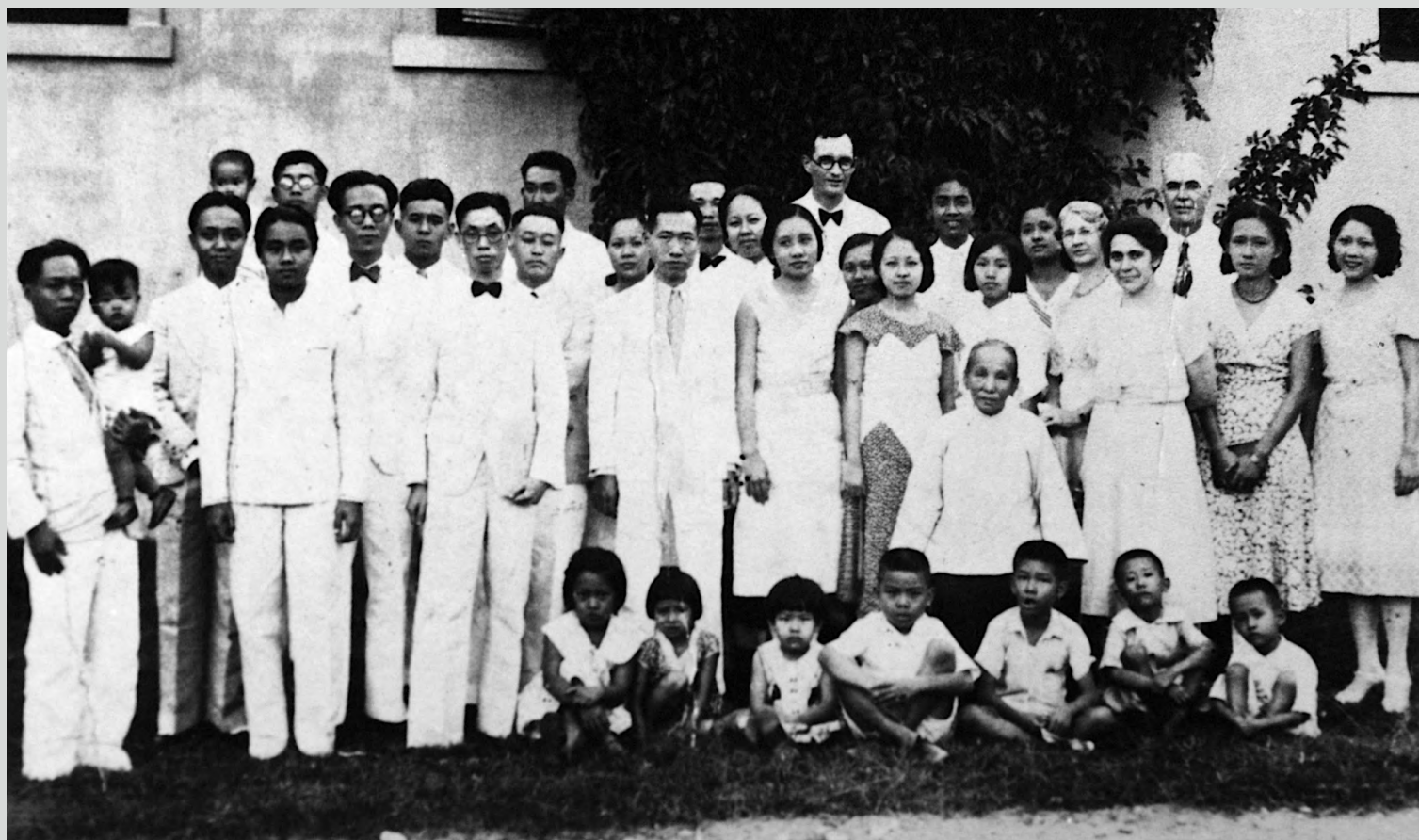
吳彭康 (Go Pang Kong) 在宿務基督教會成立五十週年的出版刊寫上，當時在布拉德福德教堂，華人會眾第一次聚集有以下11個人，由周宗橋和薛永黍召集的：江文筆夫人原名黃彩段 (Mrs. Cang Bon Pit/Jiang Wen Bi nee Ng Chhai Toan/Huang Cai Duan)、她兒子江順興 (Kang Sun Heng/Jiang Shun Xing) 和她媳婦薛媽敏 (Sih Ma Bin/Xue Ma Min)、她女兒黃江水淑 (Mrs. Uy Cang Chui Siok/Huang Jiang Shui Shu)、黃祥慈夫婦 (Mr. and Mrs. Ng Siong Chu/Huang Xiang Ci) 和他們的三個女兒、以及葉安頓夫人 (Mrs. Iap An Tun/Ye An Dun)，與她四個女兒。



這張1926年的照片顯示了宿務基督教會的早期成員，其中許多是受人尊敬的中國學校教師。

薛永黍從左邊坐第二。  
右邊是喬治·威廉姆森·蘭納博士，  
約翰·蘭納牧師和  
喬治·巴達凌忽牧師。





這是另一張早在布拉德福德教堂附近拍攝的早期照片，  
江文筆夫人坐著與一些傳教士和其他中國成員在她身邊。



這是明德布拉德福德紀念教會的圖片，當作者寫她的論文時採取。



華人信徒大約在三十年之間（1916年至1948年）於布拉德福教堂舉行崇拜，人數開始有11位；黃彩段（Mrs. Cang Bon Pit 或 Ng Chhai Toan）是第一位相信和受洗。後來她的子女和親屬，以及其他一些華人，成為宿務基督教會的核心成員。

## 活出／留下信仰傳承

我要強調的是在宿務基督教會早期記錄中，顯示第一代華人基督徒如何關注這信仰傳承的使命。這一代接著在Junquera 街建立一間教堂；大約在1948年建立建基學校。他們已將信仰傳承使命於第二代。

而現在，這份傳承的使命已經落到我們這一代，我們有特權和義務傳遞給下一代。如果仔細想想，我們每個接受信仰的人都是從別人傳遞給我們的：可能從牧師，老師，親戚，朋友甚至陌生人。既然我們有這樣一個寶貴的傳承，我們難道不應該要照樣傳遞給在我們後來的人呢？哲學家齊克果（Soren Kierkegaard）說：「人生只能倒退來被理解，但必須向前邁進生活。但我們要如何傳遞這信仰傳承的使命？」

有一首美麗的詩歌，題為「信仰的傳承」，是丹·愛德華茲（Dan R. Edwards）和大衛·謝爾頓（David Shelton）一起著作的。歌詞如此說：

### （一）

回顧過往，我感謝天父  
對於聖賢他們所指引的路  
以及他們所教導我的話，  
今天還活在我裡面。  
當我展望未來，  
我祈禱我能這樣做。  
使所有跟在我身後的  
都能奉耶穌的名找到力量。

**「而現在，這份  
傳承的使命已  
經落到我們這  
一代，我們有  
特權和義務傳  
遞給下一代。」**

### （二）

當傳承延續薪火相傳

我祈禱我能做好我的部分，  
因有人可能在觀望，  
試圖尋找方法要開始。  
因此，我將有意義的生活  
忠於耶穌和祂的道路，  
由於他人的信仰傳承  
現在是從我今天開始。

### 副歌

信仰的傳承，指導我們走向明天，  
信心的傳承，使我們勇往前面的路徑，  
當我們與他們連結同行，  
我們把生命投降給上帝，  
上帝啊，讓我們持守這傳承。

在宿務島上仍然還有那麼多未得福音的華人和菲律賓人，100年以來，只有7間華人教會。全菲律賓僅有將近100間華人教會。難道這數目是夠嗎？還有亞洲和世界其他地區呢？我們應如何持續這信仰的傳承？



# THE EVOLUTION OF CEBU GOSPEL CHURCH BULLETINS

## 宿務基督教會簡訊的演變

Stevenson Q. Yu

**7**o some, the humble church bulletin is just a boring piece of paper. It's nothing more than a glorified list of the order of worship, fellowship schedules, and church announcements.

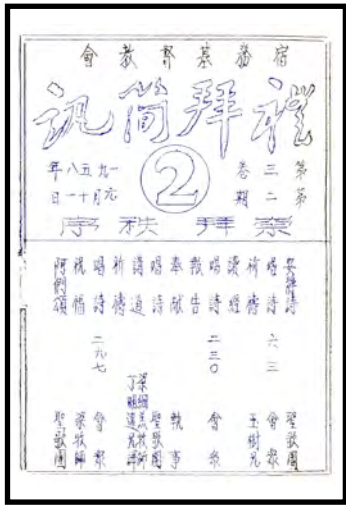
*But, this is something we will definitely miss by its absence. A lot of effort goes into compiling the information that goes into the bulletin each week. And a lot of work goes into its design as well.*

*In this special retrospective, please join us as we trace the evolution of CGC's bulletin and dive into our early history...*

**對**一般人來說，教會簡訊祇不過是一張無聊的紙。它只是一個崇拜的程序，團契的時間表和教會的公告。

但是，如果沒有了簡訊，我們卻會懷念它的存在。編輯每週的簡訊其實需要盡很大的努力。同時，它的設計也需要很多的工作。

在這個特別的回顧中，請參予追溯宿務基督教會簡訊的演變，一同進入初期的歷史…



1958

The first known version of the bulletin is 100% hand-written - for both design and content!

第一個已知版本的簡訊無論於設計和內容都是100%手寫的！



1961

Finally, a printed design! But the layout remains the same, with only variations in color.

最後，有了印刷版本！但是設計保持不變，只有顏色的變化。



1968

With a new sanctuary comes a new design, but re-using of layouts continue...

隨著新建聖殿的來臨，有了一個新的設計，但還是重複使用同一版本...

1969



1974

Roses are red...

玫瑰是紅色的...



1975

Bulletins are blue...?

簡訊是藍色...？



1976

Added new Chinese text elements

中文版添加新元素！



1977

Though not in the English version.

英文版如舊。



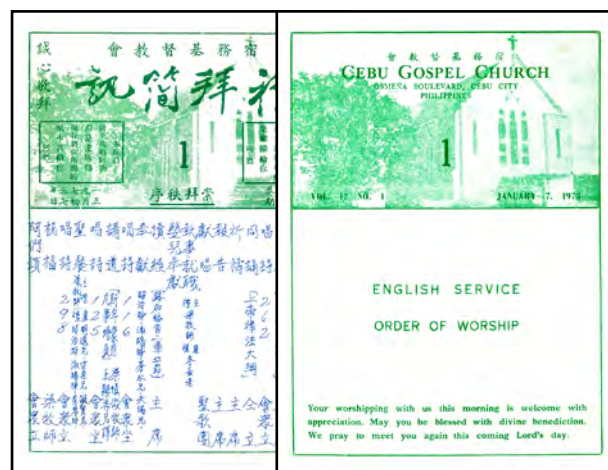


1970

1972

A photograph of the new sanctuary building!  
This design would prove to be popular, and will be  
used for nearly 20 consecutive years...

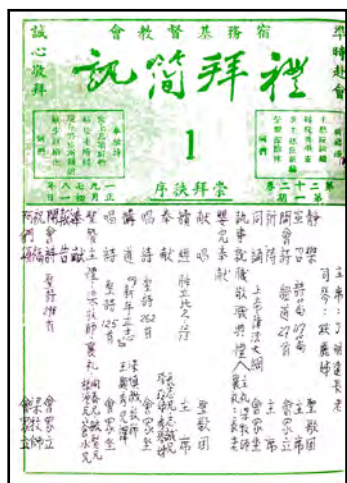
新建聖殿的照片！這種設計非常流行，  
一直被使用近20年...



1973

With the establishment of English worship  
service in the previous year, there would  
be separate bulletins until the services  
are merged in 1989.

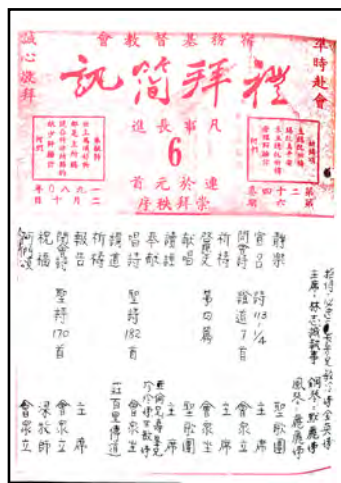
由於在上一年開始了英語崇拜，  
簡訊分為兩版，直到1989年  
崇拜合併為止。



1978



1979



1980



1981

Orange you glad  
green is back?

橙色高興綠色  
回來了嗎？

Well, at least violet is a  
new color, right?

那麼，紫色是一種新的  
顏色，是不是？

Pink's nice.  
Or is that rose-red?

粉紅色是好看的。  
但其實還是玫瑰紅？

Back to the color of  
green we go!

回到綠色背景！



1982

Why sky blue? Heaven is up above, right?

為什麼淺藍色？  
天堂在上面，對吧？



1983

Let's alternate warm and cold colors!

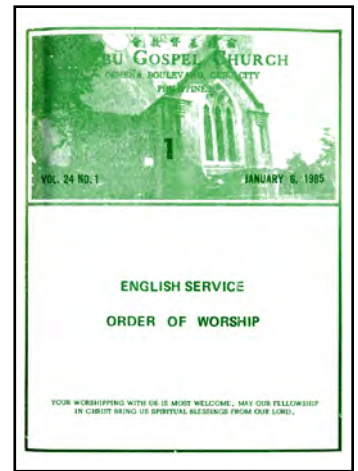
輪流暖與涼快色調！



1984

Let's try this interesting shade of turquoise.

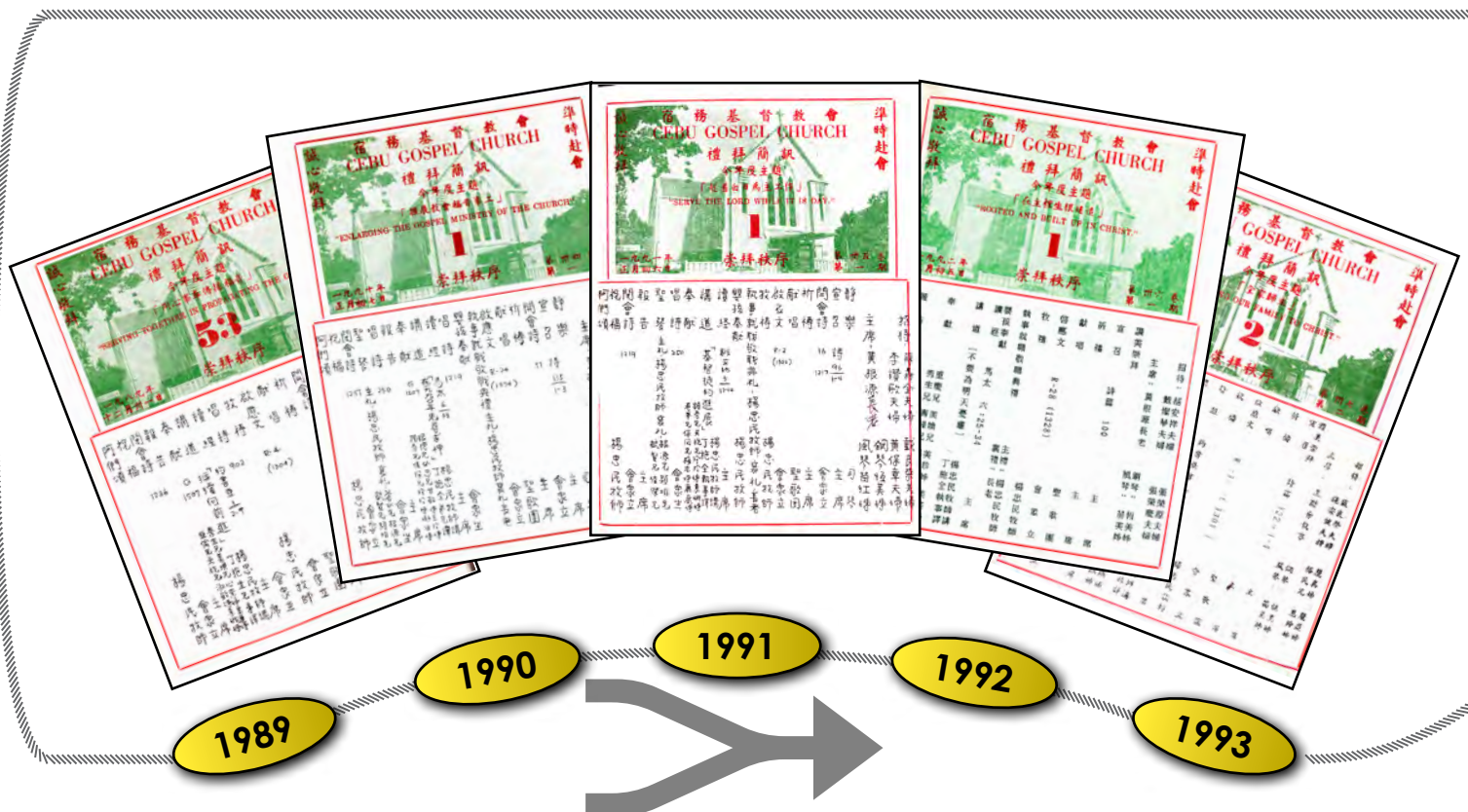
讓我們試試這個有趣的青綠色。



1985

Wait, we're a Chinese church. Go with jade!

我們是中國教會。  
試用翠綠色吧！



With a unified worship service comes a unified bulletin. And of course, green color. Why green? Well, it's the color of nature! Tranquility! Peace! And of course, precious jade!

隨著合一的崇拜，產生了一個合一的簡訊。  
綠色意味著自然！寧靜！和睦！寶玉！





1986

Rubies are nice this year.

今年的紅寶石色很好。



1987

Let's showcase the fiery devotion of our congregation!

熱心的信徒會眾！



1988

On second thought, let's just show the building. Wait, change that orange to blue!

還是只映聖殿，改橙色為藍色！



1993

Microcomputers become widely available in the 1990s. This enabled us to have custom designs and theme logos for the very first time in our history.

微型電腦在90年代廣泛普及。  
這使我們在歷史上第一次  
有定制設計和主題標誌。



1994



1995

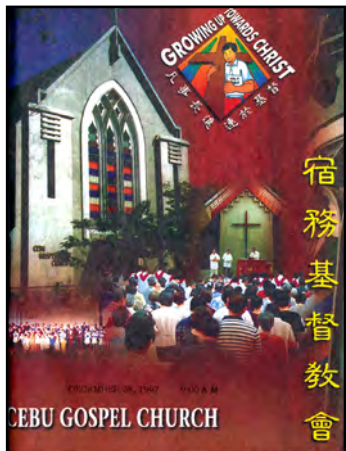
Even with the help of desktop publishing tools, these designs took quite a lot of time and effort to make, so it's customary to see layouts recycled for two or three years.

即使在電腦出版工具的幫助下，  
這些設計還是需要花費相當多的時間和精力，  
所以簡訊設計通常循環兩三年。



1996





1997

This design blended inside-and outside shots of our church...

這設計以教會裡外照片相配...



1998

With minor tweaks from last year, this design would be the last for the old millennium.

從上年的作些少轉變，這是一千年期間的最後一個設計。



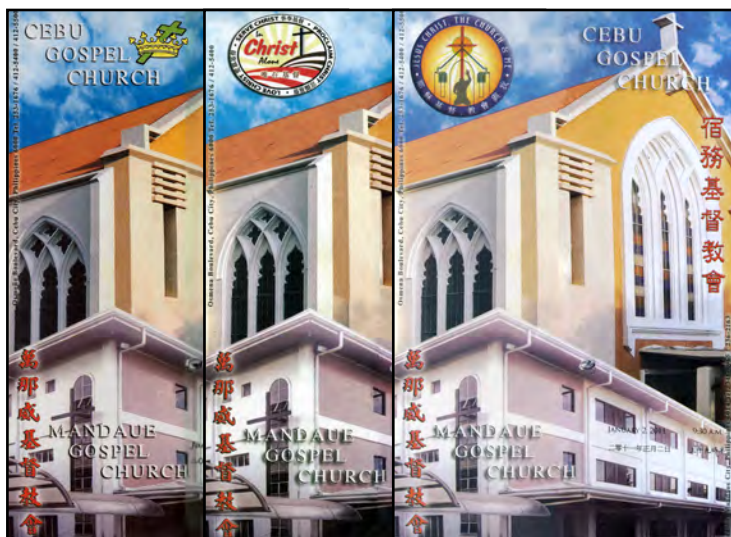
2000

On retrospect, it's quite strange to see the church and several kids juxtaposed against a blood-red and green sky!

回想起來，看到教堂和幾個孩子並置在一個紅色和綠色的天空是很奇怪的。

2001

2002



2009

Mandaue Gospel Church was included in the design starting in 2009. The "centerfold" layout was used for the next three years.

2009年包括萬那威基督教會在封面設計裡。這中摺式版面連用三年。

2010

2011



2012

The 2012 design used different angles, but the design elements remained the same.

2012設計用另一角度，但內容一樣。





2004

2005

Sadly, all the 2003 bulletins were lost in a fire, but the design would very likely also be a whiteboard marker sketch of our church.

可惜，2003簡訊於燃燒中失掉，其設計很像是我們教會的白板草圖。



2006

2007

2008

In this next design, the church bulletin became a tri-fold for the first time in history.

在下一個設計中，教會簡訊於歷史上第一次用三摺式。



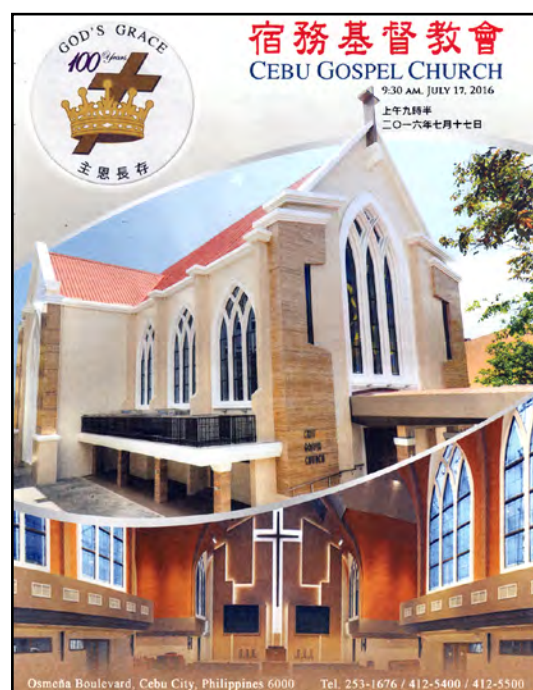
2013

2014

2015

To reflect the continued growth of Mandaue Gospel Church, the pictures showed both churches in an angle that highlights their equality.

表達萬那威教會的長成，照片的角度看到教會的並行。

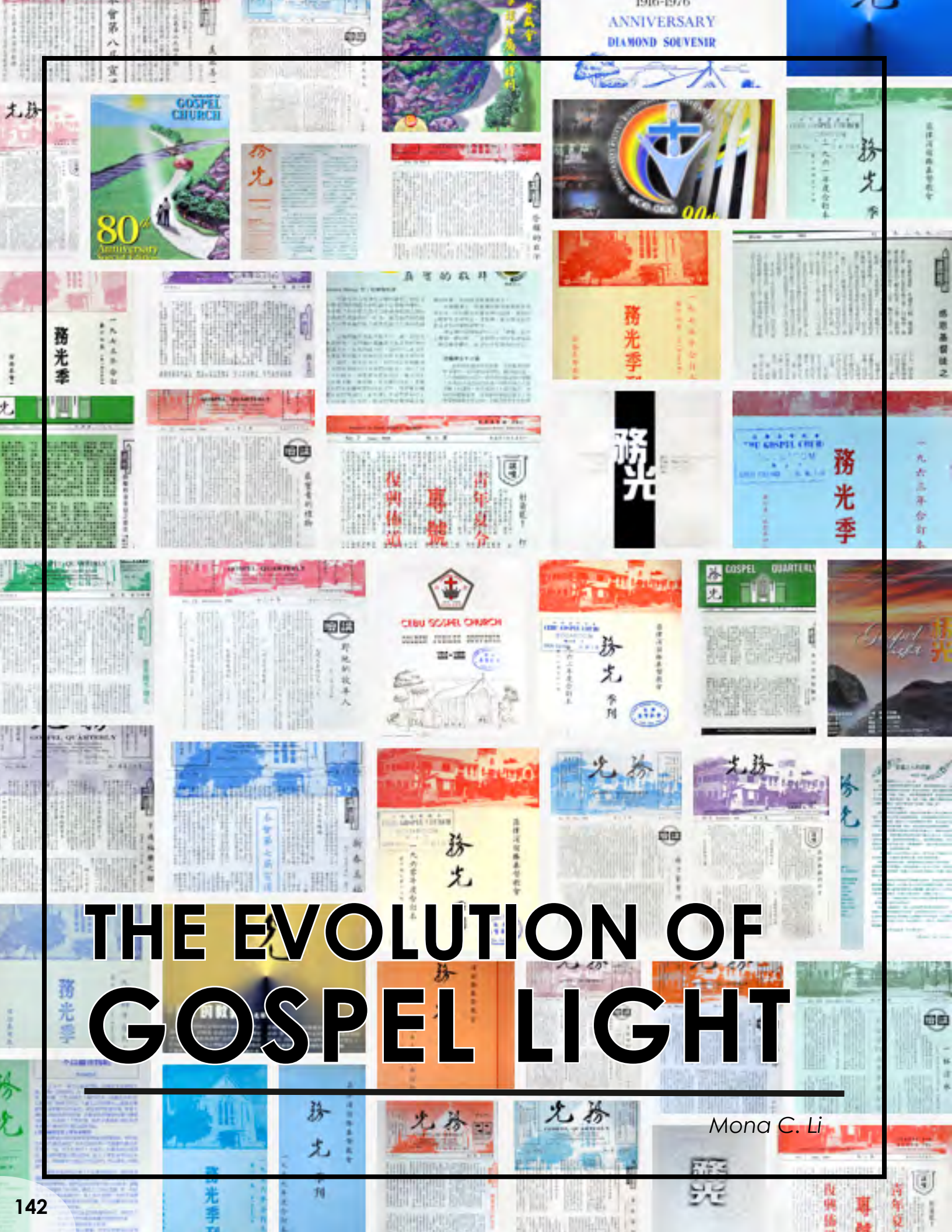


2016

The current bulletin design includes our freshly-renovated church, ready to shine a hundred years more for the Lord! 🙌

當前的簡訊設計包括新修建的教堂，準備為主再站立一百年！🙌





# THE EVOLUTION OF GOSPEL LIGHT

Mona C. Li

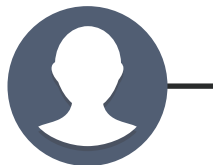
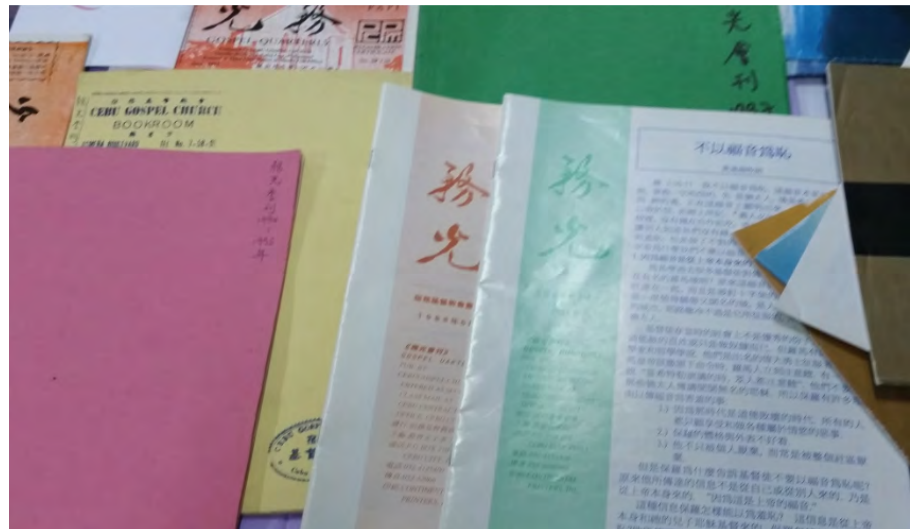


# The Evolution of Gospel Light

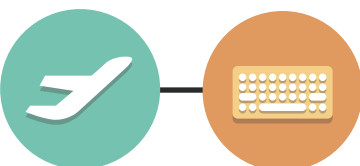


In 1957, the very first newsletter of Cebu Gospel Church was produced. It was called the "Gospel Quarterly."

From 1957 to 1992, Elder Joseph Que singlehandedly produced the Gospel Quarterly.

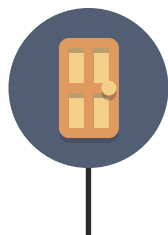


In early 1993, 4-6 members were added to the Literature Committee.



Elder Frank Sy, a member of the Literature Committee, often flew to Manila to have the newsletters produced through the aid of the printing press.

# The Evolution of Gospel Light



It was indeed an answered prayer when the Continental Printing Press in Cebu started to do the printing of the Gospel Quarterly in the year 2002.



In 2003, the Gospel Quarterly was officially renamed "Gospel Light." Up to this day, the Literature Committee has been producing Gospel Light, usually twice a year.



# The Evolution of Gospel Light



In 2016, Cebu Gospel Church celebrated its Centennial anniversary. In line with this, the Literature Committee has come up with a special Centennial souvenir program.



These are some pictures taken during the Church's Centennial Anniversary Exhibit held last March 19-20, 2016. 📷



# THE EVOLUTION OF CEBU GOSPEL CHURCH THEMES

## 宿務基督教會主題的演變

Stevenson Q. Yu



In 1978, Cebu Gospel Church began to emphasize a central theme that applies to each calendar year, which would be printed on the church bulletins. The next upgrade occurred in 1993, with an illustrated logo.

In these pages, we invite you to relive the 39-year evolution of our church themes and discover how the logos evolved over the years!

宿務基督教會於一九七八年開始在每年有一個中心主題印刷於本會簡訊中，也於一九九三年開始加上圖表標誌。

請您們重新經歷教會在這三十九年裡主題的演變，並觀察圖表標誌在這多年中如何演變到如今。



Year	English Theme	中文主題
1978	Perfecting of the Saints for the Work of Ministry (Ephesians 4:12)	成全聖徒，各盡其職 (以弗所書4:12)
1979	Building Up Yourself on Holy Faith and Praying in the Holy Spirit (Jude 1:20)	真道自建，靈裡禱告 (猶大書1:20)
1980	Grow Up Unto Christ in All Things	凡事長進連於元首
1981	Take Root Downward and Bear Fruit Upward (2 Kings 19:30)	向下扎根，向上結果 (列王紀下19:30)
1982	Proclaim the Word to Accomplish the Commission	務要傳道完成託負
1983	Building up the Body of Christ (Ephesians 4:12)	建立基督的身體 (以弗所書4:12)
1984	Press On to Know the Lord (Hosea 6:3)	務要認識耶和華 (何西阿書6:3)
1985	Fellowship in Furtherance of the Gospel (Philippians 1:5)	同心合意興旺福音 (腓立比書1:5)
1986	Magnify the Lord (Luke 1:46)	尊主為大 (路加福音1:46)
1987	Serve the Lord with Sincerity and Faithfulness (Joshua 24:14)	誠心實意的事奉主 (約書亞記24:14)
1988	Growing unto Maturity (Ephesians 4:13)	長大成人 (以弗所書4:13)
1989	Serving Together in Propagating the Gospel (Mark 1:17)	合心事奉傳揚福音 (馬可福音1:17)
1990	Enlarging the Gospel Ministry of the Church	擴展教會福音事工
1991	Serve the Lord While It Is Day	趁著白日為主工作
1992	Rooted and Built Up in Christ 🏰	在主裡生根建造 🏰

# 全家歸主



BRINGING  
OUR FAMILY  
TO CHRIST







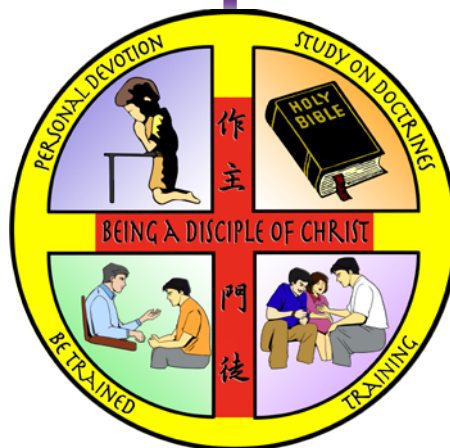
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# GOD'S AMAZING GRACE: A Short History of Cebu Gospel Church

Jocelyn Po

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ith the amount of grace upon grace God piled upon our Church, how can one truly narrate His goodness, kindness and mercy? Even with a century-long timeline, God's amazing grace continues to resonate in the lives of each believer.



# FOREWORD

I will humbly try, through God's mercy, to capture in words and in photographs the amazing grace of God for the past 100 years in the life of **Cebu Gospel Church**: as a Church, a family, and an institution. Why use photographs? Simple. A picture can speak a thousand words when words become inadequate.

Unfortunately, I can only confidently write about the second half of the century because it was during this time span that God brought me to the loving embrace of this church, which I now call my spiritual home and family. Back in 1965, at the tender age of 5, I experienced God's transformative transition of moving from attending Sunday School in an old CHURCH at Cebu Christian School (now Philippine Christian Gospel School), to the newly-built sanctuary at Fuente Osmeña.

And so, for the first half-century of our history, I relied heavily on the photographs tediously and patiently gathered by the Heritage Committee, as well as the journals painstakingly prepared by the late **Elder Joseph Que**, the father of deaconess Josephine Que Yu.

I would also thank God for all the photographers who re-copied and re-printed these vintage photos for the 90<sup>th</sup> and Centennial Heritage exhibits, which spoke of God's amazing grace. I pray that with our modern technology and the help of the heirs of Elder Joseph Que, we can try to match the richness of the information meticulously hand-assembled in Elder Que's journal.

I would also like to thank **Esteban Yu** (the husband of Deaconess Josephine Que Yu), who translated the Chinese histories to provide me with summaries of events, and my husband, **Sidney**, who helped me with the photos, ideas for the exhibits, and loving patience when the work became demanding.

To **Stevenson Q. Yu**, the grandson of Elder Joseph Que and son of Esteban and Josephine Yu, who edited and made this work readable, presentable, and understandable. Thank you, Prof. Yu!

To all Heritage Committee members: **Alex Te** (the boss), **Orlena Te** (the food organizer), **Lourdes Uy** (translator), the late **Philip Uy** (the conceptualizer), as well as the daughters of the foregoing;

To the late **Richard Yu** (the encourager) with wife **Carol** and their daughters;

To **Lorenzo Ong**, **Eusebio Co**, and the late **George Lui**, who, despite their physical infirmities, were always there to cheer up the group;

To **Jenny Ting**, **Helen Go**, **Shirley Yu**, and **George Tan** and wife **Lorna** who never missed giving a positive comment;

To **Elizabeth Tiu** and her son, Architect **Wesley Tiu**, whose artistic ideas made work easy, funny and light, and **Henry Tiu**, her husband, who was quiet but supportive;

To **Andy Uy** for some of the photos;

To the many others who had to bear my brunt, shouts and stress;

To **Loreto Maquiling**, our church janitor, who kept and organized all the things, and is incidentally a better historian than me;

To **Mona Li**, who had to push me, when discouragement set in;

And finally, to my **staff** who offered their free time to help out. A big thank you to you all!

Finally, although much effort had been done to make this work as accurate as possible, I was working from limited resources since some manuscripts have been damaged by termites and fire. I apologize for any inconsistencies or unintended errors.

*Jocelyn Po, Cebu City, January 2017*

# HISTORY

## PROFILE

**Cebu Gospel Church**, formerly called the **Chinese Christian Church of Cebu** (宿務中華基督教會) is located in the heart of Fuente Osmeña, Cebu City, adjacent to Cebu Doctor's Hospital and a block away from the Capitol Building.

She is the oldest of the seven Chinese churches in Cebu. She is also the second-oldest Chinese church in the whole country, after St. Stephen's Parish Church of Manila.

## EARLY HISTORY (1916-1925)

Cebu Gospel Church was founded in March 1916, with the influence of American missionaries.

**Rev. Dr. George Williamson Dunlap** and his wife **Devee Taylor Dunlap** had planted the seeds of Protestant Christianity for the Chinese in Cebu City beginning in 1907. They would serve until 1937.<sup>1</sup>

At its inception, the church did not have a building to call its own. Regular Sunday worship services were held in the afternoon at the **Matilda L. Bradford Memorial Church** (now the Bradford United Church of Christ in the Philippines). For 33 years, the congregation worshipped in borrowed premises, ranging from other churches, a makeshift house-church in Manalili, the Yutivo Building,<sup>2</sup> and a center called the Cebu Gospel Chapel.

Because it did not own its own sanctuary, Cebu Gospel Church essentially roamed like a nomad within Cebu City, uprooting and transferring venues every so often. Still, reports written by the early church leaders<sup>3</sup> painted a very vibrant and thriving church, which I quote:

**1916** (reported in May 1917) – *a class of young Chinese of the best caliber was recently formed.*

1. See "Leaving Your Legacy" by Dr. Jean Uayan on page 120; this was also mentioned in the Journal of Elder Que.
2. Interview with Mrs. Mercedes Cang.
3. See "Leaving Your Legacy" by Dr. Jean Uayan on page 120.

**1918** (excerpted from a report by Rev. George Dunlap) – *for nearly two years now, regular services have been held every Sunday afternoon. Thus far we have had very good interpreters who were men of good standing and character, thus adding greatly to the power of the message. This service would no doubt seem rather strange to the visitor; the missionary leading the singing not knowing a word he is using, and no doubt the Chinese brethren would have little idea of the words were it not for the singing book he has in his hands. A prayer in English, then a song in Chinese, scripture and prayer by a member of the congregation, who, as a rule, is the one who has to do the interpreting.*



**Cebu Gospel Chapel**





**The early Church, five years after its founding**

**1920** (reported in May 1921) – *Work for the Chinese has been started in the Visayan Sunday School and Mrs. Rath has made calls on the Chinese women in company with the wife of a Chinese merchant in Cebu, who had been educated in a mission school in China and acted as interpreter. One Chinese woman has been received into the church.*"

To this day, the children and grandchildren of Mrs. Cang, the "one Chinese woman" mentioned above, still worship in Cebu Gospel Church (Elder Valentin Uy is her grandson). In fact, a building located at the Philippine Christian Gospel School is named after her daughter, Uy Cang Chui Siok.

On the first Sunday of May 1921, the Chinese congregation was organized into a church. Two elders and a deacon were chosen from the seven young men who composed the organization.

A prayer meeting was added to the regular Sunday afternoon service. It was in this prayer meeting that the desire to evangelize the Chinese was impressed in their hearts. After three meetings, 38 young men

signed pledge cards expressing their desire to accept Christ as their Savior.

From 1921 to 1925, **Pastor Jorge Patalinghug** held regular services at the Bradford Memorial Church. Significantly it was also during this period when Rev. and Mrs. Dunlap started to conduct Sunday School sessions for the children.<sup>4</sup>

The **Sunday School ministry** was formally organized in 1924,<sup>5</sup> with the Chinese women holding a Sunday School in one of their homes.<sup>6</sup>

Ten years later, **Juaning Siao** took over the leadership of the ministry. She made tremendous progress by attracting more children to attend Sunday School. In an Evangelistic Meeting in 1934, 30 persons were baptized.

4. From the journal of Elder Joseph Que.

5 Although "Sunday School Sunday" by Gabriel Yap Jr. (page 65) asserts that the Sunday School is 95 years old (and therefore established in 1921), this is based on a single picture of children in church. According to Dr. Jean Uayan in her article "Leaving Your Legacy," documentation from Presbyterian missionaries date the Sunday School to no earlier than 1924.

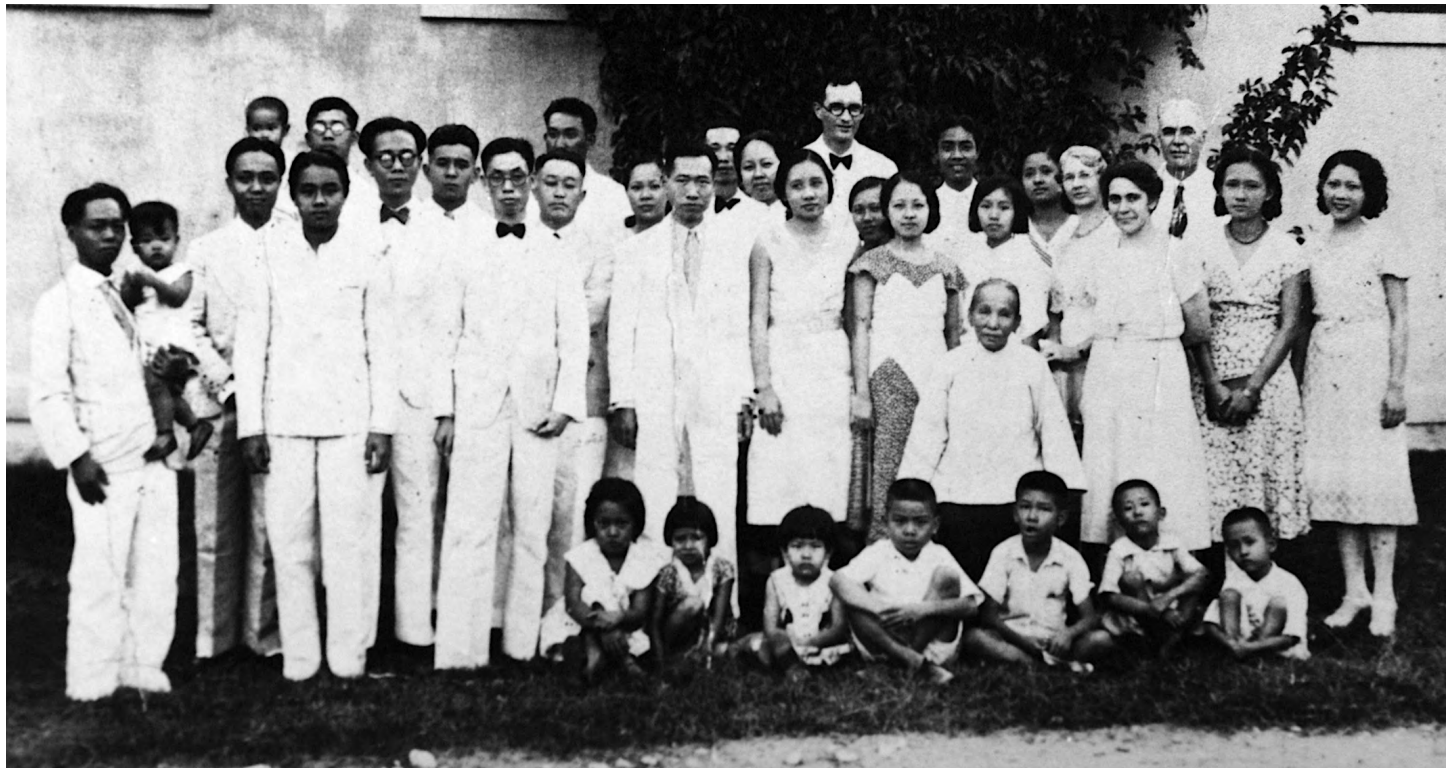
6 Report by Rev. Judson Leolin Underwood in 1934, as compiled by Elder Joseph Que.





A: Sih Eng Su  
B: Rev. George Williamson Dunlap

C: Rev. John Wallace Dunlop  
D: Rev. Jorge Patalinghug



The congregation at the Bradford Church, one of the early worship sites.  
Cang Bon Pit, the "Chinese woman received into the Church," is seated in front.





The Dunlop couple receive a rousing send-off at the end of their missionary stint in Cebu



The First General meeting of Cebu Gospel Church was held on October 10, 1957

At present, our church's Sunday School has the best teaching program. Classes are held in a Sunday School building (constructed in 1983), with an annex building added later. The annex was renovated on September 27, 2009.<sup>7</sup>

By 1924, church membership had grown to forty, with Bible class conducted after the worship service. The members were very cheerful givers, as evidenced on the monetary pledges made at the beginning of the year. This trait has been carried up to this writing. Indeed, although our members may be few in number, God has bestowed upon Cebu Gospel Church the gift of generous giving.

### GROWING PAINS (1926-1950)

The fledgling church experienced a lot of birth pangs. For one, it was HARD to find converts. Sometimes, there were only three people present at a service – the speaker, an interpreter, and a listener! However, this did not dampen the spirits of the founding fathers. The number of members steadily increased, due to the revival and evangelical meetings the church conducted in addition to its Sunday Worship Service.

I must note that the early Church placed much emphasis on the prayer meeting to supplement the Sunday worship service. Thus, it can be inferred that the church grew from much prayer and evangelization. But after a hundred years, it appears that the number of people attending the prayer meeting has dwindled to a handful.

Prayer now seems to be a much-neglected ministry of the Church. I hope to see the day when all church members truly pray and desperately desire to commune with God our Father, moment by moment, so frequently that it becomes just as natural as breathing.

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7 Today, there are plenty of air-conditioned classrooms for Sunday School students, a plethora of teaching materials, and a battalion of dedicated well-trained Sunday School teachers. Sadly, we find the Sunday School classrooms getting emptier and emptier each year. A dramatic reversal from the days of yore, with many students but few resources.

The **Church Choir** first sang during the Chinese New Year celebration on February 4, 1935, with **Jose Cang** and **Hilaria Tian** as the two founding members.

In their maiden performance at the Cebu Christian Center, the church raised a princely sum of ₱300 during the Spring offering (worth approximately ₱135,000 in today's money.<sup>8</sup>)

In 1937, **Rev. Liang Sei Kuo**, a noted, outstanding theologian from Guangxi, China, joined Cebu Gospel Church as church pastor. His arrival signified a new era for the growth of our church.

On December 8, 1941, Japan attacked the Philippines, drawing our country into the second World War. The Japanese invasion and occupation from 1942 to 1944 struck a debilitating blow to our church membership. Everything was razed to the ground, and most properties were destroyed. However, the members survived because of their HOPE, FAITH and PRAYERS.

After war ended in 1945, our members regrouped and reorganized, holding regular Sunday meetings and worship services. However, our church was still HOMELESS, so the venues were alternately in either Cebu Grace Church or Bradford Memorial Church.

By this time, Rev. Liang saw the need to have our own Sanctuary as well as our own school, where future church leaders and members would be educated, nurtured and developed. With this vision and mission in mind, he prayed and challenged church members to attain this dream.

In 1948, this dream was realized with the construction of a school campus and chapel in Junquera Street. Following the creation of the **Kian Kee School** (later renamed Cebu Christian School and now known as Philippine Christian Gospel School), Cebu Gospel Church moved to its new home. After 33 long years, Cebu Gospel Church had finally found a place it can call its HOME.

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8 Because Philippine inflation data is not available prior to 1960, this was calculated by converting ₱300 to the U.S. equivalent of \$150, adjusting for U.S. annual inflation to 2016 dollars, and converted to pesos at the prevailing exchange rate of \$1:₱50.





The Church Choir sings in the 1957 Christmas Cantata



Christmas Celebration in 1953. Theme is "Glory to God in the Highest. Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Man" Observe the orderliness of children being seated in front, ladies at the right, and gentlemen at the left aisle.



The chapel (note the words 禮拜堂) along Junquera, before renovations



Renovations added a belfry, along with the words "Cebu Gospel Church"



Rev. Liang Sei Kuo



Fifth Anniversary of the CYF





A more expansive view of the sanctuary where the Philippine Christian Gospel School now stands



The elders of Cebu Gospel Church, with the school faculty in a June 1955 Retreat



**The Sisters' Fellowship, founded February 27, 1951, in a picture dated October 1953**

The Christian Youth Fellowship (CYF) was established in November 1948. Having branched into Elementary and High School divisions, the CYF is one of the most active ministries in our Church. The Elementary CYF meets every Saturday afternoon, while the High School CYF is held every Friday evening.

In the 1950s, economic nationalism led to financial crisis for our church, which had a Chinese congregation. Fortunately, Rev. Liang volunteered to waive his salary for 1951, to ease the economic burden of both Cebu Gospel Church and Kian Kee.

### **FLOWERING OF FELLOWSHIPS (1951-1962)**

On February 7, 1951, the **Sisters' Fellowship** was formally organized, headed by **Ms. Yu Bon Piak** with Rev. Liang Sei Kuo serving as spiritual adviser. The fellowship originally had twelve members, holding meetings every Tuesday at 3:00 PM that consisted of standing and praying together out loud.

Originally, they met at Mrs. Cang Chiu Siok's residence at Manalili, transferring later to the school. They moved back to Manalili when the school bell that signaled the end of each class proved too distracting, but returned after the original location was deemed be inaccessible for transportation.

Today, the Sisters' Fellowship is 50-member strong. It still holds fellowship at the same time schedule, but this time in our Church auditorium. They conduct visitations once a week for friends and family, including non-Christian friends whom they shared the gospel and pray over with.

On June 1956, the **Youth Fellowship** was formed. Today, its present form, the Christian Youth Fellowship (CYF), is one of the most active ministries, having branched into Elementary and High School divisions. The Elementary CYF is held every Saturday afternoon, while the High School CYF is held every Friday evening.





**The Brothers' Fellowship, founded in July 1956, celebrates its First Anniversary**

On July 8, 1956, the **Brothers' Fellowship** was formalized upon the guidance of Rev. Liang Sei Kuo, with twelve original attendees.<sup>9</sup> At the end of 1956, Rev. Liang's son, **Pastor Liang Shen Wei**, was recruited to join our church as a missionary.

Sensing the inadequacy of the sanctuary in Junquera Street, and noting the inconvenience of holding fellowship meetings in a school where noise could not be avoided, the Council formed a committee in May 1957 to look into the feasibility of building a bigger and modern sanctuary.

On December 1, the first issue of **Gospel Quarterly**, the predecessor of *Gospel Light*, was released.

In October 1960, the Church concluded the purchase of a 2,080-square meter lot along Osmeña Boulevard, for future church expansion. One year later, Cebu Gospel Church conducted its inaugural English-language worship service on October 8, 1961.

The next year, on August 12, 1962, the Church proudly hosted **Ambassador Tuam Mo Lan** of the Republic of China (the official name of Taiwan) as guest speaker.

### **A NEW HOME (1963-1966)**

The fund-raising campaign for constructing a new church building officially kicked off on March 1, 1963. A noteworthy fact was that not a single centavo came from outside solicitation, and the entire amount was raised solely through faith and prayer of the members.

In June 1964, **Rev. Joseph Young** was invited to shepherd our church, which he accepted. We should note that although the land had been purchased, it was not easy to raise the funds needed to build the sanctuary—an amount that required hundreds of thousands of pesos. The church members were hesitant to start the project, but Rev. Joseph Young encouraged them to push through with the herculean task.

<sup>9</sup> See 兄弟團契之簡史 by the late Deacon Francis Young (page 86).



The First Elementary Summer Camp, circa May 4, 1954



First Anniversary of the CGC Evangelistic Group, May 1958





Fourth Christian Youth Summer Conference, March-April 1962



First Winter Christian Youth Conference, December 1964

**Elder Frank Liuson** played a major role in the construction of our Church. The project was initially pegged at ₱250,000 to ₱300,000, but since only ₱40,000 was pledged, he took it upon himself to supply whatever shortages or financial needs were encountered during the construction. Eventually, he ended up as the prime contributor to the sanctuary's construction, whose costs ultimately totalled ₱420,000.<sup>10</sup>

From what I gathered, Elder Liuson was not only good-looking, young, rich, and generous, but he was also a very humble and God-fearing man. He spent time studying the word of God.

It is said that before he died, two of God's angels appeared to him inform him of his impending death a few days after their visit. Because of this advance notice, he was able to write his own eulogy, and could bless his son, family, and grandchildren before he died, as narrated by **Elder Adon Ong** and **Deaconess Jane Jane Ong**.

True enough, he passed away peacefully on the appointed time the angels told him. Truly God honors those who love Him.

In any case, fulfilment of the dream began on the afternoon of December 27, 1964, with a solemn groundbreaking ceremony officiated by Rev. Young. It was a memorable and moving affair, with the Choir present to render songs of praise to our Lord.

Construction commenced on February 10, 1965, with Architects **Cristobal Bo Espina** and **Filomena Espina** providing the architectural design and plans for the new sanctuary. The sanctuary is shaped like a cross. It is 30 meters long, 15 meters wide and 16 meters high with both sides stretching to about 10 meters each. A wooden cross, with neon lights behind it, is prominently seen occupying the center stage of the sanctuary.

At the time, development was sparse—the Church was bounded on the left by the DYRC radio station, by Philam Life Insurance Building on the right,

10 "Construction of a New Church Building" by Elder Go Hong Chiu, as translated by Dr. Wanda Po.



**Father and son: Rev. Liang Sei Kuo  
with his son, Liang Shen Wei**

and Kamuning Street at the back. Everything else was grassland. Construction finished later the same year, and first Sunday worship service held at the new sanctuary was officiated by Rev. Joseph Young on December 26, 1965.

The whole month of March 1966 ranked among the greatest and memorable moments of our church. On all four Sundays (March 6, 13, 20, and 27), Cebu Gospel Church celebrated her "Golden Jubilee." The high marks of the festival included:

1. Dedication of the new Sunday School Building
2. Diamond Jubilee Fellowship Meeting and Dinner
3. Music Festival, joined by the Church Choir, the Children's Choir, the Ladies' Ensemble, and noted soloists
4. Youth Fellowship Night
5. Revival and Evangelistic Meetings
6. Special Prayer Meetings





**Groundbreaking Ceremony, with Rev. Joseph Young and Rev. Jorge Patalinghug**



**Groundbreaking Ceremony of our Fuente Osmeña Sanctuary**



The Choir renders songs of praise during the Groundbreaking Ceremony

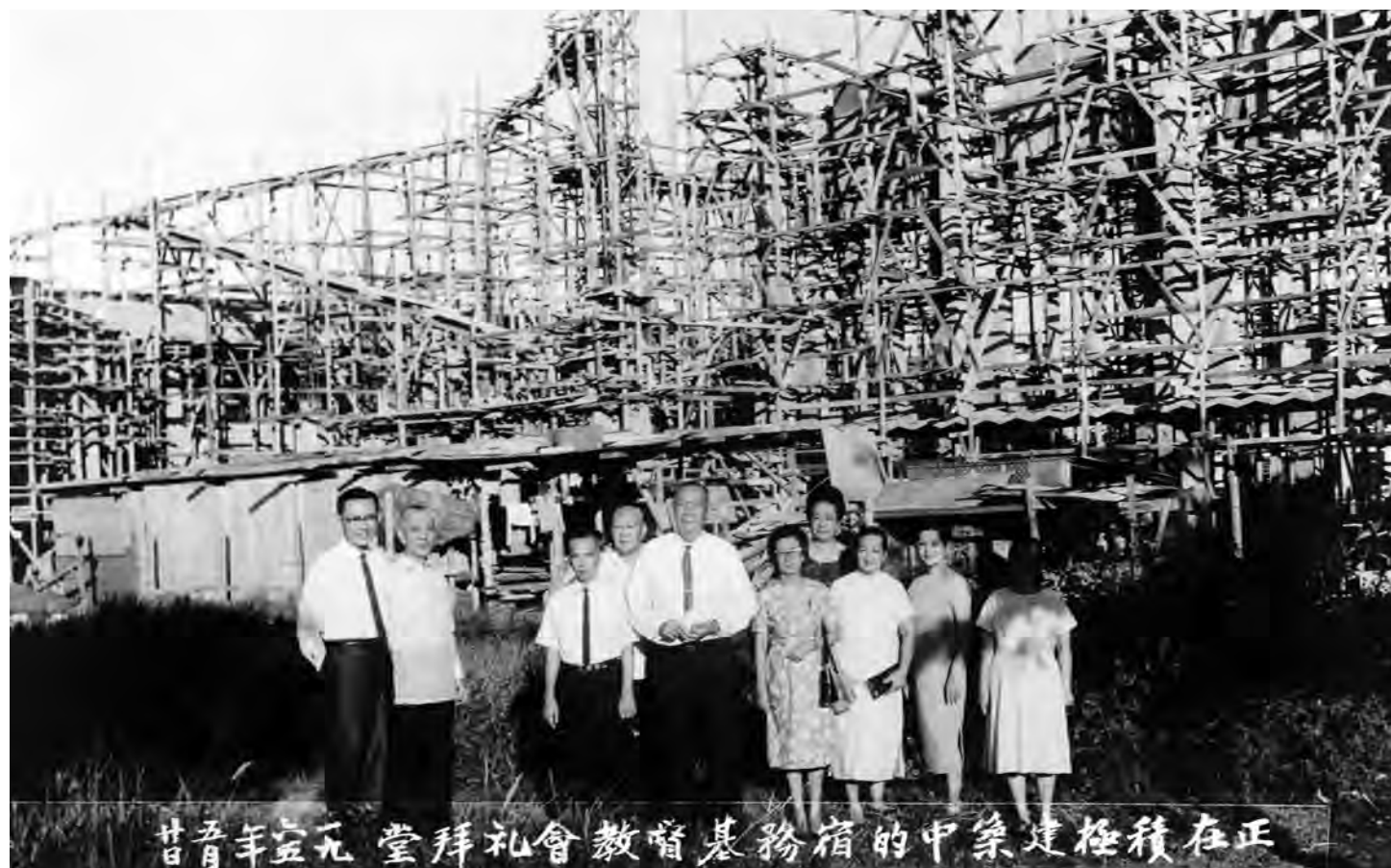


Laying of the Cornerstone on 12/27/64: "Christ Jesus: The Precious Cornerstone. A Sure Foundation" (Isa. 28:16)





Group Picture during the Groundbreaking Ceremony, December 1964



Look at all the wooden scaffolding on May 20, 1965



The first Sunday Worship Service was officiated by Rev. Joseph Young on December 26, 1965



宿務基督教會新堂開堂禮拜牧師正就職柳長老按立留影

Ordination of Elder Frank Liuson at the new Sanctuary in December 1965





Guests and visitors from different places come to grace our 50<sup>th</sup> Golden Jubilee in March 1966



Madam Ambassador Han Li-Wu attends the Sanctuary Dedication



Guests receive a warm welcome as they exit the terminal at Lahug airport (present-day Asiatown IT Park).  
The Chinese sign reads: Welcome, Esteemed Guests, to the Golden Jubilee of Cebu Gospel Church



As part of the Music Festival, ministers from different churches render a song number



Music Festival by the Choir





Music Festival by the Ladies' Ensemble



Music Festival by the Children's Choir



Thanksgiving Service: Observe the children seated in front, men on the left, and women on the right



Rev. Jorge Patalinghug, together with invited ministers and pastors, for the ordination of Rev. Shen Wei Liang





**Ordination of Rev. Shen Wei Liang**

Three great events transpired on the two days spanning March 26 and 27. These were:

1. The 50<sup>th</sup> Golden Jubilee celebrating the founding of Cebu Gospel Church.
2. Dedication of the newly-built Sanctuary at Fuente Osmeña Blvd., where our church presently stands. After the dedication services were held at 9:30 AM, worship services were officially moved to the new location.
3. Ordination of Rev. Liang Shen Wei as shepherd of our church, taking over his father's duties and responsibilities.

Joyful and meaningful programs were held to solemnize this wonderful occasion. To add more color, **Madam Ambassador Han Li-Wu** from the Republic of China led all distinguished guests in the celebration of this memorable affair.

After morning service, a group picture was taken with all members and guests lining up in front of the

new sanctuary. Since there was no traffic at the time, it was quite easy for the photographer to take the shot.

When he shouted "O lele" (all ready), he ducked under that big black cloth and we froze with smiles on our faces, waiting for that big flash signaling that the picture had been taken.

Later in 1966, our Church recognized its first batch of missionaries and sent them out to preach the Gospel. The first three missionaries,<sup>11</sup> chosen during Missions Month in August 18, were **Pastor Guzman Ravelo** of Tribal Missions, **Pastor Quirino** of the UCCP Cotabato City, and **Bro. Robert Yu** of Zamboanga City. Bro. Yu later enrolled at Ebenezer Bible College in Zamboanga, and later became our Senior Pastor, famously known as Rev. Robert Yu of CGC and DYFR.

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11 See "I Served as a Missionary and Pastor of CGC" by Rev. Robert Yu (page 21).

## EXPANSION (1967-1978)

Assisted and backed by our church, the **Surigao Gospel Chapel**, now known as the Surigao Gospel Church, was formally inaugurated on July 9, 1967. Our beloved **Rev. Lim Hui Khim** (later ordained as their pastor on May 7, 1978) and his family served in Surigao for a long time, as did **Pastor Juanita Go** and **Pastor Alice Huang**. The church is shepherded by **Pastor Rosalinda Ng** today.

The following two years would see a changing of the guard. On February 18, 1968, Rev. Joseph Young resigned from our church. More than a year later, on November 1969, our beloved Rev. Liang Sei Kuo passed away while in Hong Kong.

Due to a shortage of classrooms thanks to the burgeoning population of our Sunday School ministry, the Church Council decided to construct a new building (where our nursery room is presently located) to the right of the sanctuary. Construction began on June 11, 1971, with the building mostly made of wood.

The Sunday School department formed a Sunday School choir, which served as another evangelical arm of the Church through music. Founded by **Gui Ben Tan**, this group became the forerunner of the other singing groups that would follow, such as the Joybells, Soul Praise Band, and Joyful Courriers.

The **Carmel Fellowship**, intended for brothers and sisters who had "aged out" of the younger fellowships, was founded in December 1972 by Rev. Liang Shen Wei, Pastor Juanita Go, **Pastor Johnny Limchesing**, **Elder Nelson Sy**, and **Lucio Ong**.<sup>12</sup>

The Church was blessed with the arrival of **Pastor Michael Tsang** and his new bride, who accepted our offer in October 1974. Although they were both from Hong Kong and spoke only Cantonese, they soon learned the Hokkien dialect.

<sup>12</sup> See "Carmel Fellowship: Our Fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ" by Dolores Chan (page 88).



**The Surigao Gospel Chapel was formally inaugurated on July 9, 1967**

His wife **Christina**, who was gifted with a golden voice, led the Chinese church choir. Their three children – Vivian, Karen, and Calvin – were all born while they served Cebu Gospel Church. The Tsangs would stay for over a decade, leaving for Austin, Texas in 1985.

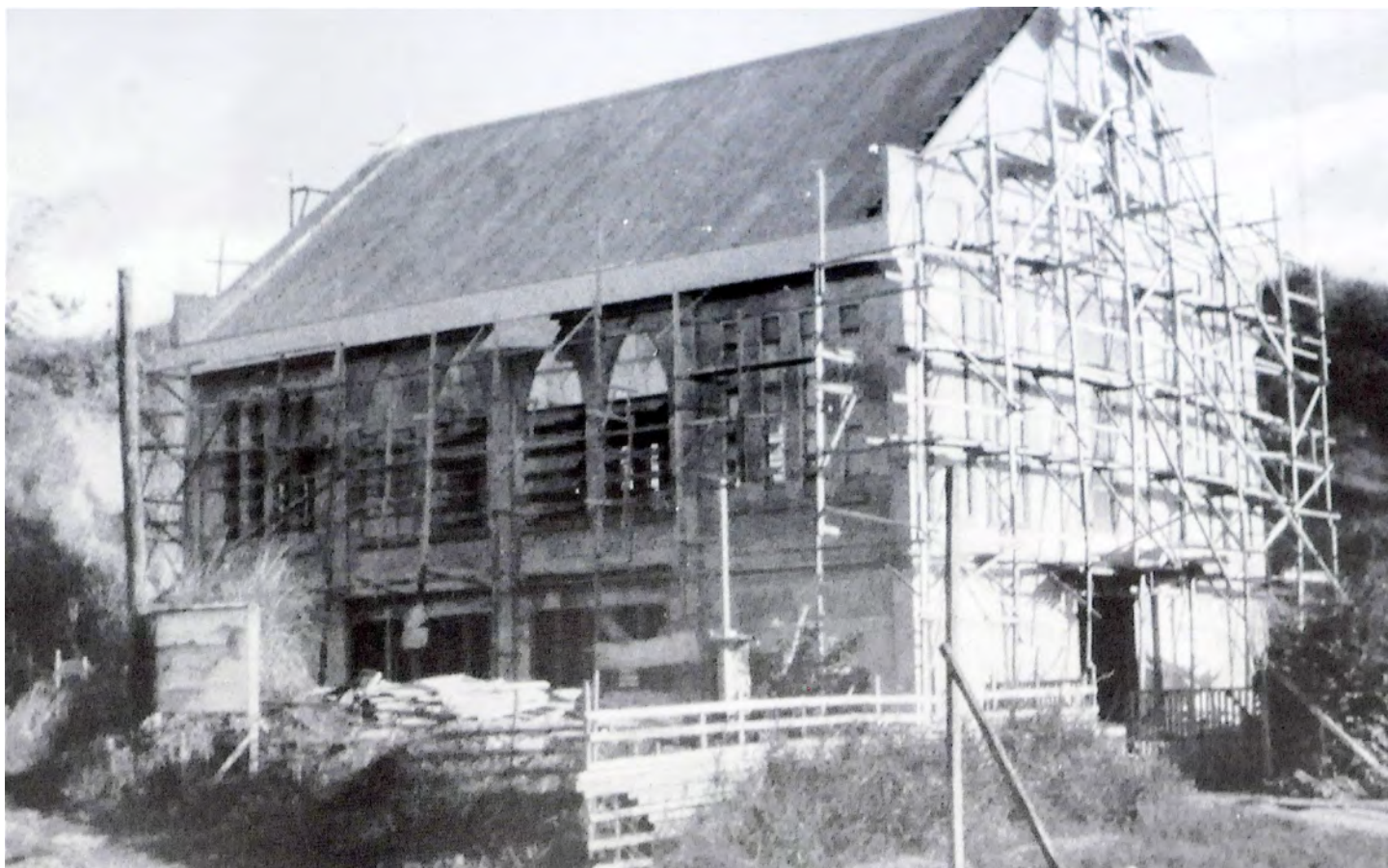
In March 1976, Cebu Gospel Church celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. In the Philippines, it can be considered a "Senior Citizen." If it was a person, it would be granted special 20% discounts and be exempted from 12% value-added tax!

During this time, a Bible study group that had been meeting in Cebu Christian School formed an evangelical singing team called the **Soul Searchers**. Their spiritual advisers were the Pradhans: **Himlal Pradhan** was then the guidance counsellor of the school, and was later ordained and is now fondly known as Dr. Himlal Pradhan; his wife, **Maria Lee Pradhan**, was then directress of the school.





Groundbreaking Ceremony for Surigao Gospel Church



The Surigao Gospel Church takes form



**The 1968 "Wonder of Christmas" cantata boasts a considerably-larger roster of choristers**

The music instructor of the Soul Searchers was the very-talented **Hattie Yu** (also the director of our Church Choir). After Mrs. Yu left for Canada, she was succeeded by **Susana Su**, **Jenny Ong**, and later, **Rosemarie Su-Castro**.

Later in 1976, our Church conducted its first Gospel Educational Seminar, graced by Hong Kong theologians Prof. and Mrs. **Hu Wen Hsian**. Adding to international linkages, the famous evangelist **Rev. Stephen Tong**, who was known as the "Chinese Billy Graham," held the Third Youth Evangelical crusade with a message about God's Great Love.

The **Surigao Gospel Church** celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary on May 8, 1977. Six members from our Church traveled to Surigao City to attend this memorable affair. Rev. Chai Chong Yee delivered the keynote message for the occasion.

Another musical group, the Joybells Gospel Team, was conceptualized in October 1977 when young people with musical talent desired to use their voices for the Lord.<sup>13</sup> **Elizabeth U. Oh** was instrumental in the creation of this group.

Today, the Joybells Gospel Team continues to be an evangelistic arm of the Church, rendering beautiful anthems during church service, giving concerts, and conducting fund-raising and outreach programs to support other ministries. It has conducted workshops with Heavenly Melody and the Papuri! Ministry, the music ministry of Far East Broadcasting Corporation Philippines. They continue to travel locally and internationally, sharing their angelic voices for the glory of God.

<sup>13</sup> The team was initially composed of existing Choir members. Although the group was first brought together in 1977, its official debut as the "Joybells Gospel Team" occurred in 1981.





Sunday School kids in January 1968



CGC  
SUNDAY  
SCHOOL  
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1971  
TO  
1972



Starlight  
CEBU CITY

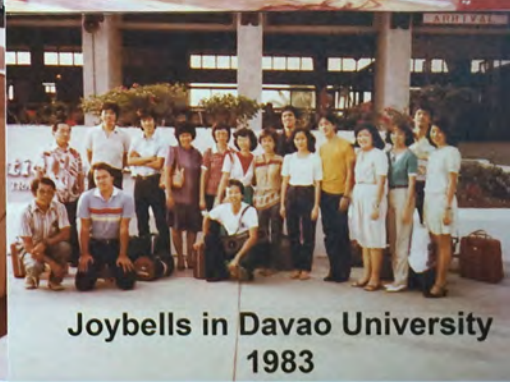


23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the CYF, November 1971



1973 Christmas Celebration





In 1978, the Saturday Prayer meeting was moved to 6:00 AM to attract more participants. This change in schedule resulted in the many young people joining the fellowship. **Raymond Ong** (who later became a deacon and elder of our church) was a very active youth leader who would telephone the young people, and pick them up as early as five in the morning. He would simply call to say that he was on his way, prompting us to jump out of bed.

After the prayer meeting, we would have a simple breakfast in the parsonage, and then proceed to PCGS for the Saturday Bible Study which started at 9:00 AM at the old library.

This was followed by the Soul Searchers practice and the Berians Bible Study. In the afternoon, the young people were once again gathered in Church for C asdf followed by Choir practice at 6:00 PM. That washow the church occupied the time of the young people, at least those who didn't have piano or other music lessons.

The Soul Searchers conducted its first evangelical trip on April 8, 1978, traveling to Tacloban, Leyte to teach DVBS and conduct concerts and skits. The Soul Searchers is currently an evangelistic arm of our Church. Its members continue to do what they do best: sing, evangelize, sponsor Bible scholars, and conduct outreach and many other related activities.

In November 1978, the CYF celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> founding anniversary, holding a Thanksgiving Service to commemorate this event.

### MILESTONES (1979-1986)

A memorial service was held for Rev. Joseph Young on July 9, 1979. He was fondly remembered as a major catalyst in the growth of our church. It was he who was insisted that the church must have its own sanctuary so that we can have a permanent place of worship.





The Soul Searchers



The Soul Searchers visit Bartley Christian Church in Singapore during the early 1980s





### 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 1986

In December 1980, one of our inaugural missionaries, Rev. Robert Yu, was appointed as our part-time Pastor. He was then the manager of DYFR-FM 98.7, a ministry that was close to our hearts.

In February 1981, the Sisters' Fellowship celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Thanksgiving Service was followed by a sumptuous meal.

From March 25 to 29, our church celebrated its 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. A morning prayer meeting and evening worship service was held for this occasion, with **Rev. Kuan Kuo Rui** as the guest speaker.

Rev. Liang Shen Wei, our devoted Pastor for 25 years, was called home by our Lord on May 25. Following the ordination of Rev. Lim Hui Kim as Surigao Gospel Church's shepherd, Pastor Alice Huang was commissioned as our new missionary to Surigao on June 21.

On July 4, the Brothers' Fellowship marked its Silver Anniversary with a Thanksgiving service.

On February 17, 1982, Far East Broadcasting DYFR-FM commenced the airing of a Gospel program sponsored by our Church. The show aired every Wednesday noon for one hour.

On January 9, 1983, Pastor Michael Tsang was formally ordained as our Reverend. In June, **Wanda Po** was appointed as a missionary. Her work involved guiding the youth and mentoring the students in PCGS on Religion.

On August 21, 1983, the groundbreaking for the construction of our new Sunday School Building (where the church office currently stands), was held at the back of the sanctuary. Engineer **Sidney Po** was hired to oversee the construction, receiving a monthly salary of ₱1,000 (around ₱12,000 today).

In 1984, three church members who were too old for CYF but too young for the Carmel Fellowship established the **Young Professionals** fellowship for others just like them.<sup>14</sup>

14 See "The Young Professionals" by Catherine Chua (page 90).

On June 17, 1984, the newly-completed Sunday School building was dedicated to the Lord.

On July 1, the Church Council decided the following schedule would apply for Sunday (incidentally, a schedule similar to the one implemented in 2017!):

1. English Sunday Service 07:45 to 08:45 AM
2. Sunday School 08:30 to 09:30 AM
3. Chinese Sunday Service 09:45 to 10:45 AM

There was a changing of the guard on September 22, 1985. In a simple but impressive ceremony, Rev. Michael Tsang turned over his pastoral duties and functions to Rev. Robert Yu. He and his family left later for the United States, with a farewell party celebrated on November 3.

In March 1986, our church reached its 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. A dramatic play performed by church members on March 9 entitled "Respecting the Lord" opened to rave reviews. As part of the festivities, a grand thanksgiving service was offered on March 16. Two new elders, **Domingo Ong** and **Nelson Ting**, were also ordained during this occasion.

## CENTURY'S END (1987-1999)

Sometime in 1987, the Monday Bible study class started to help Christians grow in faith. It was first held at the residence of **Philip Yap** and **Dr. Helen Yap**. Later, the class was moved to the Church.

In 1988, the Chinese churches in Cebu, Bacolod, Dumaguete, Tacloban and Iloilo formed the Visayas Christian Workers Fellowship, operating under the acronym CBDTI. The new organization would hold retreats for the youth and church workers every alternating year. Our CYF first hosted the camp in 1990, with the venue held at the Bethany Gospel Church.<sup>15</sup>

Citing reduced attendance in the Chinese worship service, the Church Council decided to merge the Sunday English and Chinese services into a unified bilingual service on July 4, 1989. Worship hours were moved from 8:30 AM to 10:15 AM.

<sup>15</sup> See "Christian Youth Fellowship" by Ann Marie Su (page 92).

Starting March 1990, missionary Wanda Po was tasked to train Sunday School teachers.

November 12, 1990 was a disaster for Cebu, with Super-typhoon Ruping slamming Cebu City head-on with winds of up to 230 kilometers per hour. The cities of Cordova, Lapu-Lapu, and Mandaue were also hit hard. The first Mactan bridge was badly damaged and rendered impassable after a boat hit its base. People who wanted to catch a flight at the Mactan International Airport had to cross the Mactan channel using a ferry boat.

Cebu City was at the center of the storm. Practically all the electric poles were toppled, and there was no electricity supply for about a month. Water supply was also scarce. The church opened its doors for people to get water (and even to bathe!) since we had a generator that can supply electricity to pump groundwater to the water tank. It was truly a blessing to be able to run to our church in times of disaster. One can easily realize that no matter what, there is a church family that opens its arms to its members and other people.

After the Monday Bible Study class grew to 60 attendees, the group was divided to make classes more manageable. Thus, the Saturday Bible Study was born in 1991. Today many church leaders and workers came from this group. In fact the Heritage Committee is composed mostly of this group.

On March 17, 1991, the church celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, with **Rev. Paul Huang** of Bacolod Trinity Church invited to speak in the Thanksgiving Service.

On November 26, 1992, long-time missionary and beloved Pastor Juanita Go departed to be with our Lord.

Concerned with the struggles of Surigaonon students who were studying in Cebu, **Rosalinda Ng**, who is presently the Pastor of Surigao Gospel Church, championed a new Bible study fellowship. When it moved its initial Saturday sessions to Sunday, the fellowship was christened as the "Sunday Cell Group," or SunCell in short.





### 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 1996

**Pastor Jerry Yaokasin** accepted the position of youth pastor on May 31, 1993. His stay with the church was short, and he later became a devoted politician serving his hometown in Tacloban City, Leyte.

Youth from our church participated in an athletic meet on January 30, 1994 at the USP-F sports grounds. The meet was a get-together to give participants with Tsinoy backgrounds from different churches to fraternize. Other events in 1994 included the celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the Young Professionals fellowship, with a Thanksgiving Service. The Children's Choir was revived in August, and joined our Church Choir in presenting a joint Christmas cantata on December 24.

**Deacon Peter Yap** was elected as Elder on October 15, 1995. He was ordained and began serving a week later, on October 22.

A 6-person delegation from a Christian Church in Fujian, China, visited our church on February 27, 1996.

They testified about their progress while operating under China's present government system, and rendered beautiful Amoy Christian hymns.

The 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Church was celebrated on March 22, 1996, with **Rev. Young Man Chan** invited as guest speaker during the Thanksgiving service. To celebrate the 80-year milestone, our Church implemented plans to branch out to Mandaue. At 3:00 PM on the same day, a groundbreaking ceremony was held in Mandaue City to construct a new building, which would be called the **Mandaue Gospel Center**.

Later that year on July 15, the Brothers' Fellowship held a thanksgiving service to celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> year of continued existence.

In mid-November, **Rev. Chen Chang Cheng** arrived with his family from Kaohsiung, Taiwan, to serve as our Pastor.





**Rev. Albert Ong teaching the Sunday School teachers to make communion bread, still in use today**

August 16, 1998<sup>16</sup> marked a significant milestone in Philippine religious history. On this day a hundred years ago, American missionaries formally introduced Protestantism to the Philippines, with the major denominations agreeing among themselves to divide places of ministry to avoid overlap.<sup>17</sup> Cebu Gospel Church joined other Protestant churches in Cebu in the affair.

<sup>16</sup> Church records date this event one year earlier, in 1997. However, the date is likely 1998 since American missionaries would not arrive until after the Spanish-American war ended on August 13, 1898.

<sup>17</sup> Cebu City was assigned to the Presbyterians, who also received Bicol, Southern Tagalog, and parts of Central and Western Visayas. As the capital, Manila was opened to all denominations. Not all denominations, notably the Seventh-Day Adventists and the Episcopalians, joined the agreement.

A commemoration service was held at the Cebu Coliseum in the morning, followed by an agape lunch fellowship in the afternoon. A Thanksgiving worship service at the Cebu Sports Complex capped the day's activities.

On November 29, 1998, the CYF turned 50 years old. **Rev. Joe Mok** officiated its Thanksgiving worship service.

After two years of construction, the new Mandaue Gospel Center was finally completed in 1999. It was formally inaugurated on March 28 with a Thanksgiving worship service held on site.

A joint conference comprising Cebu's united Protestant churches kicked off on September 11, with a theme of evolving to keep up with the times.





**Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Mandaue Gospel Center**



**Group picture during the Groundbreaking Ceremony**



**And lo, a new church has been planted**



## A NEW MILLENNIUM (2000-2012)

On May 7, 2000, Lim Kok An, also known as **Pastor Andy Pecson**, was appointed as a missionary and was assigned to serve in the youth ministry. He has recently returned to Cebu where he presently serves as the chaplain of Philippine Christian Gospel School, accompanied with his lovely wife **Pastor Gina** and two sons Ben Yael and Dan Yael.

Two fellowships celebrated significant anniversaries in 2001. On February 13, the Sisters' Fellowship held a Thanksgiving worship service to commemorate its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. On February 17, 2001, in celebration of its 20<sup>th</sup> year of existence, the Joybells evangelistic singing group held a special program entitled "The Reason We Sing."

On June 3, **Rev. Wee Un Hock** accepted the position of pastor for our Church, together with his family **Mrs. Jennifer Y. Wee** and their only son Macarios Josh. He has faithfully remained in Cebu, and is presently ministering to the Mandaue Gospel Church.

On July 20-21, 2002, "Heavenly Melody", a singing group from Taiwan, presented a musical concert at PCGS and CGC, respectively. The group's songs have since considerably influenced the modernization of our church's Chinese music.

Sister **Lili Gothong** and Elder Raymond Ong led a group of Church members to visit Bohol on May 24-25, 2003, in order to assist our Bohol missionary in spreading the Gospel.

On May 23, 2004, **Rev. Albert Ong**, with his beautiful wife Jenny Ong and two children Aaron Job and Amy Joy in tow, accepted the invitation to be one of our Pastors. Jenny, who was very gifted in music and possessed a lovely voice, became the conductress for the Chinese Church Choir, and directress of the Soul Searchers.

By this time, our affiliate school Philippine Christian Gospel School had become very dilapidated, with rotting buildings and neglected facilities brought about by the strike initiated by some English teachers sometime in the 1980s. A newly-reconstituted young and energetic board

spearheaded plans to completely rehabilitate the once-proud school.

This started a period of repair and reconstruction, as well as the construction of new buildings, culminating with the completion of a new school building and celebrating the school's revitalization with a Thanksgiving service on September 25, 2004. The Lord led long-time missionary Dr. Wanda Po to rejoin the school as its director.

Later, on October 28, 2004, the Young Professionals fellowship celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

2005 heralded an evolution of our outreach ministry. On October 3-7, our members joined delegates from the **Bangor Baptist Church** from Maine (presently known as Crosspoint Church) in a joint endeavor called the "**Jesus Loves You**" (JLY) ministry. The Bangor Baptist Church delegation held a concert at the Grand Convention Center and visited PCGS. The group also joined Filipino doctor volunteers and nurses in conducting medical missions in Consolacion, Minglanilla, Dumanjug, and Toledo, Cebu.

2006 marked the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Church, which had the theme "Proclaim God's Enduring Faithfulness." The festivities began on January 5, with Sunday worship services commencing at the Mandaue Gospel Center, which is now rechristened the Mandaue Gospel Church.

On March 18, our very first Heritage Exhibit cum contest, which showcased our Church's 90-year history through pictures, video clips and display of old artifacts, was opened at the Board Room. Rev. Michael Tsang and **Elder Valentin Uy** opened the occasion by cutting the ribbon. PCGS won first prize for its display.

Rev. Michael Tsang and his lovely wife were our special guests for the day of the anniversary celebration on March 19. Rev. Tsang's message utilized the celebratory Psalm 100 as the theme verse. Concurrently, in Mandaue Gospel Church, **Rev. Danny Reyes** kick-started its first evangelistic meeting by serving as speaker.





**Rebuilding and Reconstruction of the Philippine Christian Gospel School**



**Mission: Preparing for Living in the World, for the World, in the Name of Christ**



**"No thief can rob one of knowledge, and that is why knowledge is the safest treasure to acquire." (L. Frank Baum)**



**To know God is the greatest treasure of all!**





90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2006



90-Year Old Church's Choir





Family Sportsfest 2006



Family Sportsfest 2006



1<sup>st</sup> Heritage Exhibit with the working committee



Rev. and Mrs. Michael Tsang as guests of honor



1<sup>st</sup> Heritage Exhibit giveaways



1<sup>st</sup> Heritage Exhibit, with the author and assistants





**Sunday School Teachers in Bohol  
August 20 2007**

**Did you know? Cebu Gospel Church has the oldest Sunday School department in the Philippines**

Numerous activities were held during the year:

1. The JLY Children's Ministry assisted in conducting the DVBS for the Cebu City Alliance Church on April 25.
2. To celebrate CCOWE (Chinese Congress on World Evangelization) Sunday on April 30, **Rev. Jeremiah Cheung** from the Christian Bible Church of the Philippines conducted a 6-day Cross-Cultural Mission Exposure Training for ten of our young people.
3. The JLY Ministry, supported by the Mission Committee and some volunteers, held its first out-of-Cebu Medical Mission at Hilongos, Leyte on July 8, 2006.
4. Our church sent a delegation of our pastors and 16 members to the 7<sup>th</sup> Chinese Congress on World Evangelization, held in Macau from July 17-21.

5. On August 5, the Mission Committee, through the JLY ministry, held a medical mission at PCGS.
6. Elder Peter Yap, representing the Mission Committee, visited the church mission in China on October 11-15.

On January 28, 2007, our Church held its first joint worship service with the Mandaue Gospel Center on Congregational Sunday. A joint child dedication ceremony was part of the program.

From March 19 to 23, Daily Vacation Bible School was held for the first time at the Philippine Christian Gospel School. The theme was "Star Quest", and targeted PCGS students as camp attendees.

On April 12, the Scripture Union of Singapore conducted a three-day Children's Ministry Conference for Sunday School teachers at the PCGS auditorium. Attendees included all our Sunday School teachers, as well as Sunday School teachers from other churches. The topic discussed





**Parsonage Construction work, on October 10, 2008**

about 52 creative ideas to teach Bible stories to children.

On April 18, Dr. Wanda Po and Pastor Alice Huang traveled to Hangzhou, China, for a short-term ten-day mission.

**Dr. Jeanne Caramoan** and **Rosaline Lim** accepted our invitation to join the pastoral team. Pastor Caramoan would later depart on a mission trip on April 9 to Vigan, accompanying four youth from our Church. The trip was conducted in cooperation with the youth of the Christian Bible Church of the Philippines.

On May 27, we welcomed the Rev. & Mrs. **Yu Bon Kim** with their son Nathan, who joined our Church.

On July 1, the GoodTV program, which was sponsored by our Church, started airing in SkyCable Cebu channel 74.

To support our missionary, **Pastor Jeffrey Ferrer**, the Mission Committee conducted a Medical & Evangelical Outreach in Sogod, Alegre on July 14. One week after, it conducted its first

Children Medical and Deworming Outreach in Litmon, Talisay, with the cooperation of **Pastor Ric Garingo**. Two weeks after, the Second Children Medical and Deworming Outreach was conducted in Tagunol, Cebu with **Pastor Roel Cagalitan** of the CAMACOP.

On November 24, an outreach program in cooperation with Operation Mobilization (O.M.) for street children was held at Mandaue Gospel Church.

On February 7, 2008, the Membership Committee sponsored a Senior Citizens' Outing at Guba, Talamban.

16 young professionals from Cebu Gospel Church joined 11 counterparts from **Bethany Christian Church** shared their love to the residents of House of Hope by conducting an evangelistic meeting on Valentine's Day. **Lydale Chua** shared his testimony and message on the Prodigal Son, followed by a movie clip from "Awesome God."



**Rededication of Sunday School Building and New Parsonage, September 27, 2009**

On March 1, the Grand Alumni Homecoming capped off a weeklong celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> Founders Day of PCGS. The festivities began with PCGS Sunday celebrated in Cebu Gospel Church on February 24, which was followed on an outreach program, Search for Mr. & Ms. PCGS 2008, Exhibits, and Fun & Food Booths in the school.

From March 31 to April 4, 24 delegates from our Church attended the 1st CBDTI Christian Youth Leadership Summit held in Leyte Park Resort Hotel, Tacloban City, which had the theme, "Be The Difference."

On May 31, the Church welcomed **Pastor Eric Chan** and his family (wife **Weenie** and daughters), **Pastor Angelo Gutierrez**, and **Pastor Keren Tan** to minister to our church. Soon thereafter, **Pastor Wayne Chua** also accepted our invitation and became one of our youth pastors.

By July, the old Sunday School building was completely infested with termites, and would shake dangerously when students ran across the corridors. This prompted the Church Council to renovate the entire structure, and put up a Sunday School lounge. This happened under the watch of **Jocelyn Po**, who was then the Sunday school principal.

The Membership Committee conducted a Senior Citizens' Outing in Danao on September 14. Activities included blood pressure monitoring, games, exercises, Moon Cake Festival celebration, and a dinner courtesy of **Deacon Tiong Khing Ong**.

On October 15, the church welcomed **Pastor Charmaine Gutierrez** (the beautiful wife of Pastor Angelo) to our pastoral team. Did you know that both their children, Avi and Axl, were born in our church, and that Pastor Angelo is an engineer?

The CYF celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary on November 29, boasting with an average roster of 20 elementary, 70 high school, and 20 college students who regularly attend the fellowship.

On March 14, 2009, the Church celebrated its 93<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary, by holding an Evangelistic Dinner at the more-spacious PCGS gym. Rev. Danny Reyes delivered a message entitled "The Hope in Life."

The April 12 service later that year was the first Joint 6 AM Sunrise Service to be conducted at Mandaue Gospel Church. A baptismal ceremony was held during the service.

On August 16, the Membership Committee conducted its first free executive panel check-up for members aged 45 years old and above.





### Greetings from the new Sunday School Building!

On September 5, a baptismal ceremony was held at **Deacon Tony Yap**'s residence.

After over a year of renovation, the newly-renovated Sunday School building, comprising of new classrooms on the third floor and a new teacher's lounge, was inaugurated on Sunday School Sunday, which occurred on September 27.

To commemorate their anniversary month, the High School and College CYF held an "Appreciation Night" for the janitors and guards on November 13.

A Special baptismal ceremony was held on December 1 for **Sister Au Chay Hong** at the auditorium during the Sisters' Fellowship. In view of her advanced age and physical condition, water was sprinkled on her head instead of total immersion.

To commemorate the 62<sup>nd</sup> founding anniversary of PCGS, the **Cebu Kian Kee Alumni Association** held its inaugural Golf Tournament Fellowship at the Cebu Country Club on February 16, 2010. The event was joined by 48 golf enthusiasts.

The Church's 94<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, celebrated on March 7, had **Dr. Joseph Shao** from the Biblical Seminary of the Philippines (BSOP) elaborate on the theme "In Christ Alone." The day prior, an evangelistic

play entitled "No Greater Love" was performed at the Chancel Repertory Theatre in PCGS.

On April 6, a one-month Summer Mandarin Camp was conducted at Mandaue Gospel Center to teach our church members the language. This was followed by a special session about basic conversational Amoy held on May 16 by **Rev. Philip Ong** conducted a special session about basic conversational Amoy.

On September 24, the Christian Education Committee, in cooperation with the Biblical Seminary of the Philippines, held a two-day lecture and an inductive Bible Study with **Rev. Philip Co** as the instructor.

The Soul Searchers and the Youth Band, together with Rev. Wee Un Hock, conducted evangelistic musicals in Surigao Gospel Church on October 22 and 23.

On February 2, 2011, the Sisters' Fellowship celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the theme "Shine for Christ."

Our Church's 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration kicked off with the first PCGS Family Fun Run, which was held on March 11. One day after, Rev. Philip Co spoke on the theme "Faithful God, Grateful Hearts!" during the 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary worship service.



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On the evening of March 12, a Thanksgiving Dinner was held at the Grand Convention Center, with **Denzel Po** and **Cheryl Go** serving as the masters of ceremony. A renowned Beijing-based violinist, **Prof. Shang Quan**, serenaded the congregation.

On March 26, the Mission Committee conducted a medical mission with the Cebu City Alliance Church.

Six church leaders and ministers joined the 8<sup>th</sup> Chinese Congress on World Evangelization held in Bali, Indonesia from September 11 to 16.

Starting on November 4, Team Timothy from BSOP, which was spearheaded by **Dr. Rosa Shao** and **Dr. William Kirwan**, conducted a three-day seminar entitled "Couple Counselling: Becoming a Marriage Healer of your Church."

On February 16, 2012, the Young Professionals, in collaboration with Bethany Christian Church

and the **Living Christian Church**, conducted a Post-Valentine Special Fellowship on "Marriage". **Gabriel Yap** and **Aileen T. Yap** were invited as panelists.

A one-month Mandarin Summer Camp was held at Mandaue Gospel Center on April 1, with trainers who came all the way from China.

On April 8, Easter Sunday, an Sunday interactive musical play entitled "Raise the Crown" was presented at the Church. The moving play portrayed the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ with the audience actively participating.

### **DISASTER AND AFTERMATH (2013-2015)**

On May 1, 2013, around 205 members joined the Congregational Outing at the Tambuli Beach Resort. The activity had fun games, a short message by Dea. Jocelyn Po, and a sumptuous lunch.



On Monday, October 15, 2013, at 8:12 in the morning, a Magnitude 7.2 earthquake struck Central Visayas, with the epicenter located in Bohol. Although it was a Monday, President Benigno Aquino had fortunately declared that day as a holiday for our Muslim brothers, who were celebrating their religious holiday Eid al-Adha.

A portion of our church sanctuary's rear ceiling cracked and fell; the huge cement block hit the pews at the left and back, splitting the thick narra pews in half. There was debris scattered all over!

The Sunday after, we could still feel the aftershocks during our Sunday service, but that did not deter our members from attending worship service. As always, love for our Lord and His love for us prevailed over fear. The back portion was cordoned off to avoid accidents.

The damage to buildings was so extensive, and the aftershocks so strong and frequent, that schools were suspended for about a month.

But the worst was yet to come.

On November 8, 2013, at ten in the morning—barely a month after the earthquake—Super Typhoon Yolanda (known internationally as Haiyan) struck the Philippines. It was the deadliest typhoon to hit the country in recorded history. The storm surges it caused in Tacloban City alone killed more than ten thousand people. The northern part of Cebu was badly damaged, and a state of calamity was declared.

The first request for help we received was from Pastor Jerry Yaokasin, who was then the vice mayor of Tacloban City. His message was simple, "We have lost everything." We could hardly believe this, because there was a total news blackout in Tacloban City. The damage was so severe that all communication lines, electricity supply, and water supply were cut off. There was widespread looting and criminality due to lack of food.

The Church responded immediately. We prepared relief goods and had them delivered by boat with the help of Deaconess Lili Gothong. Due to the immensity of the devastation, so many relief goods had to be prepared.



**Earthquake damage**

Other churches took up the call, and flocked to our church to help with packing the goods. Our sanctuary became a de-facto relief center, with people from different churches working together. Everyone was moved by their love for God, fellowmen and country. It was a tense moment since relief goods were urgently needed. In this disaster, we saw that Christians were truly one in the Lord.

In happier news, the Christian Youth Fellowship celebrated its 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary on November 29.

In mid-2014, both the Sunday School and Sunday worship service were temporarily transferred to PCGS in a homecoming of sorts. This move was done to allow for renovations, since our sanctuary suffered structural damage in the 2013 earthquake.

On July 24, 2014, Dr. Stephen Tong conducted another Evangelistic Crusade at the Cebu Coliseum. Again, our church actively participated in the event.

Our Congregational Sunday on January 18, 2015, which coincided with Mandaue Gospel Church's 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, was held at Grand Convention Center, due to the desire to avoid the noise and traffic wrought by Cebu's annual religious festival and mardi gras known as Sinulog. The invited speaker, **Dr. Gerardo Lisbe Jr.**, spoke about "Clinging to Orthodoxy and Orthopraxy."

We celebrated our Church's 99<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the PCGS gymnasium on March 15, 2015, with **Rev. Stephen Tan** as the guest speaker. The congregation was challenged to pray for the



# STAGES OF CHURCH RECONSTRUCTION





# THE RENOVATED SANCTUARY







**Cebu Gospel Church at 100 years old**

repair and reconstruction of our church sanctuary damaged in the 2013 earthquake. The renovation cost was pegged at more than ₱20-40 million. **Deacon Daniel Ong** oversaw the renovation committee, and **Architect Daniel Go** offered to do the design pro bono. Our prayers were answered.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Mission Emphasis Week kicked off from September 17-20, with **Rev. Vicente Sia** as speaker. His message, "A Heart for Mission" was based on Isaiah 52:7. An exhibit showing the different ministries of the mission groups supported by our Church was held at the PCGS gym.

After one year of holding Sunday worship service at the PCGS chapel, we finally returned to our newly-renovated sanctuary on November 8, 2015.

**Rev. Daniel Wong** was speaker for this special day.

## **THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

The **Literature Committee** kicked off the Centennial Celebration by sponsoring contests on Creative Art, Photography and Essay Writing, all of which had to use the Centennial theme "God's Grace". After a contest period of about six months, the winning entries were announced and awarded on Literature Sunday, November 15, 2015.

The newly-renovated sanctuary was rededicated on November 22, with Rev. Danny Reyes serving as the speaker. It was a solemn affair. On December 6, after a moratorium on baptismal ceremonies due to transfer of venue to PCGS, one was finally held at the sanctuary to welcome new members to our fold.

On December 11, an Interactive Evangelical play and mystery dinner called "Sabotage," held at the PCGS gym, officially kicked off the 100-day countdown to the Centennial Celebration.





### 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Mandaue Gospel Church

Rev. Vicente Sia, who was formerly the senior pastor of Jubilee Evangelical Church until his retirement in 2011, and was speaker in the previous year's Mission Emphasis week, formally accepted our invitation to minister to our Church in January 2016. His wife, Helen, officially joined our Church five months in June.

On January 17, during the Congregational Sunday held at the Grand Convention Center, the Centennial Church Theme was unveiled: GOD'S GRACE – 100 YEARS AND BEYOND. Its theme verse was taken from John 1:16, which states: "From the fullness of His grace we have all received one blessing after another." A survey for improvement and exploring the possibility of adding an English service was conducted, and our new Mission and Vision Statements were presented.

In February, the Sisters' Fellowship celebrated its 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Grand Convention Restaurant, with no less than **Dr. Tan Chiu Eng** as special guest speaker.

The Second Heritage Exhibit, this time commemorating our Church Centennial, opened in the Church auditorium from March 13 to 27. Rev. Michael Tsang graced the ribbon-cutting ceremony, with church elders, members of the Heritage Committee, and

**Deaconess Josephine Que Yu** (whose father's journal became the guide for the exhibit) in attendance.

On March 19, the penultimate day before our church turned 100 years old, the **100 Voices Centennial Choir** presented a cantata based on selected songs from the Don Moen album "God in Us", as well as the Hallelujah Chorus. Rev. Stephen Tan gave a short message before the musical extravaganza.

The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Worship Service was celebrated on March 20, with **Rev. James Hudson Taylor IV** giving a message on "Willing and Able" from 1 Chronicles 28:20-21. During the service, the Centennial Hymn "A Hundred Years More," which was composed by **Jovelyn Q. Yu** with English lyrics by **Stevenson Q. Yu** and Chinese lyrics by Josephine Q. Yu, was played by a live ensemble. It was such a touching hymn that when Elder Peter Yap and **Elizabeth Oh** sang it, many were brought to tears. Truly, how wonderful is God's amazing grace!

That night, at 6:00 PM, a Thanksgiving Dinner was celebrated at the Grand Convention Center, with special numbers presented by various groups and fellowships from our church. To serve as festive décor, Cheryl Go Chan prepared a very tall and beautiful centennial cake.

# TAKING STOCK

For a hundred years, Cebu Gospel Church has been a bulwark of Chinese Christianity in Cebu. For all these years, the Church Council, which consisted of elected elders and 24 deacons and deaconesses, also headed the different church committees. They act in accordance with the teachings of the Holy Bible and what is stated in the church Constitution and by-laws.

Our Church has fully grown in the span of a hundred years, and has even spread its roots nationally and internationally. She is not only blessed by the Lord, but had witnessed so many miracles performed in her ministry and congregations. She has produced astounding church workers, professionals, and members. She has different local and international ministries, social work, fellowships and services.

She has linkages to different Christian organizations, both locally and internationally, and had faithfully supported them. She is also blessed with assets to best serve her members. With all these, it is but fitting that her members should be well aware of what the Church is, what their roots are, and what God, through His Church, expects from them.

The lingua franca of the original Cebu Gospel Church is Chinese. While it is true that the Church was founded by American missionaries, necessitating that services are conducted in English, their purpose was to evangelize the Chinese. Since the congregation was predominantly Chinese and could not understand the English language very well, the services were then translated to Chinese.

When the congregation increased and the church could finally hire Chinese-speaking ministers and pastors, services were conducted in straight Chinese. Even the church bulletin was in Chinese, and was beautifully and painstakingly handwritten every week.<sup>18</sup> It was only on October 8, 1961 that the first English language service was conducted in our church. This was later merged with the Chinese service to make a single bilingual worship service.

Today, the language spoken in Church is a mixture of Chinese and English. The older members, who comprise about 75% of the population, speak Chinese while the younger generation that comprise the remainder speak a mixture of English and Chinese. They are popularly known as "EnRaWGen" since they are the English Reading and Writing Generation. They can speak Chinese, but cannot read Chinese characters because they can only read and write in English. This generation has come of age and is now taking over the church. I am one of them.

However, a new group has emerged, part of the generation called the "Millennials." This group is tech-savvy, and can understand Chinese but can no longer speak nor read in the language. Because of this, the Church had to adapt. In 2017, another English-only service will be conducted, which will mostly be attended by the growing young population of the church.

As we have seen from our history, the Church conducted the Learning Conversational Amoy seminar (by Rev. Philip Ong), while Mandaue Gospel Church hosted one whole month of Mandarin classes with teachers from China. However, these efforts seemed futile. English is now the dominant form of communication in the Church, with the youth growing in number.

The founders of Bethany Christian Church (the Holaysans) as well as the Living Christian Church (the Lees) were all former active members and leaders in Cebu Gospel Church. They are considered spiritual children of the Church, and it is always a joy to see their growth and cooperation in evangelizing the Chinese in Cebu.

Despite its very humble beginning, Cebu Gospel Church has grown in its ministries and evolved into a multifaceted church. Today, its ministries include that of its sister church, Surigao Gospel Church, which was formerly known as the Surigao Gospel Assembly Hall of the Cebu Gospel Church.

Other planted organizations include the Mandaue Gospel Church, which was formerly the Cebu Gospel Church Mandaue Gospel Center, and the affiliated school, the Philippine Christian Gospel School, formerly the Cebu Chinese Gospel High School, Kian Kee High School, and Cebu Christian School.

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<sup>18</sup> See "The Evolution of Cebu Gospel Church Bulletins" by Stevenson Q. Yu (page 135).





### Past and Present

CGC's mission works have spread far and wide. The Church has missionaries scattered all over the archipelago. The present Jesus Loves You Ministry, which ordinarily conducts medical missions all over the Philippines, now has added responsibilities. In addition to feeding programs and the conduct of Daily Vacation Bible Schools, it takes charge of galvanizing immediate church response in case of calamity and disaster.

Cebu Gospel Church may seem like a small church compared to the present mega-churches, but her impact in the Chinese Christian Community is not to be trifled with. Her members may seem few, but the vastness of her heart and support to different

Christian organizations, churches, and ministries are something only our great God can possibly do. For a hundred years, she stood firm on her Christian doctrines and principles, and her leaders had been vigilant vanguards of these.

Cebu Gospel Church continues to grow physically to meet the need of its growing membership and population. I thank the Lord for the hundred years of provision and guidance, and I pray for the next hundred years to come.

**Psalms 102:18:** Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the Lord. 🙏



# 2006-2016年 教會事記焦點





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## 2006

01/01	教會主題：『精益求精，合神心意』。經文：希13:20-21
01/05	萬那威基督教會首次主日崇拜會
01/29	會友主日及嬰孩奉獻：Justeen Freya M. Avellana、孫忠山、王惠靈、Hans Gabriel G. Saw、趙忠義
02/05	神學主日由邵晨光博士主講
02/12	建基中學主日
03/19	教會慶祝九十週年，主題為『信實長，務恩揚』，由曾永光牧師傳講詩篇100。萬那威基督教會首次佈道會，由林永健牧師主講
04/13	聖週聚會，記念主愛
04/16	第八十屆洗禮：蔡友賢、田雲雲、吳恩愛、胡慧詩、李秋玲、葉彬珠
04/25至04/27	『耶穌愛你』兒童事奉幫助宣道教會主持暑期聖經班
04/30	華福主日由張國強牧師主講
05/08至05/13	由菲律賓聖經基督教會訓練十位青年於跨越文化宣道陳列
05/14	英文查經班於母親主日贈送禮物
05/28	萬那威基督教會六位兄姊受洗：楊培城、王彼得、Maria Tolosa Uy、林麗莉、黃培蓮、葉琮瑩
06/18	職業團契於父親主日贈送禮品
06/25	嬰孩奉獻：傅仁傑、Jayden Christoffer K. Chan、田永和、陳美蓮、陳美芬
07/08	宣道組員及義務兄姊主持首次宿務省外的 Hilongos, Leyte 『耶穌愛你』醫療宣道
07/17	教會牧者及十六位會友參加於澳門舉行的第七屆世界華福會議
08/05	宣道組由『耶穌愛你』於建基中學主持醫療宣道
08/20	青年主日由王志強牧師主講
08/27	聖經主日由楊忠民牧師主講
09/14至09/17	第四十一屆宣道週培靈佈道會由張國強牧師主講：『傾聽呼聲』，並由 Roy Verzosa 牧師為宣教士主持訓練班
09/24	主日學主日，主日學部報告及獻唱
10/11至10/15	葉美煥長老代表宣道組巡視中國宣道事工
10/22	敬老主日
11/12	選出男女執事：王重慶、張榮慶、黃蒼龍、葉謀泉、蔡吳仁仁、傅珊瑚、丁美珍、楊江雅娟

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11/23	感恩聚會	
11/26	母會八十一屆洗禮：黃楊真娜、吳罕娜、蔡志強、黃默利、傅仰聖、吳吉生。支會第二屆洗禮：楊培泰、楊培坤、高真真、葉國章、葉國平	
12/24	聖誕主日崇拜會後有午餐愛筵	
2007		
01/07	教會主題：『敬虔於神，仁慈於人』。經文：太22:37-39	
01/28	母會與支會首次於會友主日聯合崇拜。嬰孩奉獻：吳然殷、孫如鑽、黃雄恩、陳白恩、楊天音	
02/11	神學主日由邵晨光博士主講	
03/18	教會九十一週年主題：『同心合意，興旺福音』。經文：腓1:3-6。由蘇有志牧師主講	
03/19至03/23	暑期聖經班於建基中學舉行，主題為『亮星追尋』	
04/02至04/03	廿二位青年領袖參加在宿務 El Salvador, Danao 的『如耶穌般領導』訓練班	
04/05	聖週聚會	
04/08	早上六點舉行復活主日朝陽會	
04/09至04/14	青年夏令會在萬那威基督教會由林克舜牧師主講：『因為基督…我是，我會，我要』	
04/12至04/14	主日學教師赴兒童事工會議，在建基中學受訓如何以五十二方法講聖經故事	
04/15	第八十二屆洗禮：蔡安順，李慶義，黃啟忠	
04/18至04/23	傅念玉博士與黃約麗傳道赴中國杭州主持短宣	
05/02至05/09	邱燕燕醫生領四位青年與菲律賓聖經基督教會青年一同赴美岸市作宣道行程	
05/13	主日學與查經班於母親主日贈送禮品	
05/21至05/25	四十一位青年參加於碧瑤市 Supreme Hotel 舉行的第三十二屆全菲青年夏令會，由陳建平牧師主講：『刺透黑暗』	
05/27	歡迎吳文欽牧師，師母，邱燕燕醫生，黃佳琳傳道為教牧同工	
06/09至06/11	職業團契於宿務 El Salvador, Danao 舉行退修會，主題為『加油』	
06/17	職業團契於父親主日贈送禮品	
07/01	好消息電視節目於有線電視七十四台公映	
07/08	聖歌團與佈道隊於聖樂主日領讚美崇拜	
07/14	宣道組偕同 Jeffrey Ferrer 傳道於宿務 Sogod, Alegre 舉行醫療佈道	



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07/21	首次兒童醫療由 Ric Garingo 傳道陪同於宿務 Litmon, Talisay 舉行。第二次於八月四日由 Roel Cagalitan 傳道陪同在宿務 Tagunol 舉行
08/11	領袖訓練培靈會由星加坡神學院之陳世協院長主講
09/20至09/23	第四十二屆宣道週主題：『熱愛靈魂』，由林毓麟長老主講
09/25	萬那威基督教會之薛彩絃姊與葉雪英姊受洗
09/30	主日學教師主日
10/21	職青團契於敬老主日贈送禮品
10/27	由林永健牧師主持『菲華青年文化講座 I』
11/11	選出2008-2010男女執事：戴良榮、王善為、葉雙傑、傅子全、吳韻真、陳胡美娜、傅史苗美、許郭錦繡
11/22	各團契於感恩聚會獻讚美節目與見證
11/23	青年團契慶祝五十九週年舉行讚美集會，由吳文欽牧師主講。次日於萬那威基督教會與 Operation Mobilization 一同主持街董事工
11/25	感恩崇拜及第八十二屆洗禮：丁嘉裕、丁嘉倫、王良榮、莊銘泰、王靜美，王靜英，黃嘉音
12/23	聖誕主日崇拜會由聖歌團主持『誰是這嬰孩？』音樂會。
12/26至12/28	少年冬令營於萬那威基督教會舉行

**2008**

01/01	新春感恩聚會，教會主題：『往下扎根，往上結果』。經文：以37:31
01/08	黃運福牧師與吳張絲蓮師母主持『與主親密』講座
01/26	林永健牧師主持『菲華青年文化講座 II』
01/27	會友主日及嬰孩奉獻：葉光輝、葉美真。聯合崇拜後舉行愛筵
02/07	會友組於宿務 Guba, Talamban 舉行敬老郊遊日
02/14	職青團契與伯大尼堂青年人於情人節在戒毒所主持佈道會，分享見證並映出『Awesome God』影片
02/23	王建熙博士主持『培養新一代』講座
03/01	建基中學舉行立校六十週年暨校友歸校，於二月廿四日在教會之建基主日開始至整星期的活動
03/16	舉行教會九十二週年慶祝由陳貽強博士主講：『服事與愛慕』，經文：約13:1-5。宿務基督教會與萬那威基督教會之主日學舉行海報比賽
03/23	第八十四屆洗禮：傅雷力、吳明達、林瑛嫻、李愛敏、李如玲、黃美蓮
03/25	姊妹團契於副堂舉行佈道會，由邱燕燕醫生主講：糖尿病之起因與醫療
03/31	二十四位青年參加於三月卅一日至四月四日在獨魯萬市 Leyte Park Hotel 舉行的末獅耶區青年領袖會議。主題為『與眾不同』

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04/08至04/11	暑期聖經班主題：『無限的財寶』，有一百二十位學生參加
04/26	特會由林永健牧師主講『教會更新』
04/30	『Covenant Singers』主持『信心的詩歌』音樂會
05/11	母親主日由英文查經班與主日學贈送禮品
05/31	歡迎洪英峰傳道，詹獻榮傳道，陳仁仁傳道於教會事奉
06/15	父親主日
06/28	陳貽強牧師主講：『聖經原則於教會領袖』
07/01	開始修建主日學樓
07/06	嬰孩奉獻：王良基
07/12	華福主日及兩天的尼希米書講義由邵晨光博士主講
08/17	青年主日：為青年人委身愛主讚美神
08/24	聖樂主日以喜樂詩歌讚美全能的神
09/14	教會長輩於宿務 Danao 市郊遊（王重慶執事預備豐富晚餐，並有血壓驗查，運動遊戲及中秋慶祝）
09/21	主日學主日：願主日學教師繼續為學生的祝福
09/25至09/28	第四十三屆宣道週，主題：『基督宣道，你我使命』。由 Jay Banzuelo 傳道與 Jebo Banzuelo 牧師主講
10/15	歡迎詹陳錦湄傳道一同事奉
10/19	敬老主日由迦密團契與職青團契贈送禮品
10/25	好消息電視台之劉曉亭牧師主持音樂佈道會
11/27	感恩節聚會由各團契以獻唱，舞蹈，短劇，見證感謝神
11/29	青年團契慶祝六十週年，例常有二十位小學生，七十位中學生，及二十位大學生參加
12/21	聖誕主日由 Chuck Guill 牧師講：『佳節原因』。福音聲領唱聖誕詩，聖歌團主持音樂會
2009	
01/04	教會主題：『唯一基督，合一教會』經文：弗4:4-6。執事就職：陳大關、楊永興、李永仁、許致國、吳李欣然、李蔡容容、趙丁慈誼
02/01	嬰孩奉獻：吳冠芳、吳然慈
02/07	第一期研討會主題：『基督：福音偉大』由楊立信博士主持講習班
02/08	建基主日(建基成立六十一週年)由楊立信博士主講：『主耶穌，我們高舉祢』，讚美敬拜由幼二學生及教師主領



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03/14	宿務基督教會成立九十三週年，主題：『唯一基督，合一教會』，並在建基中學體育館備午餐慶祝，由林永健牧師主講：『生命的盼望』
03/22	建基學校畢業禮拜有卅五位中學生及六十位六年級學生。建基中學樂隊主領頌讚及敬拜
03/30	第五屆青年夏令營於三月卅日至四月四日在宿務 Taptap, Busay 舉行。主題為『失落於世，基督尋得』由Jebo Banzuelo 牧師主講。奮興會講員為 Chuck Guill 牧師
04/12	本會及萬那威教會聯合於早上在萬那威舉行朝陽會
04/13	兒童暑期聖經班於四月十三至十七日舉行。主題：『上帝極大的後園』，兒童們熱心事奉耶穌
05/10	母親主日
05/25	廿七位青年於五月廿五日至卅日前往碧瑤市參加 FCCF 青年夏令營。主題：『獲得真實』。經文：哥後13:5,8。主講員為 Jay Banzuelo 傳道及陳建平牧師
05/30	第二期研討會：『基督徒：福音齊備』。主講員為 Jay Banzuelo 傳道
06/21	父親節
07/25	第三期研討會主題：『教會：福音全群』。講員為許書義牧師
07/26	聖樂主日由許書義牧師為講員
08/16	會友組為年紀四十五歲以上會友舉行免費身體檢查
09/05	於葉謀泉執事府上舉行洗禮：蔡玉玉、蔡永佳、顏盛恩、黃佳榮、戴鵬仁、陳永典
09/10	第四十四屆宣道週於九月廿七日至卅日舉行。主題：『唯一基督，合一宣道』經文：太28:18-20。講員為陳安立牧師
09/27	主日學主日。慶祝完成重新修建主日學樓，增加第三樓主日學課室及教師休息室，這工程於七月二00八年開始
10/24	第四期研討會主題：『社區：福音遍傳』。主講員為邵晨光博士
10/25	敬老主日。邵晨光博士主講：『奔跑天路』
11/01	宣道組在萬那威市的 Maguikay Elementary School，及 Mandaue Sports Complex 舉行醫療宣道
11/13	大學團契及青年團契為教會人工及門警舉行感激夜
11/26	舉行感恩聚會來感謝天父為我們所做的一切
11/29	感恩主日及洗禮：洪真真、王良耀、王良賜、王妙恩、傅雷恩
12/01	特別洗禮：盧彩鳳姊
12/20	本會聖歌團從『Pure Light』歌集唱出聖誕音樂詩歌，並慶祝『世界的光』的降生

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## 2010

01/03	教會主題：『唯在基督』。經文：西1:28-29。執事就職：林恩賜、吳李維仁、蔡葉如玉、葉俊傑、顏蕭素美、胡安祥、王善籌
01/31	會友大會主日。講員為洪英峰傳道，主題為『生長，發光，喜樂』
02/07	嬰孩奉獻：Chris Ryan Chua、張宏文、Elizabeth Joanne Guanzon King、陳章仁、黃信得、張子裕、施並煌
02/14	建基中學主日。慶祝建基中學成立六十二週年。於二月十六日在 Cebu Country Club 由建基校友會主辦第一屆高爾夫錦標賽，有四十六位校友參加
03/07	宿務基督教會慶祝立會九十四週年，以『唯在基督』為主題，由邵晨光博士主講。三月六日有菲華聖劇社在建基學校表演『天下父母心』
03/21	建基中學畢業禮拜。其中有九十位中學與六十位小學畢業生
04/04	復活主日洗禮：洪瑩瑩、李麗慈、王明慧、傅仰美、黃俊德、李玉嬌
04/05	宿務基督教會有四十八位代表於四月五至九日前往描戈律市參加未獅耶區青年營。主題：『無基督的基督教』
04/06	在萬那威教會舉行一個月的華語夏令營
04/12	六十位兒童於四月十二至十六日參加兒童暑期聖經班以『神的軍裝』為主題
04/24	特會由謝偉光博士主講：『聖經透視之養育』
05/12至05/16	五月十二至十六日由陳安立牧師主持閩語拼音班
05/16	第一期研討會主題：『愛慕基督』，由教育組主持
06/02	廿八位小學生參加四日青年營，主題：『你是神的傑作』。最後一天是『感激家長夜』
07/04	嬰孩奉獻：傅卿雲，莊秀清
07/25	Jay Banzuelo 傳道主講教會第二期研討會主題：『事奉基督』
08/06	會友組帶領教會長輩往宿務 Guba, Talamban 郊遊，除備午餐，並有一些遊戲節目，黃運福牧師主講短短的信息
08/29	青年主日。林永健牧師勸告青年：『要趁著年幼當紀念造你的主』
09/09	第四十五屆宣道週於九月廿四至廿七日舉行。Jay Hallowell 牧師主講：『宣揚基督』。其他二位講員如下：Castillo 牧師講論：『值堂的原則與領袖的角色』，Ricky Recodo 傳道講論：『心理健康的牧者或教會』。ERUF 也講論：『急救及生命的保障』
09/24	教育組與菲神共同在兩天內舉辦『神學延伸制』與『歸納式查經』由許書義牧師為講師



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10/21	黃運福牧師於十月廿二日至廿三日帶領『尋靈佈道隊』及『青年樂隊』前往樹里爻舉行兩夜音樂佈道會
11/25	感恩聚會由 Harold Sala 博士主講。各團契也貢獻給神不同的特別節目
11/28	感恩主日並舉行洗禮：許美玲、曾威娜、田永仁、周永利、吳美麗、施子牙、施靈恩、金繕良、李信信、王良恩、許顯誠、許琳琳、陳月圓、黃喜信、莊仁忠、吳婷婷
11/28	邵晨光博士主講第三期研討會主題：『宣揚基督』
12/19	聖誕主日。聖歌團獻唱『 Sing Gloria Tonight 』以提醒我們救主的誕生，在天堂如何的歡喜
<b>2011</b>	
01/02	教會主題：『耶穌基督，教會與我』經文：腓4:11-16。執事就職：葉基甸、王重慶、葉謀泉、張榮慶、傅黃麗麗、蔡吳仁仁、傅珊珊、丁美珍、楊江雅娟
01/30	第一期研討會由楊立信博士講道：『基督乃教會領袖之基石』
02/02	姊妹團契成立六十週年。主題：『為基督發光』
02/06	嬰孩奉獻：戴慧珍
02/11	邵晨光博士帶領延神制『舊約聖經的查考』
02/20	建基中學主日。詹獻榮傳道講：『在主恩典中有喜樂』。建基中學於三月十一日舉行首次的家庭趣跑活動
03/12	宿務基督教會九十五週年於 Grand Convention Center 備感恩晚餐，特請小提琴家商泉教授演奏。三月十三日週年主日崇拜由許書義牧師証道『信實的神，感恩的心』
03/26	宣道組配合 Cebu City Alliance Church 舉行宣道免費醫療
04/11	四月十一至十五日舉行兒童暑期聖經班，主題：『發掘上帝在空間的奇迹』
04/24	復活主日。復活節朝陽會。洗禮：黃佳仁、黃白順、黃清順
05/15	母親主日，主日學生獻唱『媽媽的愛』
05/22	第三十四屆 F C C F 全菲青年夏令會於五月廿二至廿六日在宿務市 BE Resort, Mactan 舉行。主題：『一件事』
05/29	第二期研討會主題：『會友乃基督身體，建於聖徒事奉』。講員為 Jebo Banzuelo 牧師
07/03	嬰孩奉獻：吳銘峻
07/17	聖樂主日，講員為 Dennis Nardine 牧師
08/13	『耶穌愛你』在宿務Talisay舉行宣道免費醫療，大概有五百人得到益處
08/21	丁全金傳道就職禮
09/01	第四十六屆宣道週，於九月一日至四日舉行。主題：『宣道與我』講員為 Andy Smith 牧師，同參予的有 China for Christ Team

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09/11	教會長輩在教會副堂舉行中秋節活動	
09/11	六位教會領袖和牧師傳道於九月十一至十六日前往印尼的峇里島參加第八屆世界華人福音會議	
09/25	主日學主日。主日學生背念經文並唱讚美神的詩歌	
10/30	第三期研討會主題：『信心合一，堅定教義，愛中互建』。講員為 Jay Banzuelo 傳道	
11/04	邵莊秀美博士與 William Kirwan 博士帶領菲律賓聖經神學院的 Team Timothy 於十一月四日至六日舉行『夫婦輔導』講習班。主題：『成為教會婚姻的醫治者』	
11/24	感恩聚會。洪英峰傳道信息：『上帝是配得稱讚的』，各團契也貢獻讚美的節目	
11/27	感恩主日。洗禮：洪蕊蕊、洪雅麗、朱莉仁、吳令儀、王巧珍、曾美慧、吳清玉、吳吉民、王良煒、王良俊、鄭英材、鄭瑋葦	
12/25	聖誕主日。聖歌團獻唱『齊來敬拜』並於 Grand Convention Center 備聖誕感恩晚餐，由 Dennis Nardine 牧師証道：『基督誕生：上帝榮耀和平於人』	
12/26至12/29	少年冬令會於十二月廿六至廿九日在萬那威基督教會舉行。主題：『光的承載者』	
		<b>2012</b>
01/01	教會主題：『事主堅堂』。經文：羅12:4-5	
02/05	嬰孩奉獻：楊天恩，戴佳音	
02/16	教會職青團契與伯大尼堂及生命堂聯合主持情人節聚會，由葉恩典執事夫婦分享『婚姻』專題	
03/18	教會九十六週年慶祝，由菲神教授胡樂文博士主講：『今天宣教的挑戰』	
04/01	中國教師於萬那威基督教會主持一個月久的暑期華語夏令營	
04/08	復活主日之互動歌劇『高舉冠冕』演出耶穌基督的犧牲與復活，並由觀眾參予活動	
04/09	第十五屆末獅耶區青年夏令會於四月九至十三日在宿務 Cordova 舉行，主題為『跟隨耶穌』，由陳建平牧師主講	
04/28	主日學團契建造講座在A先生餐館由許書義牧師夫婦主持。題目為『傳達通訊』	
04/29	第一期研討會主題：『以福音真理自我檢討』由許書義牧師主講	
05/01	中學、大學青年團契職員及導師於宿務 Talamban 舉行結合活動，由菲律賓聖經神學院實習生伍明証弟兄，Jovy Apostol 主持	
05/05	撒母耳上下書講義由邵晨光博士於副堂主持	
05/12	Jebo Banzuelo 牧師主持領袖訓練：『提高工作品質，靈命事奉』	



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05/28	暑期聖經班於五月廿八日至六月一日由丁全金傳道主持。題目為『建造神家』，有一百二十位兒童參加
06/17	父親主日，星期一和星期六查經班贈送禮物以表敬意
07/29	青年主日由邵晨光博士主講：『時間是上帝的禮物』
08/25	『耶穌愛你』義診宣道於宿務 Jagan, Consolacion 舉行，有三百位年長，成人，兒童參加
08/26	第二期研討會主題：『細心同工，基督一體』由楊立信博士主講
09/13	第四十七屆宣道週：『事奉基督，完成宣道』，於九月十三至十六由 Lalano Badoy 牧師主講
09/22	青年領袖訓練由 Jay Banzuelo 傳道在副堂舉行
09/30	會友組於九月卅日至十月七日主持年長會友週，有醫療檢驗，林有順醫生糖尿病講學，中秋慶祝及楊東川牧師主講『黃金年代』，『人生墓誌銘』
10/08	第十八屆華福職青營於十月八至十二日在 Puerto Princesa, Palawan 舉行，主題為『勇敢的心』經文為腓4:13
10/14	特別洗禮：林道秋，林慈愛
10/26	Ed Banzuelo 牧師主持異端講座
10/27	Ed Banzuelo 牧師主講：『瞭解屬靈爭戰』講座。經文：以6:10-20
11/22	感恩聚會由教會各團契與萬那威基督教會獻特別節目
11/24	『耶穌愛你』醫療宣道於宿務 Nangka, Consolacion 支持宣教士 Vergel Salangsang 傳道的社會工作，有二百七十四位接受了主，並有一百廿七位樂意參加查經班
11/24	劉保成牧師主持：『如何正確明白聖經』訓練班
11/25	感恩主日由劉保成牧師主講，福音聲及尋靈佈道隊獻唱。洗禮：李季安、吳恩純、吳琪敏、吳麗明、陳東松、黃思偉、鄭瑞琮、黃思恩、黃玉嫻
11/25	第三期研討會主題：『謹慎探索神的恩賜，以基督信仰均衡使用』由劉保成牧師在副堂主持
12/23	教會聖歌團聖誕演唱會，題目：『以馬內利，神與我們同在』

## 2013

01/06	教會主題：『努力竭求目標』。經文：提後4:7。執事就職：黃種銘、王善營、李永仁、許致國、楊永興、吳李欣然、李蔡容容、趙丁慈誼
02/03	嬰孩奉獻：吳凱富，吳然燁，吳然惠，戴雅麗
02/09	研討會由陳建平牧師主講『尋找真正方向』
03/10	教會九十七週年由邵晨光博士主講

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03/31	復活主日由 Jebo Banzuelo 牧師講道。洗禮：曾美真、溫如絲、吳俊賢
04/01至04/05	第卅四屆青年夏令會假宿務 El Salvador Beach Resort, Danao。主題為『十字架路口』。經文：可12:30-31 講員為 Jebo Banzuelo 牧師
04/14	第一期研討會主題：『接棒』講員為林聚強牧師
04/15	四月十五日至五月十日假萬那威基督教會舉行國語夏令會。主題：『愛，生活，學習』
04/24至04/27	有32位參加第十二屆少年夏令會。主題：『跟隨耶穌』。經文：路10:27。講員為中華基督教會何青青傳道
05/01	有205位會友參加假宿務 Tambuli Beach Resort 的會友大會
05/12	母親節主日由兒女們獻花給母親們
05/13	兒童暑期聖經班主題：『基督救火員 - 火中救人』
05/20至05/24	第卅五屆FCCF全菲青年夏令會假納卯市 Waterfront Hotel 舉行。主題：『真自由』。講員為 Chris Chia 和 Arnel Tan 兩位牧師
06/08	特會由孫文雄牧師主持：『靈修屬靈的操練』
08/18	第二期研討會主題：『得公義冠冕』，講員為張國強牧師
	會友組為40歲及以上會友主持免費身體檢查
09/07	敬老特別活動請楊東川牧師為講員
09/11	第四十八屆宣道週，講員為楊立信博士。主題：『我差遣你』，並有各受支持福音機構的展覽
09/17	會友組和姊妹團契為40歲及以上的會友舉行中秋節慶祝會
09/29	主日學主日
10/20	第三期研討會主題：『跑盡當跑的路』講員為黃均培牧師
11/16	『耶穌愛你』事工預備救濟品幫助獨魯萬市 Yolanda 颱風難民
11/21	感恩晚會。講員為曾永光牧師。各團契獻節目見證頌讚主
11/24	感恩崇拜會。洗禮：王安慧，李明媚，王金龍
11/29	青年團契慶祝六十五週年
12/22	聖誕主日由聖歌團獻唱『榮耀！榮耀！』
<b>2014</b>	
01/05	教會主題：『門徒訓練101：跟隨耶穌』經文：約8:31-32。執事就職：胡安祥、王善籌、陳大關、葉恩典、顏蕭素美、吳李維仁、吳韻真、王葉如玉
01/26	會友大會。宿務基督教會與萬那威基督教會聯合聚會。講員為陳建平牧師。主題：『當神要我們等候』



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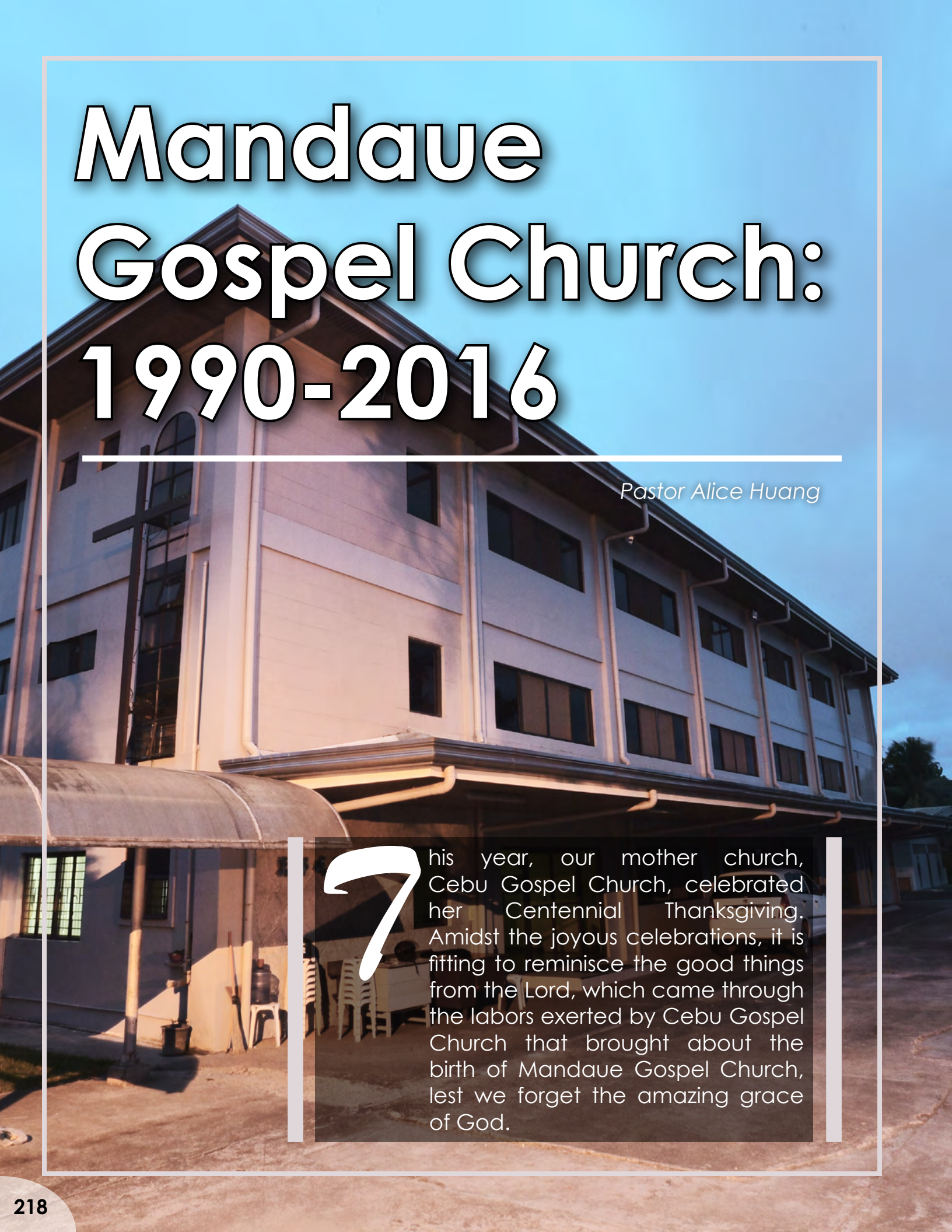
02/16	建基主日慶祝六十六週年。建基學生獻特別節目。講員為邵晨光博士。主題：『活在上帝和人們眼前』
03/09	萬那威基督教會參與宿務基督教會聯合慶祝教會九十八週年。講員為林聚強博士。主題：『向神全然委身』
03/23	建基畢業禮拜。講員為 Jebo Banzuelo 牧師。主題：『優先於主』，經文：傳12:13-14
03/31	兒童暑期聖經班主題：『Truerassic Park』科學與信心，創造與進化，神救恩計劃
04/07	未獅耶區青年夏令會在怡朗市的 Racso's Woodland Mini-Hotel 舉行。由葉明道牧師主講：『正直』
04/20	復活主日洗禮：洪清嶠，施瑪莉，施子文，趙禮賢
04/21	第十三屆少年夏令會。主題：『好像耶穌』經文：腓5:1-2。講員為 Lorenzo Castro 兄弟和 Meriam Chicote 姊妹
05/01	會友大會假宿務 Maribago Bluewater Resort 郊外旅行
05/11	母親節主日。講員為 Roniel Pueblos 牧師。主題：『母親心懷』由星期一，六查經班預備禮物贈送母親們
05/17	培靈會講員為陳世欽牧師。主題：『活出新生命』
05/18	華福主日講員為陳世欽牧師。主題：『委身於基督的大使命』
05/24	青年團員和『耶穌愛你』分發學生用品給 Edison Villanueva 傳道在宿務 Medellin 的兒童和 Jeffrey Solosod 傳道在宿務 Tabogon 的兒童
05/31	並分發給 Marohomsalic 傳道在 Camotes Island 的308位兒童
06/12	歸納式查經，由 Alex Holazo 兄弟與 Wesley Santiago 兄弟查考提多書
06/15	父親主日。第一期研討會講員為林克舜牧師。主題：『與主親近』
07/06	重修教會禮堂，崇拜會假建基學校舉行
07/13	第二期研討會主題：『追求神聖生活』，講員為林立恩牧師
07/24	唐崇榮佈道大會假 Cebu Coliseum 體育館舉行
07/27	聖樂主日講員為 Dennis Nardine 牧師。主題：『喂 Joe，放掉吧！』
09/17	第四十九屆宣道週講員為陳伍能博士與林蒞和博士。主題：『怎能聽見呢？』
11/04	青年門徒訓練假宿務 Westtown Lagoon 舉行
<b>2015</b>	
01/04	教會主題：『門徒訓練102：裝備門徒』。經文：太28:19-20。執事就職：黃李美蓉
01/18	會友大會與萬那威基督教會九週年慶典假 Grand Convention Center。講員為 Gerardo Lisbe 博士。主題：『持守正確信仰品行』
02/01	嬰孩奉獻：葉光明

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02/15	建基主日。在體育館慶祝創校六十七週年。講員為林克舜牧師。主題：『火熱的見證人』
03/15	教會在建基中學體育館慶祝九十九週年。講員為陳建平牧師。主題：『重新生活』
03/22	建基中學在體育館舉行畢業禮拜
05/10	母親主日。講員為陳秋瑩博士。主題：『往後看母親節』
05/18	第卅六屆FCCF全菲青年夏令會假 Caliraya Resort Club 舉行。主題：『真正門徒』。講員為陳怡強牧師，陳建平牧師
06/01	兒童暑期聖經班。主題：『英雄事蹟，真正力量』
06/05	靈惠基督教會詩班在陳建平牧師帶領下與伯大尼堂，宿務基督教會以及生命基督教會假宿務 J Center Mall-Calla Hall 舉行獻唱『我是』歌曲
06/21	父親主日。姊妹團契預備禮物贈送父親們。講員為 Steve Wilkinson 牧師。主題：『因人將隨』
09/17	第五十屆宣道週。講員為謝國智牧師。主題：『在宣道顯出愛心』
09/27	主日學主日。講員為 Gerardo Lisbe Jr. 博士。主題：『以永生觀點活著』
10/25	敬老主日。講員為 Dennis Nardine 牧師。主題：『母親請求』
11/08	首次在修建禮拜堂舉行崇拜會。講員為王俊智牧師。主題：『促成門徒為教會共同責任』
11/15	文字主日。文字組獎勵以週年主題：『神的恩典』的綜藝比賽優秀者
11/22	重修禮堂奉獻禮。講員為林永健牧師。主題：『神榮耀的彰顯』。經文：王上8:1-11
11/26	感恩聚會由青年團契負責。講員為 Jay Banzuelo 傳道。主題：『安息在主的應許裡』。經文：詩篇4
11/27	慶祝青年團契六十七週年。主講人為 Jay Banzuelo 傳道。主題：『社會通訊的危險』。會畢教會同工輔導員聚餐
12/06	洗禮：洪寶珍、李美娜、李美仁、李嘉怡、林麗絲、蔡約翰、吳嘉敏、王美恩、王子亮、王子仁、蔡慈恩、傅依仁、史垂青、黃思良、陳箴智、陳月美、葉清清、楊明月
12/11	一百週年慶祝前百日假建基學校舉行『神秘晚餐』話劇的交誼晚會
<b>2016</b>	
01/03	教會主題：『主的恩典…百年來至將來』經文：約1:16
01/17	會友大會主日。愛筵假宿務 Grand Convention Center。講員為謝國智牧師。主題：『真正崇拜』。詳查英文崇拜會的必要。重述教會異象與使命



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02/13	建基校友會慶祝創校六十八週年與教會慶祝一百週年舉行家庭趣跑
02/14	神學主日・講員為邵晨光博士・主題：『神的道路』
03/11	由曾永光牧師和長老，史記組組員剪彩史記展覽。史記展覽於三月十三日至廿七日舉行
03/19	百聲歌團音樂晚會：『神在我們中間』由 陳建平牧師短講
03/20	宿務基督教會一百週年崇拜會，講員為戴繼宗牧師。主題：『靈巧且樂意幫助』。經文：代上28:20-21。『再發光百年』歌：英文歌詞 - 許宏恩兄弟，中文歌詞 - 許郭錦繡執事，作曲 - 許宏惠姊妹。感恩愛筵並各團契節目於宿務 Grand Convention Center 舉行
04/03	50位青年人往朗嗎倪地市參加未獅耶區青年夏令會。主題：『感觸生命』經文：太5:16
05/08	母親主日。講員為謝國智牧師。主題：『父母與兒女 I』主日學預備禮物表示敬意
05/10	姊妹團契假教會禮堂舉行退休會。講員為傅念玉博士
05/30	兒童暑期聖經班。主題：『跟隨線索』
06/19	父親主日。講員為謝國智牧師・主題：『父母與兒女 II』
06/26	會友組為40歲及以上的會友主持免費身體檢查
07/24	華福主日。講員為陳維堯牧師。主題：『壓力中得安寧』經文：太11:28-30
08/28	青年主日。講員為 劉保成牧師。主題：『偉大教會或偉大的神』
09/14	第五十一屆宣道週。講員為Eric Agustin 牧師。主題：『僕人—管家的領袖』講習班。九月十七日培靈會。九月十八日宣道主日。『神在尋找失喪的人』
09/25	主日學主日。講員為洪少康牧師。主題：『下一代』經文：士2:10-11
10/23	敬老主日。講員為 Jebo Banzuelo 牧師。主題：『在神國找到你的地位』經文：提後2:1-4
10/30	嬰孩奉獻：Dylan Chase Chan
11/13	謝國智牧師與五位宣道組組員（戴良榮，傅子全、楊永興、傅雷力、李永仁）前往 Medellin, Cebu 探訪本會宣教士 Edison Villagrancia 傳道
11/24	感恩聚會。講員為謝國智牧師。主題：『述說主恩』。經文：詩71。各團契獻節目並作見證
11/27	感恩崇拜會。講員為劉保成牧師。主題：『你的神是嬰孩嗎？』✝

# Mandaue Gospel Church: 1990-2016



*Pastor Alice Huang*

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his year, our mother church, Cebu Gospel Church, celebrated her Centennial Thanksgiving. Amidst the joyous celebrations, it is fitting to reminisce the good things from the Lord, which came through the labors exerted by Cebu Gospel Church that brought about the birth of Mandaue Gospel Church, lest we forget the amazing grace of God.



With fear of God, and esteem for God's servants: the missionaries and co-workers who came and delivered our sincere appreciations. May God continue to bless them and their ministries.

Church planting has been a laborious wonder by God's grace. If God had not orchestrated it, then who could build? If God had not moved, where would be the laborers who built? Praise the Lord! God touched the hearts of Cebu Gospel Church!

And they came to Mandaue in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ. There are two stages: the ground work and the establishment of the church. In the following report, the phrase "our mother church" signifies Cebu Gospel Church.

### **1990–2005: THE GROUND WORK – INTO GOD'S WORD, FOLLOWING CHRIST**

We gradually got to know some of the business-people in Mandaue City. But it took more than just being able to strike up meaningful conversations with our friends in the business community. All too often, the feeling of weakness and spiritual inadequacies surfaced. Our spiritual bankruptcy prompted us to call to the Lord, nay, even to cry out to God. The Lord readily answered our cries, and took mercy in our frailties.

In November 1994, we joined a ministerial team led by Dr. Joseph Shao in a visit to Seoul, South Korea. We observed how the Korean Christians related with God. They worshipped with great reverence: their pastors were treated with respect and deference; all other Christians were as brothers and sisters in Christ.

One could see many lighted crosses at night; each cross stood for a church. They say that there is almost one church on each street. Their missions? Flourishing! They sent hundreds of their missionaries to different countries!

We also got to see how they pray. On weekdays, the Korean Christians would go to the mountains to pray very early in the morning. Chapels were built on top of these mountains, with some structures built like huge church cathedrals. Groups of Christians: three hundred, two hundred, sometimes less than a hundred, trooped to these "Prayer Mountains" to pray at 3:00 AM, 4:00 AM, and 5:00 AM.

We can never forget what we saw: their fervent pursuit of God. Because of these, God showed them great things and used them mightily.

When we returned to Mandaue, we agreed to pray and keep morning watch together. Since we didn't have a place of our own, we borrowed a classroom from a nearby church-school. There, we prayed especially for Mandaue. The Lord answered prayers with miracles, and He did great things for us.

On March 24, 1996, the mother church held a ground-breaking ceremony in a vacant lot at Sudlon, Maguikay, Mandaue. In November of the same year, Rev. and Mrs. Chen Chang Cheng, who were missionaries from Taiwan, came to Cebu to serve the mother church and do pioneering work in Mandaue. They set up the office of Mandaue Gospel Center at #400 Sacris Extension, Tipolo, Mandaue, and held Mandarin classes.

The next year, our mother church started construction on the vacant lot. The new three-story building of Mandaue Gospel Center was completed and dedicated to the Lord on March 28, 1999. Glory to God!

We recalled the time when we borrowed a room to pray especially for Mandaue. One could not avoid smelling the earthy flavor during rainy season. But in the new center, we now have air-conditioned multi-function rooms, furnished with kneeling pads. Indeed, the work of the Lord is more than what we might ask or think. Praise the Lord.

The Lord said, "My house shall be called the house of prayer." Amen.

My colleague and Christian friend Joyce Uy reiterated to me, "You know, every time I pass by Mandaue Gospel Center and seeing it empty, I cry." So I invited her to do visitations with me, and that's how the first visitation team came to be.

Shortly after, our mother church seconded Deacon Hyman Yap to Mandaue to help oversee and encourage the church-planting ministry.

In 2003, there were a series of "firsts":

- January 8: first Wednesday night church prayer meeting

- January 12: first Sunday Bible Study Class at 3:00 PM, held fortnightly
- August 8: first day of Amoy Classes
- In mid-April 2005, Rev. and Mrs. Un Hock Wee joined the church-planting ministry.

## **2006-2016: THE CHURCH ESTABLISHED**

All by God's grace, only for His glory. The following record of ten years comes from Pastor Jennifer Wee and Sister Hope Key:

### **2006**

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- January 15: Mandaue Gospel Church (MGC) held her first Sunday Worship Service. Thank God for the five Sunday School classes and the teachers:
  - Sunday School: Pastor Jennifer Wee and Sister Hope Key
  - Youth for Christ: Rev Un Hock Wee
  - Seekers Class: Sister Joyce Uy
  - Discipleship Class: Pastor Alice Huang
  - Leaders Class: Dr. Wanda Po Liam Giok
- February 26: The first Equipping Session right after Worship Service
- May 21: First baptism, with new members Erwin Colina, Peter Po Jr. III, Maria Tolosa, Lynette Uy, Christine Marie Uy, and Iris Hannah Yap
- September 15: First Evangelistic Meeting with Rev. Jeremiah Cheung serving as the speaker. The theme was "Music with Inspiration", with the Joybells participating
- October: Started the Adults Choir, with the pastor's wife, Mrs. Eva Diego, serving as conductress

### **2007**

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- January 27: A new visitation team was formed. Praise the Lord!
- January 29: Celebrated the first church anniversary
- March: Started a Children's Choir with Bible Study participants, led by Sister Kho Helen Yap.
- September 21: MGC held its second Evangelistic Meeting entitled "Win-Win," with Prof. Elder Allen Lim as the speaker

### **2008**

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May 28: Pastor Keren Tan is assigned as MGC's first youth pastor

- July: Formation of the Ladies Fellowship
- December 14: First Christmas Cantata, presented by the Adult and Children's Choirs

### **2009**

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- April 6-8: Daily Vacation Bible School, organized by Pastors Jennifer Wee and Keren Tan
- April 10: First Prayer Retreat
- April 20-24: Pastor Keren Tan held a Youth Training seminar, entitled "Digging into the Word of God"
- June 12: First Family Retreat at Bogo (in Sister Betty Yap's Beach House)

### **2010**

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- March: Started the Youth Choir with Bible Study participants, led by Pastor Keren Tan
- April 6-May 6: First Summer Mandarin Camp

### **2011**

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- January 30: Ladies Fellowship rechristened Couples and Ladies Fellowship
- May 22: Formed the Prayer Text Brigade (prayer requests sent through SMS)

### **2015**

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- February 22: First Child Dedication held at MGC, with the dedication of Shaun Benjamin and Shana Lysandra Cang
- December: The Youth Choir went to Taiwan, visiting churches, the Heavenly Melody Recording Company, and Taiwan Stage Play

### **2016**

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- January 3: First Spring Thanksgiving Offering
- January 10: MGC celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- January 16: Initiated Awana Ministry led by the CYF
- May: Started 24-hour prayer circle, with volunteers pledging to pray for the church.



***“We can never forget what we saw: their fervent pursuit of God. Because of these, God showed them great things and used them mightily.”***



***“Indeed, the work of the Lord is more than what we might ask or think. Praise the Lord.”***

## **MGC VISION**

We are a spiritually mature congregation whose members are developed and well-trained for church leadership.

## **MGC MISSION**

Our mission seeks to intentionally spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His biblical teachings through strong discipleship.

## **REFLECTION**

1. We had fifteen years to do ground work. Sometimes when workers were assigned to other functions, the work in Mandaue bogged down a bit. But through our Lord's mercy and protection we were able to continue. Praise the Lord.
2. Our teammates were in one accord from the very beginning. This means that we are tasked to bring the good news to certain people or group; many times, we were the first to attempt outreach. Our intent is to bring them to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ our Lord. Someone who has never been evangelized, has not heard the gospel of Jesus, nor had other Christians talk to them about Christ is a zero person. Let us continue to intentionally reach out to the “zeroes” for Christ.
3. As our mother church celebrates her centennial thanksgiving, so do we celebrate our tenth. She has supported and nurtured us all throughout, from ground work to establishment. The phrase “thank you” will not suffice. When a young church is growing into maturity, she will prepare herself to become independent, self-supporting, and self-propagating, thus becoming a healthy, complete, and beautiful church. Along with this, maintaining that brotherly love among member-parts of the Body of Christ is imperative. This is done all by God's grace, and only for His glory.

Mother church: “To you, we give our respect, godly love and prayers. May God always bless you.” 🙏



# 今

年3月20日，母會宿務基督教會慶祝建會一百週年，大家存謙卑敬拜的心感謝恩主。在感恩喜慶的日子裏，讓我們一起回眸真神為宿務基督教會在萬那威興建一所新支會的作為，以此銘記上主的大恩。

## 萬那威基督教會 1990—2016

黃約麗傳道



我們也要借此機會向那些為植堂事工辛勞的神僕和同工們致謝，願主祝福他們。植堂，是艱巨的事工，若不是主親自動工，誰能建成？我們有福參與這項事工，是因為主早已在屬祂的人心中動了善工，所以要把一切榮耀都歸給主。茲將植堂和建立教會的經過與讀者分享。（下文「母會」乃指宿務基督教會。）

## 1990年—2005年：

### 植堂一謹守主道，讓主引導

植堂初期，我們想多接觸一些萬那威社區的僑商，但在實際工作中，我們發現自己的貧乏無能。我們向主虔誠地禱告、誠心地認罪。回到萬那威以後，我們立志在禱告上下工夫，從神支取力量。於是，我們經常與教會肢體一起晨禱。

當時因為沒有屬於我們自己禱告的地方，便藉用附近一所教會的課室，專為萬那威的植堂事工禱告。

不久，奇妙的事發生了。1996年3月24日母會在Sudlon, Maguikay, Mandaue一塊荒野的地皮舉行破土典禮。同年11月，臺灣宣教士陳長成牧師、邱麗美師母舉家來母會協助帶領會務以及開拓萬那威植堂事工。首先設立辦公處在 #400 Sacris Extension, Tipolo, Mandaue。

讚美主，祂為我們行了大事！

次年，母會開始在 Sudlon, Maguikay, Mandaue動工建堂。1999年3月28日，三層樓的萬那威福音中心大廈工程完竣，母會以謙卑莊重敬虔的心，把這棟巍峨的萬那威福音中心奉獻給主。回想當時我們借用的禱告課室，地面是泥土的，每逢雨季就聞到一股土味。現在有新的福音中心，有好幾間課室可用來作禱告的地方，又有冷氣設備，還有好多個禱告用的跪墊子。主說，「我的殿必稱為禱告的殿。」阿們。主是多喜歡咱們禱告啊！

福音中心大廈已拔地而起，但裡面的人在哪裡呢？肯服侍的人在哪裡呢？我的同工和主內朋友黃翠詩姐曾兩次告訴我：「你知道嗎，我每次經過萬那威福音中心，看到裡面空空曠曠的就想哭…」真是道出了我的心裏話。當時我受聖靈感動，邀請翠詩姐一起出去探訪。這就是我們第一支的探訪隊。母會也派遣葉俊傑執事關心植堂事工。

### 2003年，開創了一連串的《首次》：

- ★ 1月8日，召開首次的周三晚禱會。
- ★ 1月12日，舉辦首次的主日查經班。下午三時，每兩週一次。
- ★ 8月5日，首次開辦廈語班。
- ★ 4月中旬，黃運福牧師、洪美珍師母投入萬那威植堂事工。

## 2006年—2016年： 建立教會—靠主宏恩，榮耀歸神

（這十年的記錄是由黃洪美珍傳道和施傳嘉惠姊妹提供資料，謝謝她們。）

### 2006年：

- ★ 1月15日，首次於星期日上午九點半舉行主日敬拜聚會。主日學於上午八點上課。

各屬靈訓練班負責人：

- 兒童班—黃洪美珍傳道和施傳嘉惠姊妹
  - 青年班—黃運福牧師
  - 真理班—黃翠詩姊妹
  - 門徒班—黃約麗傳道
  - 領袖班—傅念玉博士
- ★ 2月26日，主日敬拜聚會後，首次舉辦裝備班以造就聖徒，每日靈修，追求生命長進成熟，引人歸主。
  - ★ 5月21日，首次施行浸禮。有6人受浸。願將一切榮耀歸與主。（楊培誠，王彼得，Maria Tolosa Uy，林麗莉，黃培蓮，葉瓊瑩）
  - ★ 9月15日，首次舉行佈道傳福音聚會。請張國強牧師主講，福音聲獻唱。主題：「靈感之韻」。
  - ★ 10月，組織成年詩班，請 Mrs. Eva Diego 師母指揮。

### 2007年：

- ★ 1月27日，增建一隊新的探訪隊。感謝主。
- ★ 1月29日，萬那威基督教會第一周年感恩慶典。

- ★ 3月，開始組織兒童查經班及兒童詩班，由葉許希仁姊妹負責帶領。
- ★ 9月21日，舉行第二次佈道傳福音聚會。主題：「雙勝」。請林毓麟長老主講。

### 2008年：

- ★ 5月28日，首位青年傳道陳仁仁女士蒞臨萬那威基督教會事奉。
- ★ 7月，開始組織婦女團契。

### 2009年：

- ★ 4月6至8日，黃洪美珍和陳仁仁兩位傳道主持夏令聖經班。
- ★ 4月10日，首次舉行禱告退修會。
- ★ 4月20至24日，陳仁仁傳道主持青年培訓：「發掘神的話語」。
- ★ 6月12日，首次舉辦家庭退修會。地點假武果社葉黃美治沙灘屋。

### 2010年：

- ★ 3月，組織少年詩班暨查經班，由陳仁仁傳道帶領。
- ★ 4月6日至5月6日，首次舉辦夏令華語營。

### 2011年：

- ★ 1月30日，婦女團契改為夫婦團契和姊妹團契。
- ★ 5月22日，開展禱告熱線隊活動。（借手機傳入禱告事項）

### 2015年：

- ★ 2月22日，萬那威基督教會首次舉辦嬰孩奉獻：（Shaun Benjamin 和 Shana Lysandra Cang）



「我們有福參與這項事工，是因為主早已在屬祂的人心中動了善工，所以要把一切榮耀都歸給主。」

★ 12月，青年詩班赴臺觀摩教會及天韻歌聲福音事工。

2016年：

★ 1月10日，慶祝建會十週年感恩慶典。

★ 1月16日，組織兒童團契。

★ 5月，教會開始24小時的連環禱告。

萬那威基督教會的異象：

我們是一群靈性成熟的會眾。會友接受培訓、裝備、有負擔成為教會的領導人。

萬那威基督教會的使命：

透過密集、充實的門徒訓練，務要傳揚耶穌基督的福音和祂的教訓。

感想：

1. 我們用15年做植堂預工。中間有時工人被調動他處，工作稍有停頓，蒙主保守，不久又繼續下去。
2. 眾同工都同心同行，從零做起。就是說我們傳福音的對象，是那些本來不認識真神的兒子耶穌的人。我們是第一個主動去找去認識他的人。找到後，靠著神的幫助，帶領他認識主，使他也做主的門徒。
3. 有了母會一百週年的感恩，才有我們十週年的感恩。自從我們做植堂預工到立會，我們蒙母會愛顧和鼓勵。若上帝允許，我們考慮成為自立、自養、自傳的教會。這樣才是健全美麗的教會。但肢體之間的關係，卻要保持彼此相愛。母會，我們敬愛您，願主時常祝福您。✝





# 歷年於教會 受洗者名錄

若有遺漏，請即指正。

**1920**

田黃秀磯

**1923**

林松茂

薛媽敏

黃鶴娟

**1927**

張振耀

**1932**

江葉媽嬉

**1934**

洪珍玲

**1935**

江扶西

**1936**

林翠英

江敏老

葉六藝

葉明昌

葉黃查冷

許蔡淑敏

黃良明

**1937**

周扶西

陳廖麗琴

黃悅治

**1938**

傅慧菱

梁主治

周余素娥

黃根源

**1939**

黃金澤

**1940**

吳秀琴

張楚生

葉維德

葉黃棉西

蕭娥冷

蕭必冷

蕭番冷

許吳瑞材

**1943**

傅喃治

傅文彩

林明霞

黃世英

黃瑞雲

**1945**

蕭鄭抱治

蘇森亨

蘇森全

黃根德

**1946**

江甘敏

蘇淑靜

**1947**

陳玉瓊

**1948**

張似璋

張金英

葉榮芳

葉黃淑安

陳振禮

**1949**

吳勉治

林明儒

胡戴雪香

胡蒼水

鄭許月彩

**1950**

吳楊玉瑛

林瑤琴

楊燕治

葉浙江

陳德恩

陳泉水

**1951**

吳章棟

張東強

林志誠

葉仁仁



葉慶賢  
蕭天瑞  
黃慈航

## 1952

林美榮  
林耐風  
林陳惠珍  
蔡恆敬  
蕭翠琴  
許陳如意  
郭毓賢  
鄭錫祥  
陳惠美  
陳長志  
陳長源  
陳長芳

## 1954

李翠賢  
蕭楊寶珠  
許超蓮  
黃添女

## 1955

何博華  
吳林晏治  
李約蘭  
林福盛  
林開誠  
林麗娟  
江存譽  
江玉玲  
江美美  
王愛仁

王裕琨  
田秀生  
范林美如

葉玉冰  
葉素琴  
蔡恆美  
蕭寅寬  
蕭翠玉  
蕭翠霞  
蘇美麗  
許國英  
許月宮  
陳王秀英  
黃冰妙  
黃陳漢瀾

## 1956

吳麗珠  
施秀金  
楊玉鎂  
王愛真  
王李佩珠  
王美美  
葉健全  
葉龍江  
許國豪  
許國雄  
許敬畏  
許素玲  
郭吳秋燕  
陳惠恩

## 1957

何玲利  
何萊山  
傅秀碧  
劉開良  
吳婉如  
吳華民  
吳陳桂儂  
吳麗珍  
李美礪  
林秀英  
梁吉美  
楊天成  
江劉秀琮  
王克儉  
王思真  
王美夢  
田漢民  
葉彼得  
葉環環  
蔡清源  
蕭必忠  
許信安  
許吾民  
許國傑  
許國廉  
許黃麗雲  
陳允和  
陳惠生  
陳簽  
黃薛琮瑤

## 1958

林薛金民  
林謙禮  
林陳寶珍  
江淵理  
王道根  
王重慶  
田如瑛  
田如璣

## 1959

王愛民  
王愛美  
王顯明  
王顯秀  
范月玲  
葉佩卿  
陳惠紅

## 1960

劉榜貌  
劉秀英  
張忠禮  
林啟雲  
柳怡平  
王三順  
范修嫻  
范蘭絲  
蕭梅治  
鐘神航  
陳吳美琮  
陳季雙姆  
陳葉金英

黃炳煌  
黃美蓮  
黃翠絲

## 1961

葉素冰  
葉黃蘭絲  
許義民  
黃為貴  
黃美明

## 1962

林卿卿  
江恩玲  
江淵明  
江淵聖  
胡安安  
胡安平  
胡安祥  
胡安綿

## 1963

何祖華  
何福華  
傅綿綿  
吳婉貞  
林偉克  
林慈敏  
林長義  
王嘉澤  
王愛慈  
王清澄  
田麗珠  
田麗璇

葉俊傑  
葉愛玲  
葉美煥  
葉雙傑  
蔡恆愉  
蕭寅亮  
蕭翠雲  
許國亨  
陳惠璇  
陳耀珍

## 1964

何光華  
傅子楚  
傅珊珊  
傅興地  
劉天德  
吳何禧利  
吳瑞琴  
呂麗緻  
週婉婉  
李少飛  
李麗芬  
林媽仕  
林葉妹  
林麗琮  
江淵敏  
洪蔡文卿  
王清泉  
田黃玉治  
范淑婉  
紀明傑  
葉婉雪  
葉李素貞

蔡恆惠  
蔡民惠  
蔡秋明  
蘇森恩  
許美真  
許麗蓮  
郭錦繡  
陳惠澤  
陳惠蓮

## 1965

俞吟秋  
傅子安  
劉恩典  
劉秀戀  
劉秀美  
吳威廉  
吳志揚  
吳麗麗  
李添安  
李珠珠  
林美婷  
林美珍  
蕭陳桂  
蘇森瑟  
陳淑琮

## 1966

傅念碧  
卓源源  
吳章榕  
施寶玉  
施寶英  
施寶華

曾菱菱  
李寶珍  
李金燈  
林文遠  
林淑華  
林英英  
林華玲  
林華美  
林長鴻  
江興禮

王李翠鳳

王顯德  
葉秀珊  
蔡恆敏  
蔡秋景  
許王鳳眼  
郭錦堂  
馬德  
黃仁仁  
黃明華  
黃瑤玲  
黃美美  
黃菊英

## 1967

傅國棟  
吳妮妮  
吳美珠  
吳莉莉  
吳華德  
尤意秋  
戴美卿  
施三民  
施天明

施振忠  
施能泉  
朱彬彬  
朱美德  
林文泰  
林文贊  
林時國  
林滿意  
林紫薇  
江雅娟  
洪于福  
王年祥  
王明輝  
王羅省  
王美娜  
王美治  
王錦信  
范心悅  
范淑明  
范紀鏗  
葉謀智  
葉謀泉  
蔡清河  
蔡秋華  
蕭依理  
蕭信心  
蕭絲沓  
蘇敏冷  
蘇麗絲  
許守信  
許志強  
鄭麗麗  
陳垂麟

陳惠強  
黃禮順  
黃約特  
黃蒼龍  
黃蒨薇

## 1968

丁美珍  
傅子祥  
傅念玉  
傅淑賢  
吳培英  
吳林清朗  
吳瑞玉  
吳瑞霞  
吳自富  
吳華勵  
施文質  
林亞薇  
林陳玉  
江蓮嫻  
胡安娜  
胡安寧  
葉寶玲  
葉蔡玉琚  
蔡約瑟  
蔡約翰  
蘇林嫌娘  
許乃炎  
許從善  
許瑞蓮  
許網民  
許致國



陳一偉  
顏雪影  
黃李素卿

Ines Garces Cang

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## 1969

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傅尤絲  
吳宏國  
周志誠  
張麗卿  
李美美  
林大關  
林敦輝  
林麗莉  
王尼沓  
王美章  
胡美娜  
葉自立  
許振忠  
許聯益  
陳恩惠  
黃自強

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## 1970

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尤建秀  
林敦倩  
林榮福  
林美玲  
洪美玲  
洪美緻  
洪美道  
王志華  
範敬丞  
蕭申舍  
蘇遠明

陳秋瑩  
黃希賢  
黃蒼陽

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## 1971

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傅康美  
傅念蕙  
張三味  
李正泰  
林坤珍  
江蓮玲  
江蘭妮  
王克儉嫂  
盧麗治  
胡安仁  
葉黃美治

陳一敏  
黃麟鳳

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## 1972

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丁美麗  
劉秀莉  
劉秀蘭  
李美仁  
李能愛  
林其珍  
江安琪  
王慧麗  
胡安麗  
許書萬  
陳嘉玲  
陳瑩瑩  
黃勤勤  
黃達仁

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## 1973

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丁施全  
何採珠  
傅文碧  
李吳秀玉  
林榮民  
江羅仁  
甄幼妮  
許希仁  
許英英  
許茜莉  
陳一美  
陳美德  
黃一波

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## 1974

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傅仰州  
傅仰金  
吳主期  
吳主達  
吳素秋  
李德意  
李琮琮  
李羅緻  
李美綿  
林美麗  
林金鳳  
洪兒娜  
范淑英  
許永補  
黃瑤玉  
黃禮忠  
黃蒼密

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## 1975

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丁施源  
何李仁娜  
傅玲玲  
吳陳湖治  
李子飛  
林麗喜  
楊啟瀾  
楊秀美  
王善志  
葉真真  
蔡清海  
蔡玉梅  
蔡蘿茜  
蕭允祥

蘇遠山  
陳振春

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## 1976

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傅尤安  
傅念實  
史苗紅  
曾林心愛  
曾琮琮  
李正忠  
李美蓉  
李麗萍  
李麗麗  
林秀英  
林美礪  
楊苑苑  
江淵澤  
江美仁

江麗純

王善為

王善籌

王志強

王真娜

王真媚

田菁菁

葉美德

蘇遠青

陳一平

陳垂明

陳蓮娜

雷建良

黃愛蓮

## 1977

何黎娟

傅孫義

廖蘭

李玲莉

李美琮

林美珠

王幼琪

留美玲

葉美美

葉謀策

余報民

黃仁壽

黃登文

黃莉莉

黃麗麗

## 1978

張萬雷

林倫超

林培基

林麗敏

殷明珠

王善果

葉育明

蔡華約

薛承祝

蘇文生

陳警予

## 1979

吳竟雄

李柳莉

林一美

林秀聰

林美仁

林美蓮

梁金英

楊李挨治

王善謙

王建平

薛王雪昭

蘇柳絲

許愛華

許聯安

許雅民

郭芳芳

黃蒨真

## 1980

傅子全

史宏恩

史慶豐

史苗菁

吳偉生

李蕭神願

李麗芳

林美玲

林許秀琮

林超君

林麗絲

林黃秀賢

楊文們

江淵道

王前錦

王善營

王韶慧

王韶戀

王韶蓉

田志強

田明明

葉敏敏

葉自由

蔡秋琳

袁菁菁

陳大關

陳小梅

陳小菁

陳菁瑩

黃保章

黃保羅

黃文英

## 1981

史宏賜

史苗美

吳恩典

梁金源

楊光耀

洪志超

王家民

王珊珊

王純慧

蔡彩秀

蔡月華

蕭師慶

蘇林泉

蘇林石

許天棧

許心心

許振成

許雅各

謝安理

謝美麗

陳嘉欽

陳天成

陳溫玲

陳美玲

黃明亮

黃真妮

黃菁菁

黃菁菁

黃菁菁

黃菁菁

黃菁菁

黃菁菁

## 1982

傅榮薇

史苗琳

吳擁謀

吳美玲

吳麗金

吳麗金



徐慈愛  
李正強  
林俊賢  
林俊輝  
林國生  
林貴生  
林超俊  
林連生  
林麗芬  
江淵士  
江羅德  
王偉音  
王純真  
葉以力  
葉向榮  
郭芳義  
鍾約瑟  
陳敏順  
黃才鵬  
黃篤愛

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### 1983

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丁欣誼  
傅嘉惠  
劉淑華  
卓耿芬  
史苗如  
吳添貴  
吳韻真  
呂叔祝  
戴燦華  
李秀莉  
李麗甘  
林馨君  
楊毓芬  
楊竹興  
楊蓮連

江妮琪  
洪綺安  
洪綺雲  
王純潔  
田安安  
田萍萍  
葉堅利  
葉萌萌  
葉蓮蓮  
蔡若琦  
蕭師川  
蘇林慶  
謝美莉  
陳佩華  
陳吳于娟  
陳愛仁  
陳西川  
陳麗紅  
黃明玉  
黃篤仁

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### 1984

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丁柏佳  
尤元忠  
張榮源  
張錦蓮  
田志明  
葉向年  
葉向興  
葉成家  
葉招寶  
謝安生  
陳興諒

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### 1985

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丁慈誼  
卓耿亮  
卓耿慧  
史宏仁  
曾淑環  
李珊珊  
洪志明  
田志興  
范修章  
葉仁仁  
葉向仁  
葉向民  
葉心心  
葉舜熙  
蕭麗麗  
薛墨絲  
許勁鈴  
鍾天德  
陳安妮  
黃恩惠  
黃明珠

Oscar Estoque Tiu

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### 1986

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傅恩美  
吳亞君  
施啟明  
林茵治  
楊智敏  
楊毓真  
葉俊琮  
葉恩典  
許梅玲  
許真妮

許禮棋  
余森波

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### 1987

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丁靜誼  
傅麗莎  
楊恩寧  
楊柳莉  
楊永興  
楊珊珊  
楊麥孝芳  
江所羅  
王善行  
王韻理  
田純菁  
葉天恩  
葉少熙  
葉鏡水  
蔡明道  
蔡杉棉  
蔡若真  
蘇文靈  
許綿莉  
許芬妮  
謝偉生  
鍾淑仁  
陳崇榮  
黃恩慈  
黃明德

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## 1988

劉禮文  
吳慶嘉  
吳蚌珠  
張榮慶  
李尊仁  
李馬可  
林麗華  
楊必益  
楊永鎮  
楊麗真  
楊麗美  
楊麗蓮  
王善導  
田安民  
田羅茜  
葉偉人  
葉麗齡  
蔡美玲  
蔡美麗  
蘇文惠  
許綠萍  
鄭茜莉  
陳壽南  
黃恩惠  
黃愛治  
黃振成  
黃添福  
黃玉治  
黃秀珠  
黃莎蜜

Florencia B. Uy

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## 1989

傅興利  
史宏敏  
吳文仁  
呂順福  
張素真  
張華山  
戴建南  
曾萬富  
林美治  
林莉娜  
王春雷  
王純瑜  
田志平  
田裕民  
葉美佳  
蔡明珠  
蔡美珍  
蕭仁娜  
蕭江寶雀  
蘇婉仁  
鍾寶  
陳麗貞  
黃明珍

Johnny Lim

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## 1990

吳宏希  
吳韻佳  
唐金水  
楊碧華  
潘智明  
潘黃愛拉  
田志福  
田純仁

莊敏嬌  
葉菁菁  
葉萍萍  
蔡良鵬  
陳安琪  
陳寶仁  
黃佳琳  
黃君珠  
黃安利  
黃念華  
黃茵萊

Caroline L. Co

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## 1991

何妹  
孫智仁  
張川池  
戴佳仁  
施安健  
施安榮  
施綿麗  
李瑞源  
李遜飛  
許勁毅  
許珍珍  
許珠珠  
陳羅玲  
黃君健

Judy N. Burca

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## 1992

傅莉莉  
吳美琮  
周淑琴  
徐苑真  
施俊雄  
林亞仁  
林華明  
洪燕卿  
洪秀美  
許西茂  
陳仁仁  
陳呂儂敏

Fe Alo Lim

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## 1993

傅文華  
傅莉美  
卓耿真  
林綿綾  
柯鳳嬌  
楊宏恩  
楊美美  
王善理  
田珊珊  
葉恩賜  
蔡心心  
蕭安安  
許明遠  
陳芳立



## 1994

吳秋影  
吳美美  
徐惠瓊  
戴天恩  
施麗玲  
李玉龍  
李素英  
林恩賜  
林惠玲  
王善知  
田守仁  
葉雙恩  
蔡明德  
蔡頌楠  
許美英  
陳文偉  
陳晚能

## 1995

張榮煌  
戴財恩  
曾偉娜  
李永仁  
蔡容容

## 1996

傅真莉  
傅莉麗  
劉鈺真  
吳娟娟  
吳玲玲  
吳輝利  
孫智利

## 張但以理

張于樂  
張美珍  
張美美  
戴仁仁  
戴安利  
施敏娜  
施維南  
李張淑賢  
李玉欽  
林柔安  
林芳智  
楊少玲  
楊秋明  
楊頌恩  
王明志  
王純玉

葉欣欣  
蔡頌俊  
蘇謙德  
許青山  
陳振瑟  
陳芳正  
陳麗麗  
黃恩沛  
黃振培  
黃振慶  
黃欣然  
黃種銘

Darlene Go

## 1997

吳湘茹  
吳福榮  
尤如璜  
尤如鈺  
尤宏達  
林純清  
胡慧蓉  
葉宏恩  
許仁仁  
許建國  
鄭彥士  
鄭珊珊  
陳芬燕  
陳麗雲  
黃世賢  
黃嘉仁

## 1998

劉明俊  
吳天福  
吳曼玉  
吳玉源  
吳玉騰  
吳長泰  
曾理偉  
林珊拉  
楊俊利  
王善典  
胡慧麗  
董群展  
許程程  
趙震宇  
陳肯仁

## 1999

吳天贈  
吳明純  
吳江愛美  
張偉利  
張于芬  
戴安安  
江子愛  
王佩盈  
蔡安頓  
蕭心心  
蕭正信  
許宏恩  
許宏惠  
鐘卿卿  
鐘麗華  
陳主民  
陳美麗

陳芳婷  
陸同堡  
顏湘媚  
黃篤強  
李羅明<sup>1</sup>

## 2000

吳玉輝  
張志民  
李永遠  
柯曉英  
楊許佳智  
王祥庭  
鄭智士  
黃寶仁

<sup>1</sup> 堅信禮

黃寶忠

黃煥珍

劉經哲<sup>2</sup>

## 2001

吳謹民

尤安安

戴正山

戴正祥

施敏心

李天從

李子龍

李安安

林柔信

林禮文

楊雅珍

洪依依

洪清清

洪琪琪

王啟智

胡慧心

葉慧麗

蔡麗琳

蘇嘉琪

郭萌苗

顏弘恩

黃思田

黃聖春

## 2002

尤瑞珍

戴安強

曾偉將

李慈恩

林偉廉

洪萬安

洪詠詠

王善豐

蔡愛玲

Jennifer Jane Palacio

## 2003

吳光凱

吳啟蓮

張金珠

施觀舍

李榮耀

林仁仁

林安安

林美花

洪仁惠

洪祖福

潘琦珍

葉永明

葉永隆

蔡明恩

陳素華

黃主榮

黃俊明

黃恩忍

黃歡歡

黃玉梅

黃玉玲

黃美仁

黃美麗

## 2004

余秋玉

傅雷榮

吳芳蘭

林瑛琮

林美仁

楊明明

洪慶慶

葉如玉

陳著善

黃喜樂

黃思源

黃美謝

Conchita Uy

## 2005

何智龍

李麗莎

林玉媚

林立才

林芳南

楊嘉齡

楊雅真

王啟示

蔡傅深治

蔡愛玲

蔡楊玉霞

顏秀安

黃嘉宁

黃嘉菁

黃玲玲

黃琮琮

## 2006

傅仰聖

吳吉生

吳恩愛

吳罕娜

李秋玲

林麗莉

楊培坤

楊培泰

楊培誠

楊真娜

王彼得

田雲雲

胡慧詩

葉彬珠

葉琮瑩

蔡國平

蔡國章

蔡志強

蔡有賢

高真真

黃培蓮

黃默俐

Maria Tolosa Uy



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## 2007

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丁嘉倫  
丁嘉裕  
李慶義  
王良榮  
王靜美  
王靜英  
莊銘泰  
葉雪英  
蔡安順  
黃啟忠  
黃喜音  
黃薛彩絃

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## 2008

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傅雷力  
吳明達  
吳陳秀端  
李如玲  
李愛敏  
林彼得  
林瑛嫻  
蕭茵敏  
鄭令士  
黃美蓮

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## 2009

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傅雷恩  
戴鵬仁  
洪真真  
王妙恩  
王良耀  
王良賜  
盧彩鳳

蔡永佳

蔡玉玉  
陳永典  
顏盛恩  
黃佳榮

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## 2010

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傅仰美  
吳婷婷  
吳美麗  
周永利  
施子牙  
施靈恩  
曾威娜  
李信信  
李玉嬌  
李麗慈  
洪瑩瑩  
王明慧  
王良恩  
田永仁  
莊仁忠  
許琳琳  
許美玲  
許顯誠  
金繕良  
陳月圓  
黃俊德  
黃喜信

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## 2011

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吳令儀  
吳吉民  
吳清玉  
曾美慧  
朱莉仁  
洪蕊蕊  
洪雅麗  
王巧珍  
王良俊  
王良煒  
鄭瑋葦  
鄭英材  
黃佳仁  
黃清順  
黃白順

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## 2012

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吳恩純  
吳琪敏  
吳麗明  
李季安  
林慈愛  
林道秋  
鄭瑞琮  
陳東松  
黃思偉  
黃思恩  
黃玉嫻

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## 2013

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吳俊賢  
曾美真  
李明媚

溫如絲  
王安慧  
王金龍

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## 2014

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施子文  
施瑪莉  
李龔瑞治  
洪清嶠  
趙禮賢

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## 2015

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傅依仁  
史垂青  
吳嘉敏  
李美仁  
李美娜  
林嘉怡  
林麗絲  
楊明月  
洪寶珍  
王子亮  
王子仁  
王美恩  
葉清清  
蔡慈恩  
蔡約翰  
陳月美  
陳箴智  
黃思良

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## 2016

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許婕莎  
許斐琳

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# CENTENNI CELEBRATI



# 百年慶典

AL  
ON



# A HUNDRED YEARS MORE!

## 再發光百年！

ENGLISH LYRICS: STEVENSON Q. YU

漢文填詞：許郭錦繡

MUSIC: JOVELYN Q. YU

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The works of man a - lone will pass with - out the hand of God. His  
We shout for joy to You, oh Lord, and come with joy - ful song. Your

凡 人 所 謀 未 經 神 手， 必 然 成 為 虛 空； 藉  
主 啊， 我 們 向 你 歡 呼， 呼 喊 快 樂 詩 歌。 藉

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love and grace makes all things last, through Je sus' pre - cious blood. This  
grace through your re - dee - ming word makes all the weak ones strong. You

著 耶 穌 寶 血 恩 愛 使 萬 物 永 長 存。 今  
你 恩 典 救 贖 話 語 使 弱 者 變 剛 強。 你

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year - our hun-dredth Ju - bi - lee we de - di - cate to Christ. A  
made us, Lord; we are Your sheep. We join Your courts with praise. We

年 紀 念 一 百 週 年 我 們 獻 給 基 督。 一  
造 我 們 是 你 的 羊， 我 們 入 院 讚 美， 求

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hun-dred years, our C G C stands humb - ly o'er the skies! We  
pray You bless our Church and keep us till the end of days. What

百 年 來， 我 們 教 會 謙 卑 站 在 天 空！ 我  
你 祝 福 我 們 教 會 保 守 直 到 末 了。 主

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ce - le - brate a hun - dred years, and fill our hearts with praise. Our  
grace, oh Lord, Thy love dis - played. Much grea - ter than our sin. Such

們 慶 祝 一 百 週 年， 心 裏 充 滿 讚 美。 發  
啊， 你 愛 彰 顯 恩 典 超 過 我 們 眾 罪。 無





voi - ces ring with glad - some cheers, a joy - ful noise we raise. And  
match - less grace that will not fade. A grace that cleanse with - in. How

出<sup>イ</sup> 高<sup>カ</sup> 興<sup>ツ</sup> 歡<sup>ク</sup> 呼<sup>フ</sup> 聲<sup>セ</sup> 音<sup>イン</sup>, 唱<sup>ナ</sup> 出<sup>イ</sup> 喜<sup>キ</sup> 樂<sup>レ</sup> 的<sup>カ</sup> 歌<sup>カ</sup>. 充<sup>ツ</sup>  
比<sup>ヒ</sup> 恩<sup>オン</sup> 典<sup>カ</sup> 永<sup>エイ</sup> 不<sup>フ</sup> 衰<sup>サイ</sup> 退<sup>タイ</sup>. 恩<sup>オン</sup> 典<sup>カ</sup> 從<sup>ズ</sup> 內<sup>ニ</sup> 潔<sup>セツ</sup> 淨<sup>ジュ</sup>. 恩<sup>オン</sup>



in this grace-filled Ju - bi - lee, that we all share as one. Our  
pre - cious did that grace ap - pear! Grace, 'tis a char - ming sound! Un -

滿<sup>マン</sup> 恩<sup>オン</sup> 典<sup>カ</sup> 的<sup>カ</sup> 一<sup>イチ</sup> 百<sup>ヒャク</sup> 年<sup>ネン</sup>, 共<sup>キョウ</sup> 同<sup>ドウ</sup> 合<sup>ガク</sup> 一<sup>イチ</sup> 分<sup>フン</sup> 享<sup>キョウ</sup>. 詩<sup>シ</sup>  
典<sup>カ</sup> 顯<sup>ケン</sup> 明<sup>メイ</sup> 何<sup>ナニ</sup> 等<sup>トウ</sup> 寶<sup>ホウ</sup> 貴<sup>キ</sup> 恩<sup>オン</sup> 典<sup>カ</sup> 美<sup>メイ</sup> 妙<sup>ミョウ</sup> 聲<sup>セイ</sup> 音<sup>イン</sup>. 無<sup>ム</sup>



song re - sounds from sky to sea. We've on - ly just be - gun!  
boun - ded grace that drives off fear: His grace that did a - bound!

歌<sup>カ</sup> 響<sup>キョウ</sup> 亮<sup>リョウ</sup> 從<sup>ズ</sup> 天<sup>テン</sup> 到<sup>ト</sup> 海<sup>カイ</sup>, 現<sup>ゲン</sup> 在<sup>ゾ</sup> 才<sup>サイ</sup> 得<sup>トク</sup> 開<sup>カイ</sup> 始<sup>シ</sup>!  
限<sup>ゲン</sup> 恩<sup>オン</sup> 典<sup>カ</sup> 除<sup>ズ</sup> 去<sup>ク</sup> 懼<sup>ク</sup> 怕<sup>パ</sup>: 豐<sup>トウ</sup> 富<sup>フ</sup> 恩<sup>オン</sup> 典<sup>カ</sup> 加<sup>カ</sup> 增<sup>ゾウ</sup>!



Chorus: One hun-dred years she stood faith-ful and true! — May Ce - bu Gos - pel

副歌: 一<sup>イチ</sup> 百<sup>ヒャク</sup> 年<sup>ネン</sup> 她<sup>カ</sup> 持<sup>チ</sup> 守<sup>シ</sup> 主<sup>シュ</sup> 的<sup>カ</sup> 真<sup>マコト</sup> 道<sup>ミチ</sup>! — 宿<sup>シュク</sup> 務<sup>ム</sup> 基<sup>キ</sup> 督<sup>カク</sup> 教<sup>カウ</sup>



Church glo - ri - fy You — On - ly You know, oh Lord, what lies in store —

會<sup>カイ</sup> 願<sup>ガン</sup> - 榮<sup>エイ</sup> 耀<sup>ヨウ</sup> 你<sup>ニ</sup> — 只<sup>ただ</sup> 有<sup>ア</sup> 你<sup>ニ</sup> 知<sup>チ</sup> 道<sup>ミチ</sup>, 主<sup>シュ</sup>, 未<sup>ミ</sup> 見<sup>ミ</sup> 將<sup>マダ</sup> 來<sup>ク</sup> —



— May our Church shine a hun-dred years more — We May

— 願<sup>ガン</sup> 教<sup>カウ</sup> 會<sup>カイ</sup> 為<sup>タガ</sup> 你<sup>ニ</sup> 發<sup>ハツ</sup> 光<sup>カウ</sup> 百<sup>ヒャク</sup> 年<sup>ネン</sup> — 主<sup>シュ</sup> 願<sup>ガン</sup>

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those who for a fam' ly search, be gui - ded by Your Grace. And  
 一 切 屬 你 的 家 庭， 蒙 你 恩 典 引 導。 你

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find a vi - brant, thri - ving church bathed in Your ra - diant Face! What  
 光 輝 之 臉 照 耀 活 潑 興 旺 的 教 會！ 我

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we and ge - ne - ra - tions past have built up with Your Light. Oh Lord, we pray for cen - tu -  
 們 過 去 的 世 代 中 以 你 的 光 建 立！ 我 們 懇 求 保 守 直

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ries to last - in wit - ness to Your Might... — Your Might! One hun - dred years she  
 到 萬 代 見 證 你 的 大 能... — 大 能！ 一 百 年 她 持

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stood faith - ful and true! — May Ce - bu Gos - pel Church glo - ri - fy You —  
 守 主 的 真 道！ — 宿 務 基 督 教 會 願 - 榮 耀 你 -

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— On - ly You know, oh Lord, what lies in store — May our Church shine a  
 — 只 有 你 知 道， 主， 未 見 將 來 — 願 教 會 為 你

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hun - dred years more — May our Church shine a hun - dred years more — !  
 發 光 百 年 — 願 教 會 為 你 發 光 百 年 — !



# 100週年感恩 禮拜的祈禱文

雯華

## 愛

阮的天父、萬權能的上帝、阮所敬拜、所事奉、所盼望獨一的真神。阮感謝讚美祢。祢的慈愛存到永遠、祢的信實直到萬代。感謝祢、讚美祢。

今日是本教會100週年感恩的崇拜、在這個榮耀賜福的主日。阮能夠得到很多位的牧師、傳道、教授、同工與眾兄弟姊妹以歡樂與敬畏的心來到祢的聖殿要一同來敬拜、讚美、頌讚祢的聖尊名、阮實在滿心感謝祢！

天父、阮記念著阮的前輩、因為蒙著祢大愛所激勵、開始組織教會、在那時候雖然有遇著很多困難。但是他們卻靠著祢的大能大力、忠心到底、勝過一切的試煉、阮感謝祢！但願阮一代又一代能夠繼續效法他們好的模範。願一切的榮耀尊貴都歸在咱三位一體的上帝。

天父、阮感謝祢、教會開始到今日都得到祢的看顧、保守與引導、能夠在宿務市為主發光。藉著祢忠心僕人的牧養、聖靈的感動、引導了多多人認識主耶穌、歸在主的名下。也有得到多位青年人全時間奉獻做傳道、牧師與教導的工作、同時教會也有支持許多國內國外宣教的事工。阮感謝祢。

最近、阮蒙著聖靈的感動重修了祢的聖殿、祢供應阮一切所需要的費用與人才、使阮今日能夠在這美麗堂皇的聖殿來敬拜祢、阮感謝祢。

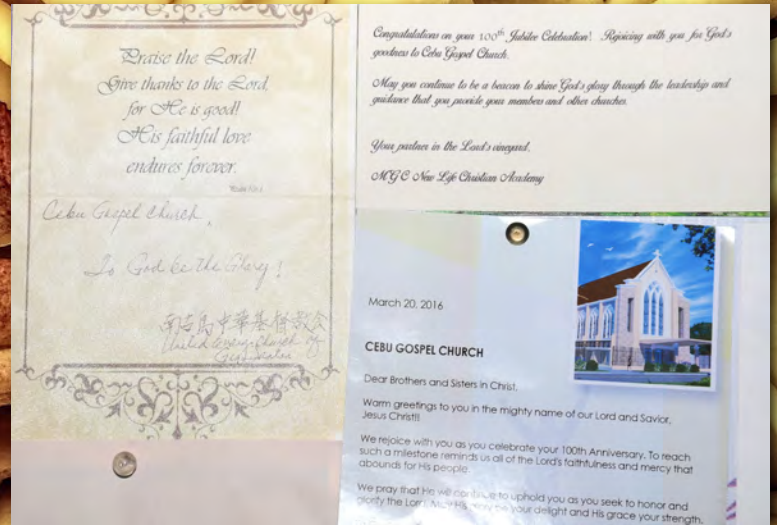
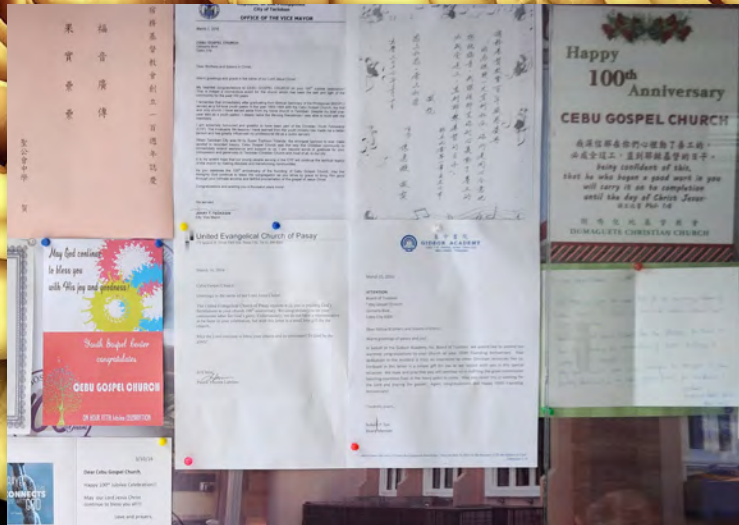
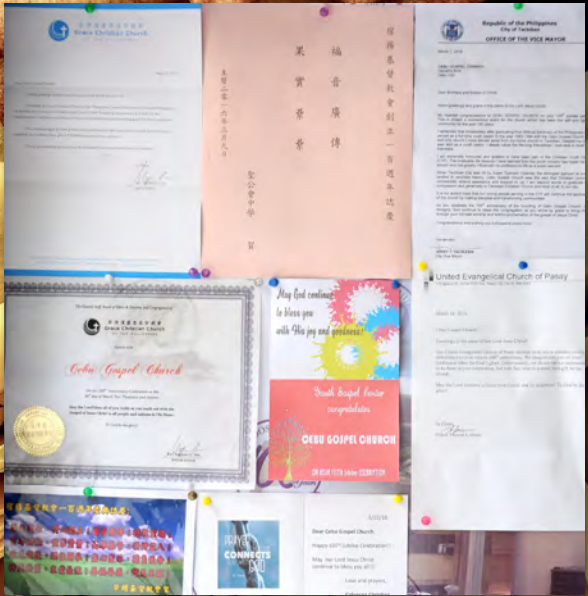
求主繼續與阮同在、繼續保守帶領祢的教會。使兄弟姊妹會更愛主、愛人的靈魂、能夠為祢發光直到主第二次再來、滿足主祢的心意。

今早晨的崇拜、恭敬放在恩主的手中。但願阮的敬拜、頌讚、聖歌團的獻唱、祈禱和講道都能得到主祢的悅納、榮耀主的聖名。這是阮懇切的祈禱、奉靠主耶穌基督的聖名求、阿們！✝

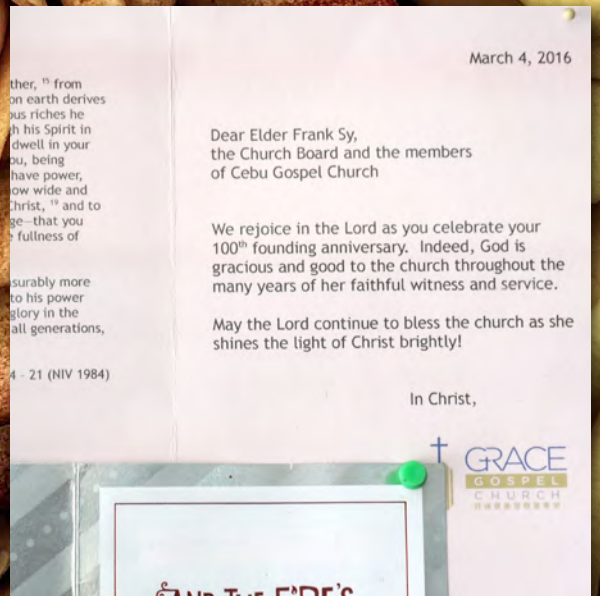
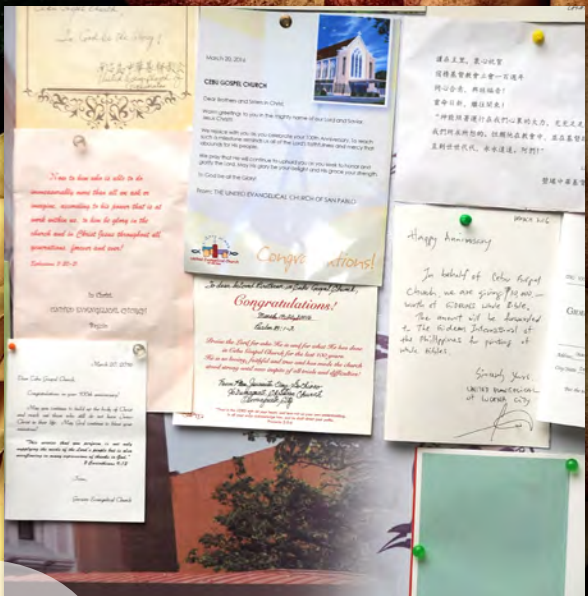


# DEDICATIONS

## 慶賀



## 祝詞







**Republic of the Philippines  
City of Tacloban**

**OFFICE OF THE VICE MAYOR**

March 1, 2016

**CEBU GOSPEL CHURCH**  
Osmeña Blvd.  
Cebu City



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Warm greetings and grace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

My heartfelt congratulations to CEBU GOSPEL CHURCH on your 100<sup>th</sup> Jubilee celebration! This is indeed a momentous event for the church which has been the salt and light of the community for the past 100 years.

I remember that immediately after graduating from Biblical Seminary of the Philippines (BSOP) I served as a full-time youth pastor in the year 1993-1994 with the Cebu Gospel Church, the first and only church I have served aside from my home church in Tacloban. Despite my brief one-year stint as a youth pastor, I deeply value the life-long friendships I was able to build with the members.

I am extremely honoured and grateful to have been part of the Christian Youth Fellowship (CYF). The invaluable life lessons I have learned from the youth ministry has made me a better person and has greatly influenced my professional life as a public servant.

When Tacloban City was hit by Super Typhoon Yolanda, the strongest typhoon to ever make landfall in recorded history, Cebu Gospel Church was the very first Christian community to immediately extend assistance and support to us. I am beyond words in gratitude for your compassion and generosity to Tacloban Christian Church and most of all, to our city.

It is my ardent hope that our young people serving in the CYF will continue the spiritual legacy of the church by making disciples and transforming communities.

As you celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Cebu Gospel Church, may the Almighty God continue to bless His congregation as you strive by grace to bring Him glory through your intimate worship and faithful proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Congratulations and wishing you a thousand years more!

His servant,

  
**JERRY T. YAOKASIN**  
City Vice Mayor



宿務基督教會百年感恩

宿德聖民建立根基，

務實百姓承續使命；

百家蒙愛同心協力，

年歲恩典永遠相繼。

主僕 陳長成 敬賀

2016 春



宿務基督教會立會

上帝以恩年  
百年路徑滿  
上帝祝福代  
這殿榮耀超

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宿務基督教會創立一百週年誌慶

福音廣傳  
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主曆二零一六年三月九日





菲律賓靈惠基督教會  
Grace Christian Church  
OF THE PHILIPPINES

March 2, 2016

Dear Cebu Gospel Church,

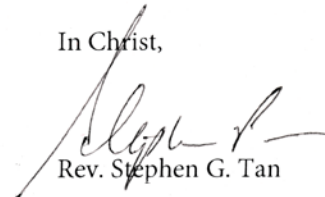
Loving greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

On behalf of Grace Christian Church of the Philippines, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for inviting us to join you in Cebu Gospel Church's 100<sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary. It is with joy and thankfulness to God that we celebrate with you His faithfulness and abounding grace for these many years.

We are encouraged by your growth and contribution to the lives of many church and community members, and enclose a love gift of P10,000 in support of your ministry.

Thank you and may God continue to abundantly bless your church and your ministry.

In Christ,



Rev. Stephen G. Tan  
Senior Pastor



Happy

100<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary

**CEBU GOSPEL CHURCH**

我深信那在你們心裡動了善工的，  
必成全這工，直到耶穌基督的日子。

*being confident of this,  
that he who began a good work in you  
will carry it on to completion  
until the day of Christ Jesus.*

腓立比書 Phil. 1:6

朗嗎倪地基督教會  
DUMAGUETE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

March 20, 2016

Dear Cebu Gospel Church,

*Congratulations on your 100th anniversary!*

*May you continue to build up the body of Christ  
and reach out those who still do not have Jesus  
Christ in their life. May God continue to bless your  
ministries!*

*"This service that you perform is not only  
supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also  
overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God."*

*2 Corinthians 9:12*

From,

Gerizim Evangelical Church



March 20, 2016

## CEBU GOSPEL CHURCH



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Warm greetings to you in the mighty name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!!

We rejoice with you as you celebrate your 100th Anniversary. To reach such a milestone reminds us all of the Lord's faithfulness and mercy that abounds for His people.

We pray that He will continue to uphold you as you seek to honor and glorify the Lord. May His glory be your delight and His grace your strength.

To God be all the Glory!

From: THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF SAN PABLO



*Congratulations!*



宿務基督教會成立一百週年誌慶

Celebrating 100 Years

主恩長存



宿務建基中學敬賀  
二〇一六年三月二十日



Praise the Lord!  
Give thanks to the Lord,  
for He is good!  
His faithful love  
endures forever.

Psalm 136:1

Cebu Gospel Church,

To God be the Glory!

南馬島中華基督教會  
United Evangelical Church of  
Guzhou



MARCH 2016

Happy Anniversary

In behalf of Cebu Gospel Church, we are giving \$10,000. - worth of GIDEONS whole Bible.

The amount will be forwarded to The Gideons International of the Philippines for printing of whole bibles.

Sincerely yours,

UNITED EVANGELICAL  
of LUENA CITY

03-11-16

TO: CEBU GOSPEL CHURCH

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR CENTENNIAL  
CELEBRATION OF GOD'S GOODNESS & FAITHFULNESS!

Blessings,

UNITED EVANGELICAL Church  
of  
LORAPI

May God continue  
to bless you  
with His joy and goodness!

Youth Gospel Center  
congratulates

CEBU GOSPEL CHURCH

ON YOUR 100TH Jubilee CELEBRATION

Now to him who is able to do  
immeasurably more than all we ask or  
imagine, according to his power that is at  
work within us, to him be glory in the  
church and in Christ Jesus throughout all  
generations, forever and ever!

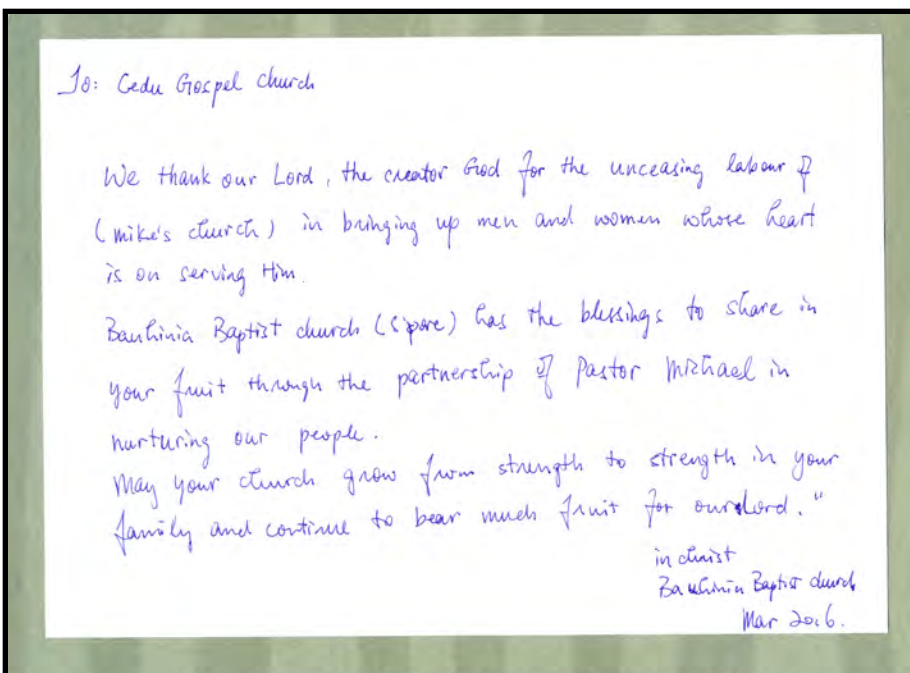
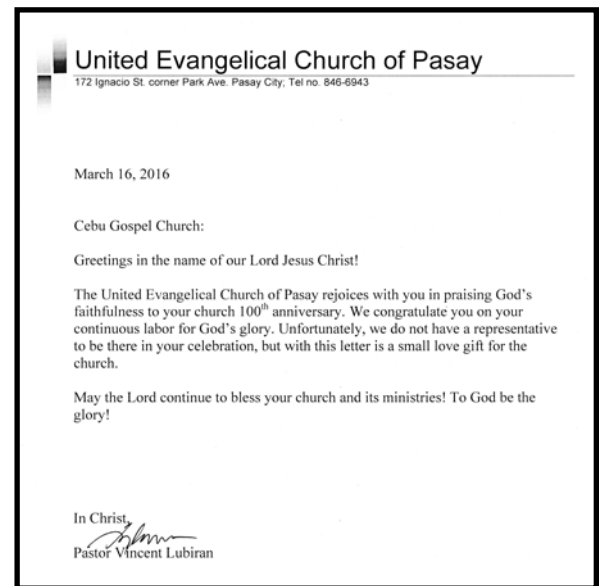
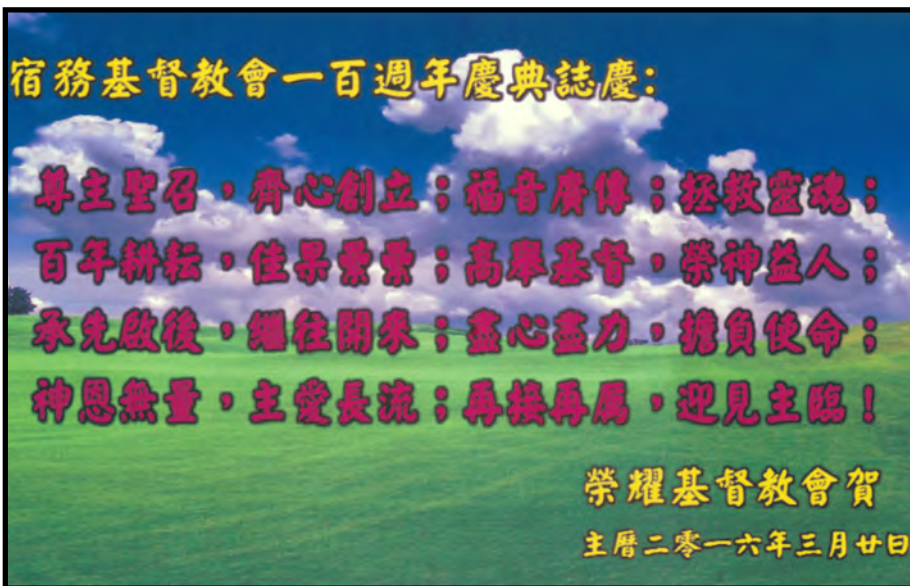
Ephesians 3:20-21

In Christ,

UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Baguio









Card No.202 "A GARDEN FULL OF FLOWERS"  
from an original painted with the mouth and foot by Liu Jen-Long  
Mouth and Foot Painting Artists ©

劉仁隆

*Everdearest Cebu Gospel Church,*

*Congratulations on your 100<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Celebration! Rejoicing with you for God's goodness to Cebu Gospel Church.*

*May you continue to be a beacon to shine God's glory through the leadership and guidance that you provide your members and other churches.*

*Your partner in the Lord's vineyard,*

*MGC New Life Christian Academy*



謹在主里，衷心祝賀

宿務基督教會立會一百週年

同心合意，興旺福音！

靈命日新，繼往開來！

“神能照著運行在我們心裏的大力，充充足足的成就一切，超過我們所求所想的。但願他在教會中，並在基督耶穌裏，得著榮耀，直到世世代代，永永遠遠。阿們！”

以弗所書 3:20-21

碧瑤中華基督教會佈道所敬賀



3/10/16

Dear Cebu Gospel Church,

Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Celebration!!

May our Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless you all!!!

Love and prayers,

Caloocan Christian Baptist Church



*To dear beloved Brethren in Cebu Gospel Church,*

***Congratulations!***

*March 19-20, 2016*

*Psalms 89:1-2*

*Praise the Lord for who He is and for what He has done in Cebu Gospel Church for the last 100 years. He is so loving, faithful and true and has made the church stood strong until now inspite of all trials and difficulties!*

*From Pina Juanita Ong Lo Chisco  
So Dumaguete Christian Church  
Dumaguete City*



*The Pastoral Staff, Board of Elders & Deacons, and Congregation of*



**務端基督教會**  
**BUTUAN GOSPEL CHURCH**  
**OF THE PHILIPPINES**


Rejoices with

*Cebu Gospel Church*

*On her Centennial Anniversary Celebration on the  
20th day of March Two Thousand and Sixteen.*

**May the Lord bless all of you richly as you reach out with the  
Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people and nations in His Name.**

*To God be the Glory!*

  
Rev. Johnson A. Lo  
SENIOR PASTOR

  
Billy S. Lim  
CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

*The Pastoral Staff, Board of Elders & Deacons, and Congregation of*



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**Grace Christian Church**  
**OF THE PHILIPPINES**

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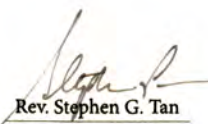
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*To God be the glory!*



  
Rev. Stephen G. Tan  
SENIOR PASTOR



Bulletin ►

Centennial Choir  
Program ▲

Commemorative  
Medallions ▼

Fun Run  
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Heritage Pin ▲

# CENTENNIAL GIVEAWAYS



Gospel Light ▼

◀ Paperweight

Bookmark ▼

Keychain ▼

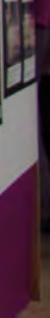
▲ Souvenir Mug

◀ Invitations





# HERITAGE















# WHERE OUR ADVENTURES BEGIN

1948



The Founders



With their desire to bring Christ to the Filipino-Chinese community through formal education, a group of Cebu Gospel Church members consisting of Mr. Donald Uspare, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, ably assisted by Mr. Go Hong Chia, Mr. Yap I Suk, Mr. Tang Sang Yuen, Mr. Si Jan Yang, Mr. Yap Yik Si, Mr. Ch Song Kim, and Rev. Liang Shi Kue, founded Cebu Gospel School (CCS) in 1948.

Cebu Gospel School, offering Chinese curriculum back then, worked closely with its adjacent school Cebu Institute (offered English curriculum) which was operated by United Presbyterian Church of USA.

Mr. Huang Pe Eng (1948-1950) — First Principal Chinese elementary level.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES



2000

T O P R E S E N T



In 1953, CCS became Cebu Kan Kow High School. Later, the 2 schools in the campus merged and was officially renamed as Cebu Christian School in 1964.

Robert Howard (1963-1964) CCS transition period — First Director of the Cebu Christian School. He was succeeded by Rev. John Ellis Barrett until 1970.



## School Principals



## CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



## School Directors

## Mission Statement

Preparing for Living  
In the world,  
For the world  
In the name of Christ

The old Kindergarten building was refurbished and was expanded to a 1,000 sqm new building added. It opened with new added facilities such as the library and the Ong Lian Shik Audio-Visual Room.



The 18-Classroom Myung Chul Look Building, erected in 1986 for elementary pupils, was completed in 1986.

After 18 years in existence, the Philippine Christian Gospel School took over the operations of CCS on July 7, 1982.

Engi Ramon Lim was the incumbent Chairman from 1988 - 1992.



The Long Song Commission was completed in 2002. A fully air-conditioned gymnasium with two courts, a stage, and a basement parking area provides for recreation, social and sporting activities. Major school events such as the Long Song (Jawing ng Baka), Musical Water Gun Fight and the Annual Prayer-Themed Games Competition are held.

PHILIPPINE CHRISTIAN GOSPEL SCHOOL

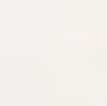


# A Musical Journey through Faith



## Early Beginnings

In the early days, a group of Chinese Christians met every Sunday to worship at the Bradford Memorial Church. As the congregation grew, the church choir was formed to serve Cebu Gospel Church especially during worship to prepare the hearts and open the souls to the presence of God through music.



## 1960's

With the completion of the construction of Cebu Gospel Church in Gervena Blvd., the church choir led by our talented conductor, Ms. Hattie Yu continued to bring music to the hearts and souls of the congregation. Together they enjoyed the fellowship of preparing music that served the church and brought glory and honor to the Lord.



## 1980's

The Cebu Gospel Church choir, made up of diverse age groups, continued to come together to make music and prepared the hearts and minds of the congregation to listen to the word of God. As the conductors, Ms. Elizabeth Oh and Ms. Jenny Ong, led the choir to sing, the musical notes lifted up with the blended voices creating a beautiful sound echoing through the four walls of the church and beyond.



## CEBU GOSPEL CHURCH CHOIR

## 1970's

Through the guidance of Ms. Bonnie Burroughs, the Sunday School Choir was created which led to what is now the Joybells Gospel Team.

With two services every Sunday, one for the English congregation and another for the Chinese congregation, two choir groups were also formed. The English Choir, handled by Mrs. Hattie Yu and the Chinese Choir, handled by Mrs. Cristina Tiang continued to encourage the talented Cebu Gospel Church members to use their gifts in singing to serve the Lord.



## 1990's-2000's

The Church choir entered a dynamic stage with new talents and potential fusing with the established generation. Truly, the Lord has blessed Cebu Gospel Church members with more and more talents. The Church Choir presents the Church Anthem, and the Praise Worship Team leads the congregation to sing sacred hymns and contemporary songs. As the younger generation hone new craft, performing arts has been incorporated in Cebu Gospel Church choir productions whether for Christmas, Resurrection Sunday or Thanksgiving.



## Today

Cebu Gospel Church through its Sacred Music Ministry continually encourages its talented members to serve the Lord using their gift of voice and join the Church Choir. An inter-generational group composed of members as young as 14 years old to the golden years of 90 together lift their voices up to the Lord with a profound conviction that through songs for worship they create a symphony of praise that leads us all to encounter the Holy Lord.

Through faith, the Cebu Gospel Church choir, in cooperation with Mandauze Gospel Choir, and all other choir members from other parts of the world present GOD IN US, in celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of Cebu Gospel Church.









# 萬那威基督教會

Groundbreaking  
Year 1998



First Worship Service



First Baptismal



Children Ministry



Mandae  
Gospel  
Church



Youth Ministry



Choir



January 10, 2016





# SURIGAO GOSPEL CHURCH

Founded July 9, 1967  
of the Cebu Gospel Church  
moving forward with our mother church  
100 years and beyond

## SURIGAO GOSPEL CHURCH

### MISSION/VISION STATEMENTS:

#### MISSION:

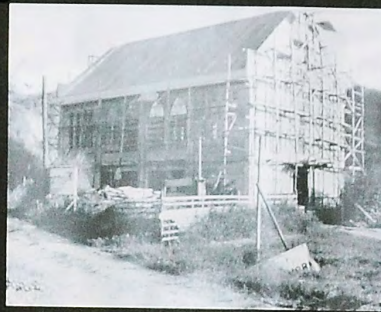
To make Christ be known in the communities through evangelism and disciple them in obedience of Christ's great Commission.

#### VISION:

To see the church as a family of believers with a strong foundation of faith in Christ and be true servants of God's kingdom.

#### Key Verse:

Christ Jesus the Precious Cornerstone for a sure foundation Isaiah 28:16



## SURIGAO GOSPEL CHAPEL

OF THE  
CEBU GOSPEL CHURCH

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1924 SUNDAY SCHOOL  
CINEMA



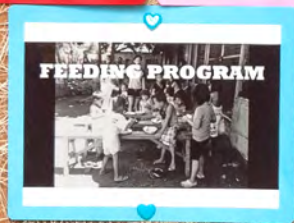
NOW SHOWING

WE LOVE  
WE CARE  
WE SHARE





## Jesus Loves You Ministries



**T.E.S.T.I.M.O.N.Y**

- (45) Parents was baptized from our Feeding Ministry and actively involved in Church.
- We have (47) Teachers and Assistance Teachers on our Feeding Ministry. These individuals came from the children you have been supporting from our Feeding Ministry.







# 兄弟团契

THE BROTHERS' (MEN'S) FELLOWSHIP  
STARTED BY THE LEADERS OF CEBU GOSPEL CHURCH  
IN JULY, 1956



1st Anniversary - July 1957

**The Men's Fellowship**  
(by Victor To Chai)

This fellowship was started by the church leaders in July, 1956. They are 吳鴻輝 (Go Hong Chui), 丁朝通 (Ting Bing Wen), 郭繼賢 (Joseph Que), 林顯義 (Lim Iai Chien), together with the church Pastors and Elders and brothers of the church at that time. May the Lord richly bless them and their descendants for their good work and faithfulness.

Later, leaders such as Francisco Yap, John Huang, Marcos Uyayan, Ong Lian Peh, Danilo Condoveo, Li Tong Chi, Francis Young, Tan Hing Liong, Ramon Lim, Gaudencio Go Sr., Julio Estate, Manuel Ong, Henry Chiao, and our present church Elder Celestino Siao, all of whom I have the pleasure to know and/or the honor to work with, led the fellowship up to the present.

**MISSION**

1. To continue such good work and in the realization of their vision;
2. To bring as many as possible, unbelievers to the knowledge and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:19);
3. To encourage the members in the study of God's word, the Bible, so as to live a God-fearing life, especially in the worldly time (2Cor 4:6);
4. To cooperate and coordinate with church authority on matters that are biblically right and ready trustful;
5. To make each fellowship meeting not merely a social gathering but a noble way of honoring God and edifying ourselves (Hebrew 10:25).

**VISION**

1. To see our members really thirst to know God thru His word, the Bible and that by doing so, cause a great change in every aspect of their life (Psalm 119:105);
2. That the fellowship may become a very useful tool that can contribute to Cebu Gospel Church to be a spiritual light in Cebu City (Matthew 5:14);
3. That the fellowship, with its members being the eldest and most experience in Christian life, may be able to positively influence important church decisions;
4. That the church authority may, from time to time, be enlightened by the spiritual knowledge and insight of the fellowship (Ephesians 4:14);
5. That just as at the start of this Fellowship, all church Elders and Leaders show their respect by voluntarily joining it as example to all other church members.



7th Anniversary - July 14, 1963



40th Anniversary - July 5, 1996  
Evangelistic Meeting by Brother's Fellowship  
Speaker: Rev. David Cheung



40th Anniversary - July 6, 1996  
Speaker: Rev. David Cheung



May 4, 1998 - Members lead by Bro. Li Tong Chi, with the 1st Consul General (Huang Jing Yao) of the P.R. China in Cebu. In connection with MF's donation to flood victims in Wuhan, China.

福音堂弟兄會慶祝第四十二週年週年感恩晚會  
CEBU GOSPEL CHURCH MEN'S FELLOWSHIP  
42nd ANNIVERSARY THANKING  
EVANGELISTIC MEETING

特別嘉賓  
Speaker: 謝國智牧師  
Rev. Vicente Sia  
of Jubilee Evangelical Church, Manila

日期: 一九九八年七月二日 (星期日)  
Time: 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

地點: 本會禮堂  
Place: Cebu Gospel Church  
42nd Anniversary  
Thanking Evangelistic Meeting  
Cebu City

機會難得，請速參加

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45th Anniversary - July 1, 2001  
Speaker: Rev. Michael Chang



July 2, 2002 - Former Pfr. Michael Chang & wife, visiting with Men's Fellowship Representatives, the mother of our former Lady Pastor Dy Diang Ai



On a regular celebration gathering  
Speaker: Dr. Joseph Siao (of BSOP)  
February 11, 2005



50th Anniversary - July 1, 2006, @ Grand Convention  
Speaker: Dr. Andrew Liusun

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51st Anniversary - July 13, 2007  
Speaker: Rev. Go Bon Kim



52nd Anniversary - July 2008  
Speaker: Pfr. Lim Tong (from Xiamen China)



Friday is our regular visitation day. Pictures show visitation team visiting different individuals



57th Anniversary - July 2013  
Speaker: Pfr. Li Ming (4th from left)



2 Trips to China by Members  
1st Trip in Nov 2011, led by Bro. Tan Hing Liong  
2nd Trip in Nov 2013, led by Bro. Henry Chua

福音堂弟兄會  
兄弟團契  
聚會時間: 每週五晚上八時  
地點: 教會公堂禮堂  
我們歡迎各地弟兄姊妹蒞臨參加  
共同為福音事工禱告



58th Anniversary - July 4, 2014, @ Luy's Tea House  
Speaker: Dr. Lyndon Su (from U.S.A.)

57th Anniversary - July 2013  
Pfr. Li Ming's group (from China)



宿務基督教會姊妹團契  
The Sisters' Fellowship is founded  
on February 7, 1951



Sister's Fellowship 18th Anniversary  
February 4, 1969



Sister's Fellowship 24th Anniversary  
February 4, 1975



Sister's Fellowship 20th Anniversary  
February 5, 1980



Sister's Fellowship at PCGS



7th Biennial Women's Convocation  
May 16-19, 1962 7th Anniversary



Short History of Sister's Fellowship  
Sister's Fellowship Reunion Meeting Oct. 1953



Sister's Fellowship 6th Anniversary  
February 2, 1957



Sister's Fellowship 9th Anniversary  
February 2, 1960



Sister's Fellowship Anniversary

Our Vision  
1. To enhance knowledge and response in the Lord God Our Savior  
2. To practice worshipping God in faith and in spirit cooperatively and individually.  
3. To exercise faith and obedience to the fulfillment of the great commission.  
OUR VISION  
An Exemplary Great Kingdom from Great Women  
Sister's Fellowship Motto  
"We glorify in the Lord"



Sister's Fellowship in charge of DVBS stacks.  
April 12-15, 2011



The Chicken Dance Taught by the late Mrs. Helen Tiam February 5, 1980



Sister's Fellowship 50th Anniversary  
February 14, 2006 Speaker: Dr. Rosa Shao



Sister's Fellowship 45th Anniversary  
February 13, 1996 Speaker: 林進仰



The Arrival of Dr. Tan Chiu Eng 60th Anniversary 2-16-16



The Arrival of our guest Mrs Helen K. Sia 60th Anniversary 2-15-2016



Sister's Fellowship 50th Anniversary  
February 21, 2011 Speaker: Mrs. Rosa Ang



Sister's Fellowship group with our Interim Pastor during GGC 90th Anniversary March 15, 2008



Sister's Fellowship officers lunch with Michael Tsang



60th Anniversary February 15, 2016  
Group picture at Grand Convention Center Speaker from B.S.O.P Dr. Tan Chiu Eng



Sister's Fellowship Christmas Celebrating group picture 12-26-2006



Sister's Fellowship group with our Interim Pastor during GGC 90th Anniversary March 15, 2008



Sister's Fellowship group with our Interim Pastor during GGC 90th Anniversary March 15, 2008



Sister's Fellowship Acquaintance at Sugod, Bohol Tim Urban Beach, Sorsogon 5-16-2008



Sister's Fellowship 50th Anniversary group picture February 14, 2006





# CENTENNIAL CONTEST WINNERS

**I**n the lead-up to the Centennial Celebration, the Literature Committee sponsored three contests (Essay-writing, Photography, and Creative Arts), with "God's Grace" as the central theme. Here are the results.





"JESUS LOOKED AT THEM AND SAID,  
'WITH MAN THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE,  
BUT WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.'"

MATTHEW 19:26

# I AM A CHRISTIAN SAVED BY GRACE

Catherine Chua

## Champion, Essay-Writing Competition

What is Grace? Here are some of the definitions of grace, according to Merriam Webster's dictionary:

*Unmerited divine assistance given to humans for their regeneration or sanctification.*

*A virtue coming from God.*

I don't think it's as easy as it sounds. Growing up in a Christian Church, I hear the word "grace" a lot. I was taught that grace is something we don't deserve – unmerited favor. And I would ask, "What is that?"

Then my Sunday school teacher would explain to me that it's like a person made something that was undeserving, deserving. Having heard this all the time, it didn't really sink in for me at the time.

So, was that me? Someone undeserving? Of no value? Unworthy? How can that be? I have a family who loves me. I have slightly above-average grades. I am active in extracurricular activities in school. I am a teacher's pet. I am even active in church! That does not sound like "of no value" to me!

In my head, I know that I am a sinner, and that Jesus Christ died for my sins. Et cetera. (Oh! Thank you, Lord!) I am a Christian. So could I be of no value? It didn't seem to connect. I didn't bother or care about what grace meant—until God struck me.

After becoming a Christian, I continued to live my school life like I always did: wake up in the morning, eat breakfast, go to school, come home, study, and go to sleep.

"I am a Christian," so I thought. Read the Bible? Well, I would. Sometimes. That's when I have assignments in school or have an activity to do. I must read it, or else I'd fail in school or lose in the activity. And I don't like either of those two. I am an achiever. Failing or losing aren't acceptable options in my life.

Pray? Yes, I would pray. "Thank you Lord for this day. Thank you for the blessings that you have showered upon us. Please forgive us for our sins. Please guide us and help us in everything we do. In Jesus name we pray, Amen." The perfect everyday prayer. Or chant, it may as well be called.

Everything's fine. I have nothing to worry about in my life, aside from getting homework done and getting great grades in school. I do the things needed to be done. I read the Bible. I pray. "I definitely am a Christian," so I thought.

I am a perfect Christian! I seemed to be problem-free and happy. But deep down, I wasn't. I may be loved by my family, but I hated the fact that I lost my ever-loving father at a fairly tender age. Because of this, I gave myself the responsibility to become the man in the family (especially those

times I lift heavy groceries with my mom) even when I didn't have to.

I hated the fact that I studied so hard without getting anything in return. Yes, I may have above-average grades, but I couldn't even get into the Top Ten because I had other classmates who have grades beyond average!

And since I was teacher's pet, I became everyone's enemy. Nobody wanted to be friends with me. I tried to fit in with some groups, but couldn't. I tried childish ways to impress my classmates, such as showing off a cool-looking pink watch which was actually not functioning. But it didn't work. I was lonely. I was miserable. Are Christians miserable? *"I am a Christian,"* so I thought. They must be.

One day, during my fifth grade in school, I couldn't take the misery and heaviness any longer. I turned to God. Really turned to God. Talked to Him as my God. I never treated Him as God before, but down in my heart I knew He was real. I'm not quite sure if it was because of all the head knowledge or the brainwashing from Sunday School, but I was quite confident that He existed. I knew He could hear me.

I told Him all my anger and unhappiness. I told Him I wanted to have friends. I told Him I wanted nice things. And I asked Him why I was treated as an outsider. After telling Him everything, I felt a little disappointed since I didn't hear any reply from Him. I didn't even end my prayer with an "Amen." But without noticing, I felt comfort and light-heartedness. I felt tons and tons way better. This, I believe, was my first real encounter with God. *"I am a Christian... Am I?"* I began to wonder.

With little maturity at the age of 12, I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as the Savior in my life because I experienced comfort from God. I found myself no longer as miserable as before. He's saving me from hell, and at the same time, from my ill feelings of misery and loneliness.

I started to actually read the Bible. This time, I read even when I wasn't required to by anyone. I read because I was told that Christians must read the Bible and pray every day. To me, it felt like I was sinning if I don't read it. I didn't want that sin. *"I am a Christian, a better one now,"* I thought.



***"I am a Christian,"  
so I thought."***

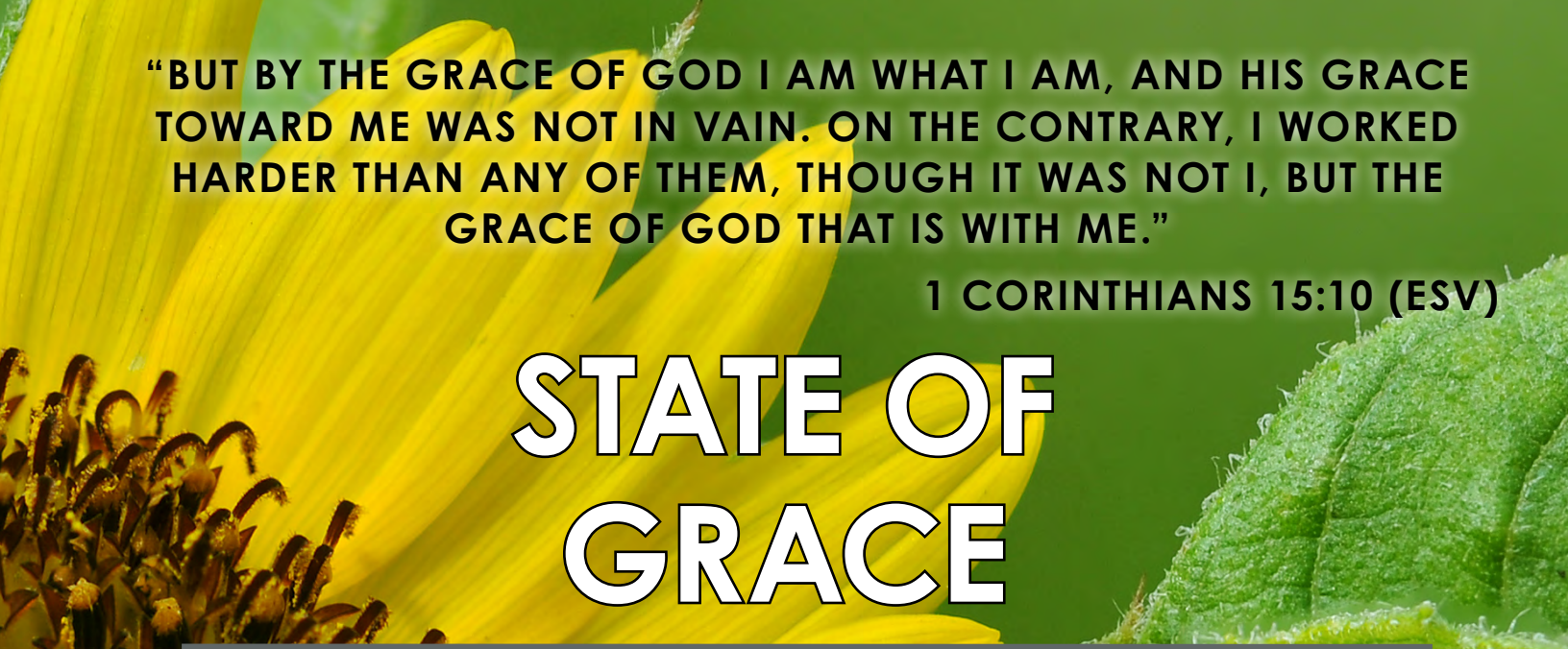
Time passed. I am a freshman now. Then my teacher got me thinking when she mentioned death. And I feared it! I am a Christian. So why do I fear death? Aren't Christians supposed to be unafraid of death? I thought I was saved! Something is wrong.

That night, I was scared and shaking. *"Lord, don't take me away yet. I am a Christian, but I'm not ready,"* I cried to God. In that moment, all the lessons I learned in Sunday School came back to me through a flash in my head.

I realized I really could die any minute. I realized I was a feeble object. I needed God to comfort me but God didn't need me. And then He reminded me of the very first Sunday School verse I memorized: John 3:16. *"For God so loved the world, that He sent his only beloved Son, so whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life."* I may not be wanted by many, but He wanted me. He loves me. *"I am not a Christian!"* I declared.

This got me so perplexed. Something I can never grasp in my own understanding! He loves me! I am a bitter person who wasn't contented with what I have. How can He love me? Why does He choose to love me? How could I call myself a Christian? And then a tiny voice in my head said, *"This is MY grace."* 🙏





**“BUT BY THE GRACE OF GOD I AM WHAT I AM, AND HIS GRACE TOWARD ME WAS NOT IN VAIN. ON THE CONTRARY, I WORKED HARDER THAN ANY OF THEM, THOUGH IT WAS NOT I, BUT THE GRACE OF GOD THAT IS WITH ME.”**

**1 CORINTHIANS 15:10 (ESV)**

# STATE OF GRACE

Charlotte Tan

## Runner-Up, Essay-Writing Competition

What is grace? More importantly, what is God's grace? You've probably heard about it, but let me tell you a short story.

When I was in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, all I ever cared about was myself. All that ever mattered was me, myself and I. I would constantly tell myself that I didn't need anyone or anything. Every day I would face the mirror and tell myself that "I'm awesome!" because I was feared and despised by my classmates. Because I had a cool group of friends. Because I cheated in my exams.

And since I had that rebellious attitude, I could say words that would put sailors to shame and I could do whatever I wanted – I was cool. It seemed like I was the center of the universe. But deep down inside, I was unhappy.

At the end of my 6<sup>th</sup> grade, my school held its annual retreat for students like me. I attended, not knowing that everything will change after that. So when I heard about God and His grace, I felt unworthy instead of feeling awesome as I usually do.

Then the speaker shared to us about how God longs for us to draw near to Him, and that no matter what we did in the past, it will be forgiven if we just accept God and repent.

But who was I? Who was I to even dare draw near to Him? I was just a gust of wind that would pass and fade forever. I was nothing but a vain sinner and a wretched soul.

I had made a name for myself, but did it even matter? I lived my life trying my best to be cool, but was I happy? These questions were what made me start to seek answers.

At the retreat's conclusion, the speaker told us that we only had one life to live, and he encouraged us to live it for God. And there, in that moment, I cried out to God. I asked for His forgiveness. I was terribly wrong about who I was and how I lived. I tried to feel good about myself, but it was just an endless cycle of swearing, cursing and failing. I told God that I was done with how I lived, and that I wanted to change.

I wanted God to use me. Just as Paul encouraged *"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."* (Romans 12:1-2, NIV) And I did so.

One by one, I let go of my past doings. I stopped saying foul words. I dropped the rebellious attitude. I stopped cheating in the exams, and many more. This is the state of God's grace. I am free from my guilt and shame.

In the following year, I became a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student, the first thing I did was apologize to my classmates who I hurt previously. To my surprise, the classmates who once feared and despised me voted for me as class president. And I won! I knew immediately that it was thanks to God's grace.

As that school year went on, more and more of my classmates acknowledged my transformation and even told me how surprised they are. One even said that I changed 180 degrees. In my head, there were only two words: God's grace.

I have received so many endless gifts from God, such as a new day in my life, my friends, my family, my church and even a simple breath. But the best of all is God's love. God loves me. No matter how many times I unknowingly hurt Him by sinning, He loves me.

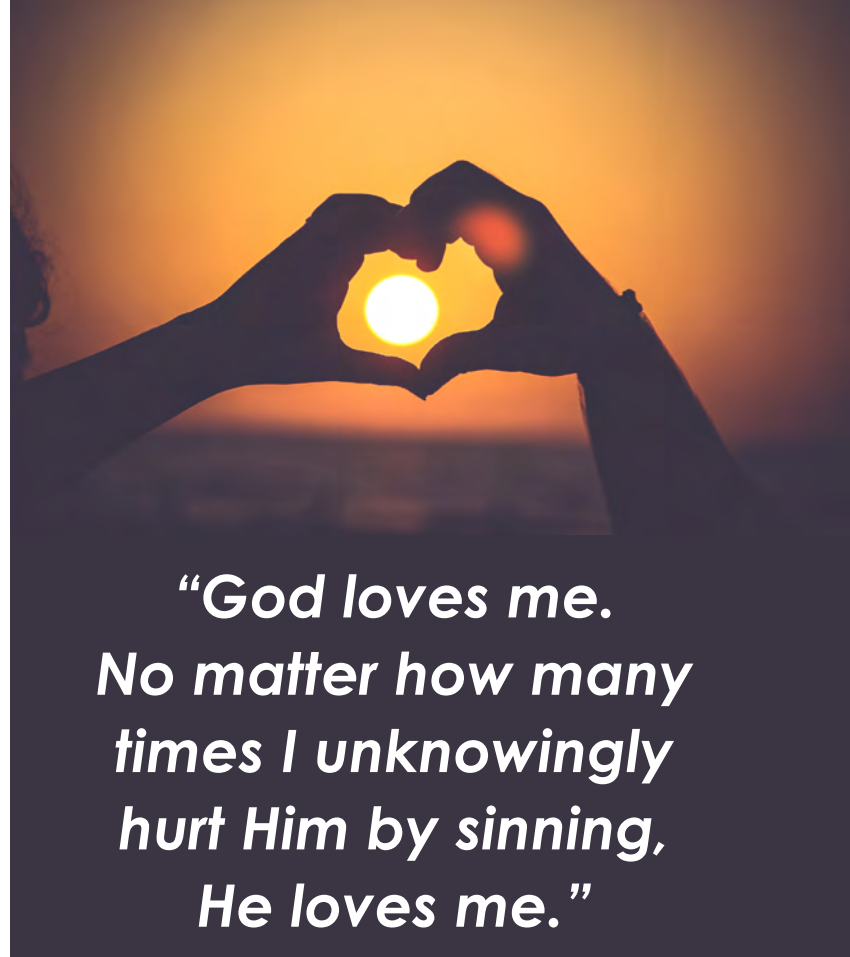
Above all else, God chose me and He loves me. I didn't feel awesome or unworthy, but instead felt free... and loved. It is so amazing to know that the one who knows everything about me—all my thoughts and my flaws—would love me so much He died for me. I always thank God every day for all those.

At the end of my 7<sup>th</sup> grade school year, a teacher called my attention to tell me that I was an honor student. Never in my entire life was I ever an honor student; it was my first time to become one that year. I was astounded. How did that happen? One thing for sure, it wasn't my doing.

Just as Paul said in the verse I shared earlier, *"But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me."* (1 Corinthians 15:10, ESV)

Indeed, it wasn't me, it was God. And so, when I received my very first medal, I had this huge grin on my face. I was silently praying, thanking God for being so good to me. I kept thanking God for His countless gifts, because He poured out grace upon grace.

Sometimes, just like me in my 6<sup>th</sup> grade, we may feel that we don't need God, or possibly that we ourselves are gods. These thoughts will just lead to the road of ruin. Instead, I want to encourage you to look at the cross. The cross was where Jesus spilled his blood and died for us. And the cross is where compassion, love and forgiveness overflow. And all these three remind us of what God's grace truly is.



In the end, just like me, one can expect the unexpected. I never expected myself to be renewed like that. I never expected my classmates to commend me after all the times I insulted them. And I never expected to become an honor student after choosing not to cheat anymore!

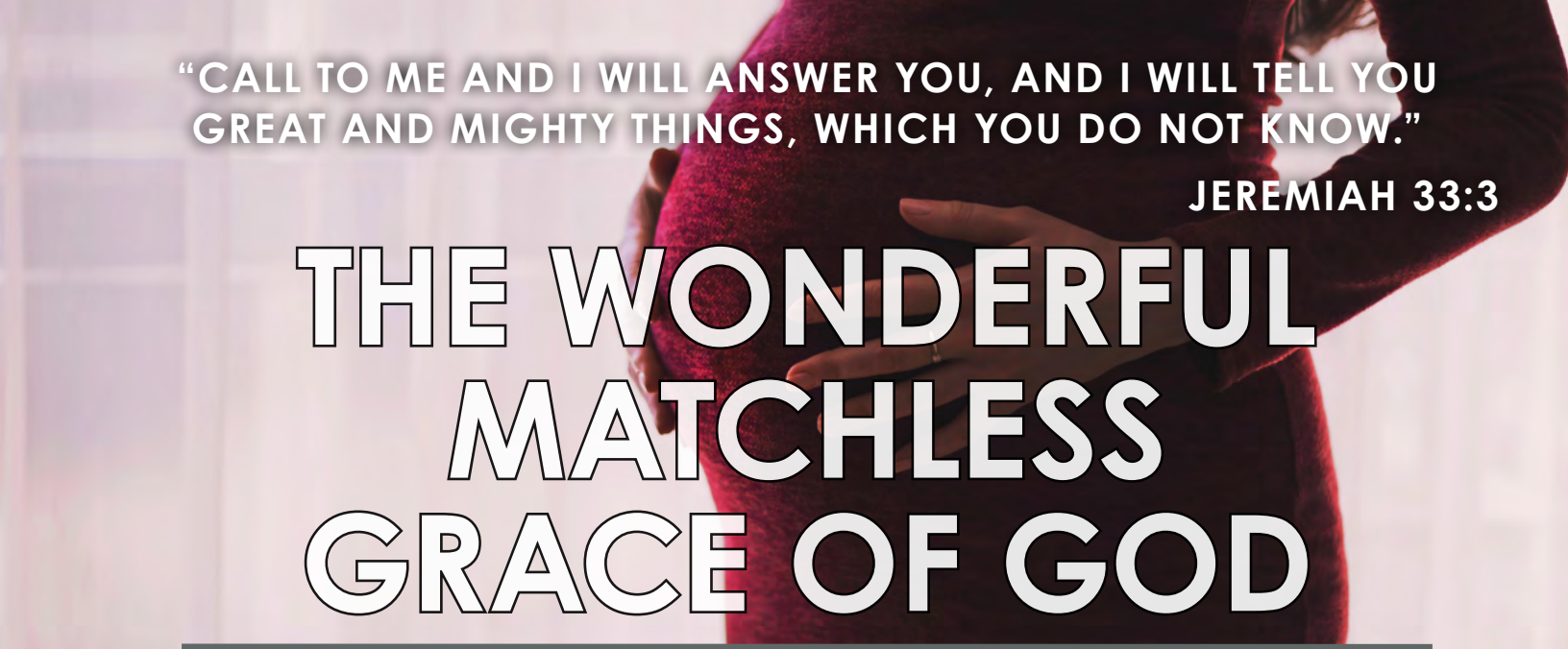
God can give you peace, contentment, love, joy and much more than you can ask for, just as long as you accept His gift—His grace. When you do, you can watch God's plan unfold before your eyes, and see God's glory for yourself.

So back to my first question, what is grace?

According to Paul, he said that *"God, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."* (Ephesians 2:5-8, ESV)

From this passage, we can derive that grace is a **G**ift, a **R**edemption, an **A**cceptance, is **C**omplete, and is **E**ternal. This is his gift. This is His grace. This is God's grace. 🙏





“CALL TO ME AND I WILL ANSWER YOU, AND I WILL TELL YOU  
GREAT AND MIGHTY THINGS, WHICH YOU DO NOT KNOW.”

JEREMIAH 33:3

# THE WONDERFUL MATCHLESS GRACE OF GOD

*Josephine Q. Yu*

## **Runner-Up, Essay-Writing Competition**

A few months after my marriage, I was diagnosed with endometriosis and myoma in my uterus. The myoma had to be removed and biopsied. Stricken with fear and worry, many questions came into my mind: “Will I survive myomectomy surgery? What will be the result of the biopsy? Can I still conceive?”

Prior to the operation, I instructed my surgeon not to remove my uterus. The operation was successful, and the myoma was benign. However, the surgeon said: “There were lots of tiny cysts in your myometrium which were very difficult to remove, so I just had it punctured. If I were to decide, I would have the uterus removed entirely, because there is a possibility of regrowth and complications may occur in the future.”

A year after my operation, I underwent a hysterosalpingogram (an X-ray test to look into the inside of the uterus and fallopian tubes). The findings revealed that one of my fallopian tubes was totally closed, while the other one was half-closed. I asked the doctor to take out the blockage.

He said, “Fallopian tubes are very tiny and delicate. Stitches from tube operation may form keloid scars and completely block the passage. Besides, the endometriosis in your uterus and ovaries causes infertility and has no cure. Only a miracle can make you conceive.” Instead, he advised me to consider adoption.

Shame, guilt and hopelessness filled me, and I was engulfed with self-pity. Depressed and dismayed, I developed an inferiority complex and withdrew from associating with people so I could avoid questions such as: “When are you going to have a child?” or “How many children do you have?” or “Why so long?” or “Who is defective?”

These questions may be asked out of concern, but they hurt me terribly. Hearing them reopened my wounds of pain, grief, stress, and frustration, and reminded me of my barren state.

After six agonizing years of treatment and waiting, I remained childless. My faith began to dwindle. I made several attempts to adopt, but God closed all the doors.

My father continually prayed for me. My mother supported me with God's words of comfort that “Nothing is impossible for Him.” (Luke 1:37) She was confident that she could live to see her children's children. (Psalms 128:6)

Together with her prayer partner, Pastor Juanita Go (吳碧英傳道), they prayed for me unceasingly. Truly, “the prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective,” (James 5:16) because “He hears the prayer of the righteous.” (Prov. 15:29)

In October 1980, my husband and I took a vacation in Taiwan. Our tour group passed through a street called “Pregnant Road” and proceeded to a famous Buddhist temple.

The walls surrounding the temple were engraved with names and dates as evidence of couples who asked and were given a child. As I reached the door of the temple, I was tempted to enter. Many urged me to take this rare opportunity to petition the god inside.

There I stood, a Sunday School teacher; someone who taught my students to have no other gods, to trust in Him, and to believe in His almighty power. What came into my mind was the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who refused to bow down before the golden image of Nebuchadnezzar.

I still remembered the verses I asked my students to memorize in Daniel 3:17-18: "If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. But even if He does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

With those two striking verses in mind, I stepped back and walked outside. I cried and prayed: "Lord, you know I need a child. You are more powerful than any other gods. You can give me a child because nothing is impossible for You. But, even if You don't, I will not bow down before that god." After my prayer, there was perfect peace in my heart.

When we returned from Taiwan, I missed my menstrual period for the first time. I told my mom, and she was so elated saying "Hallelujah, God had heard my prayer because He opened your womb!" But I could hardly believe it to be true. So, I made a wager with my mom for ₱100.

A few weeks later, the pregnancy test was positive. Although I lost ₱100, my joy, comfort and relief were beyond description. And I was extremely thankful to God for giving me the wisdom to keep my uterus intact.

During the second month of pregnancy, my gynecologist felt the presence of myomas in my uterus. He warned me that these may grow and cause a miscarriage. That news shocked me with a mixed feeling of disappointment and anxiety. However, I trusted in God and believed in His unfailing promise. So, I prayed fervently with hope. Miraculously, the myomas did not grow.



***"God had answered  
my prayer:***

***'Call to Me and  
I will answer you,  
and I will tell you  
great and mighty  
things, which you  
do not know.'"***

***(Jeremiah 33:3)***



One day, while on our way to work, a man riding a bicycle carrying a basket of bread suddenly took a U-turn. Unable to stop our vehicle immediately, we hit the bicycle head-on.

The rider was knocked away to the other side of the road, his bicycle cut into half and all the bread scattered on the roadside. I was seven months pregnant at that time.

Praise God, because I was able to hold tight to the vehicle I was riding so the baby was unhurt despite of the g-force experienced during the sudden deceleration.

When we finally stopped, the person stood up, completely unhurt, and started to pick up his bread. The only damage was to his bicycle and bread, which we gladly compensated him for.

God's grace was indeed amazing! He saved that man's life, protected my baby, and freed us from serious injury and damages.

During a pre-natal examination, Dr. Jesus Fran discovered that the baby was in a breech (feet-first) position. He returned it to the proper position, but the breech kept re-occurring. As my pregnancy progressed, it was no longer safe to reverse the position.

At 8:00 AM on July 28, I checked into Cebu Doctor's Hospital. Prior to delivery, I told Dr. Fran that I preferred a normal delivery. He promised only to operate if it became necessary, or if the survival of the baby was at risk.

He had me X-rayed to check the position of the baby and determine if my pelvic bone was capable of opening up. The results showed a slight tilt of the baby's head towards the left, so Dr. Fran arranged to put me in the operating room instead of the delivery room.

Throughout the day, I tried to deliver, but all my strength was exhausted with little improvement. At 6:00 PM, he induced labor and told me if the baby didn't come out within 15 minutes, he would perform a Caesarian section because the baby might be in danger.

Upon hearing that, I remembered Samson's prayer in Judges 16:28, asking for strength:

"Sovereign Lord, remember me. Please, God, strengthen me just once more, and let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines for my two eyes." So I prayed: "Oh God, please strengthen me just once more, and let me with one blow get the baby out."

After the prayer, I grabbed the hand of my gynecologist on my right, and the anesthesiologist's hand at my left, and pushed with all my might.

Both doctors were caught unaware when I suddenly pulled their hands, and they almost fell to the ground. Thank God, Dr. Fran stayed alert and shouted to the nurses at the end of my feet, "CATCH THE BABY!" Luckily, they were able to catch the baby ON TIME.

As I look back, the day of my delivery, July 28, 1981, was exactly nine months from October 1980. Was it a coincidence? Of course not! I believe God answered my prayer on the day when I stood firm and held fast on my faith in Him.

Dear brethren, do you have an unanswered prayer? Do not lose hope. Our God is a great God! Everything is possible for Him. His answer could either be "Yes," "No," or "Wait."

If His answer is "Yes," thank God (Matthew 7:7).

If "No," remember that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love him. (Rom. 8:28)

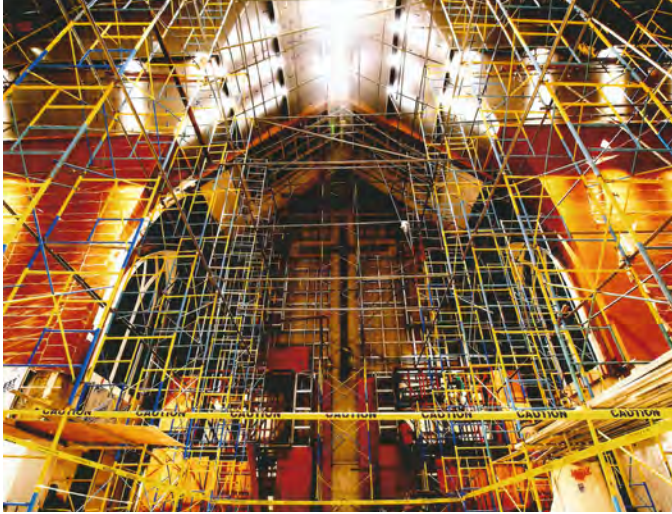
For me, the answer was "Wait." I waited for seven long years in His time, because "With the Lord, a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day." (2 Peter 3:8)

God had answered my prayer: "Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know." (Jeremiah 33:3) His blessings to me were beyond measure. Not only did He give me a son, He also gave me a daughter.

The recurring myomas were finally removed through hysterectomy in December 1990. I thank Him for His love, mercy, faithfulness, goodness, and kindness. Above all, I will fulfill my vow to proclaim His wondrous miracle and matchless grace in my life. 🙏

# PHOTOGRAPHY

## CHAMPION



**Peter Suarez** (pg. 275)

“ Nearly 100 Years of God's Grace:  
The Renovation of  
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**Kenneth Tee** (pg. 276)

“ Son. Father. Grandfather.  
Great Grandfather. To be  
all that in a lifetime... ”

# CREATIVE ARTS

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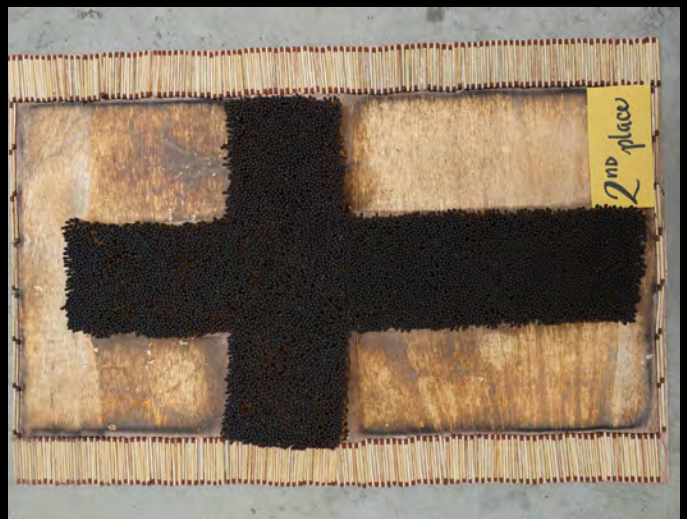


**Phoebe Uy** (pg. 277)

“ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that though he was rich, yet for your sake  
he became poor, so that you through  
his poverty might become rich. ”

Key Verse: 2 Corinthians 8:9

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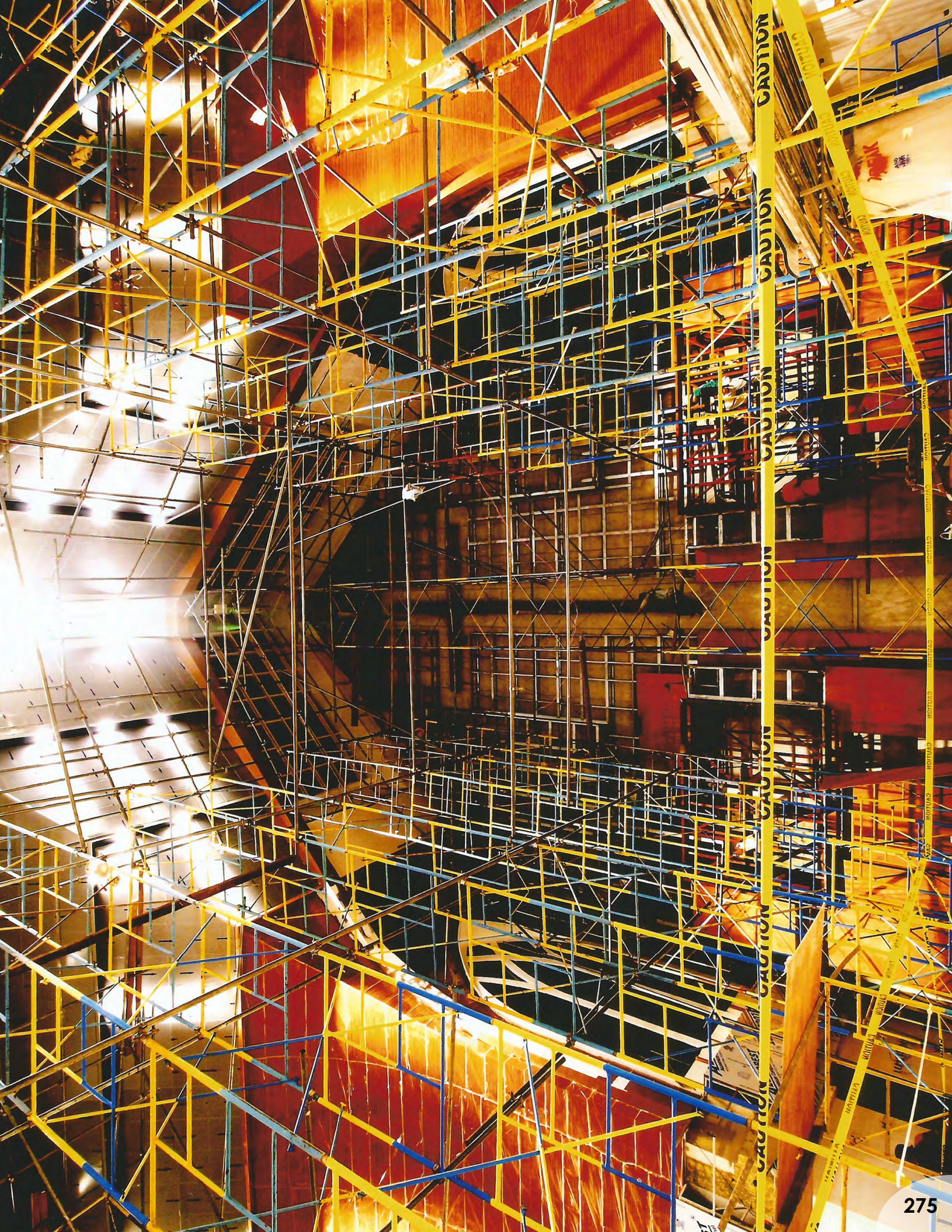


**Lawrence Ong** (pg. 278)

“ On the Cross He Laid &  
On the Cross He Saved. ”

Key Verse: Ephesians 2:8

















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# CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION: A Photo Essay



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# CENTENNIAL WORSHIP SERVICE













# THANKSGIVING DINNER

















The image shows the interior of a modern church. The focal point is a large, light-colored wooden cross mounted on a wall made of horizontal wooden planks. Above the cross is a narrow, vertical rectangular opening that allows light to enter. The ceiling is a complex, vaulted structure with dark grey panels and wooden beams. On either side of the cross, there are arched windows with multiple panes. Below the cross, there are two large, dark rectangular screens. In the foreground, there are rows of dark wooden pews. A small wooden altar is visible in the distance. The overall atmosphere is clean and contemporary.

# OTHER CHURCH NEWS

*Pastor Rosaline Lim*



# CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY



On January 17, 2016, our Church celebrated Congregational Sunday at the Grand Convention Center. During the service, the Centennial Committee administered a survey to help the church improve, and to explore the possibility of starting a new English worship service by God's grace and in God's time. 🙏

## YOUTH SUNDAY



Rev. Anthony Hao was invited to speak during the 2016 Youth Sunday, which was last August 28, 2016. In his sermon entitled "Great Church or Great God?" he noted that many times we are overly focused on having a great megachurch with many members.

But we always forget the main purpose of the church. It's never a competition on whose church has more members, or how famous or fun it is to be part of that church.

Yes, it's fine to be part of a great church, but what's the point of having such a church when there are only "great people" but no Great God in that church? 🙏

## MISSION WEEK



The Mission Committee celebrated its 51<sup>st</sup> Mission Week on September 14-18, 2016, with Rev. Eric Agustin from IGSL delivering the sermon. The most unforgettable part of his message an illustration about a teenager who had just lost both of her parents. When she went to church that Sunday, she wrote a scathing letter to the pastor. She had this to say:

*Didn't you say that those who have Christ in their hearts, and believe in Him will have eternal life and be in heaven? And for those who haven't*

*heard about Jesus, or may have heard but did not believe, or simply rejected Jesus will perish, and their souls will be in eternal damnation? You hypocrite! We only lived 3 blocks away from the church, but not once have you ever visited us and share the Gospel with my family!*

This message is an awakening for all of us, reminding all Christians to consider whether we are doing what we were commanded to do. Just imagine, how would you react if someone will tell us that directly to our face? That's certainly something to think about! 🙏





# "SABOTAGE"



Our church kicked off its 100-day countdown to its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary last December 11, 2015 with the "Sabotage" Mystery Dinner. The interactive play, which was held in PCGS, focused on receiving forgiveness, even though the person who sabotaged the reality game show in the play didn't deserve it.



# MYSTERY DINNER



It's just like what God did; we don't deserve his forgiveness, and we should have been crucified because of our sins. But, because of His grace, He sent His Only Son to die in our behalf that we might be saved. During the play, those who had served our church as pastors, as well as former church members who later became pastors, were invited to speak at the pulpit. 🙏





# CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Sunday, March 20, 2016 marked the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Cebu Gospel Church. Invited guests all over the world started to filter into Cebu on Friday and Saturday. On Saturday night, we were treated to a wonderful cantata by the Centennial Choir, which comprised past and present choir members, and even some new voices.

Surely everyone who attended the cantata were blessed not just by the songs, but also by the powerful message delivered by Rev. Stephen Tan that night. "Beyond God's Grace" was the theme of Rev. Tan's message, which was fitting considering everything CGC has been through. Because of God's love, mercy and grace, our church was allowed to reach 100 years! Here's hoping that it will continue to serve and glorify Him until he comes again. 🙏



O n April 3-8, 2016, 50 youth joined the 17<sup>th</sup> iteration of the CBDTI Conference, held in Dumaguete City. One of the best highlights during the camp was the outreach program, where participants got the chance to work together with like-minded youth from other churches. They sang, held skits, played games and shared the gospel to the kids and even to their parents.

## CBDTI 2016

During the camp, around ten gave their lives for Christ, committing to full-time ministry. There were many others who also accepted Christ and rededicated their lives to Him. 🙏





# SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAY

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ev. Harg Ang reminded us about the importance of a teacher's role in an apt message last September 25, 2016, which was our 96<sup>th</sup> Sunday School Sunday. According to Rev. Ang, a Sunday School teacher has the following important responsibilities:

1. To leave a legacy worth dying for
2. To know God and His Works, and
3. To mold a generation that fears God.

Being a teacher is not easy – it takes a lot of time and effort to prepare. But it should not just stop there. The Sunday School teacher should build a relationship with his or her students that go beyond a “teacher-student” dynamic. He should be a friend and a trusted confidant – someone they can trust and talk to.

The job entails much more than just imparting knowledge within the allotted time every Sunday, and then that's it. I know a great deal of teachers who go the extra mile (and even beyond!) to mentor their students. This is a win-win situation: the child feels good to have someone who cares for them, and the teachers find it fulfilling and rewarding. 🙏





# THANKSGIVING



ur Church celebrated Thanksgiving Day on November 24, 2016. Rev. Sia shared a message from Psalm 71:14-18: we should always have hope and praise the Lord, proclaim His righteous, mighty, and wondrous deeds and acts of salvation, and proclaim the Lord's might to the next generation.





# CELEBRATION

The Sisters' Fellowship hosted the celebration. Most fellowships in the church, as well as Mandaue Gospel Church, shared their talents. May we continue to give thanks to the Lord not just on Thanksgiving Day, but on each and every day of the year.

To God be the glory! 🙌



# 2016\* CHURCH LEADERSHIP

## VISION

To be a Bible-believing Filipino-Chinese church that develops Church-glorifying Christians.

## MISSION

1. To prepare God's people for works of service through equipping, encouraging, and discipleship.
2. To promote a Christ-like church that loves and cares for one another.
3. To proclaim the Gospel to our Community and beyond.

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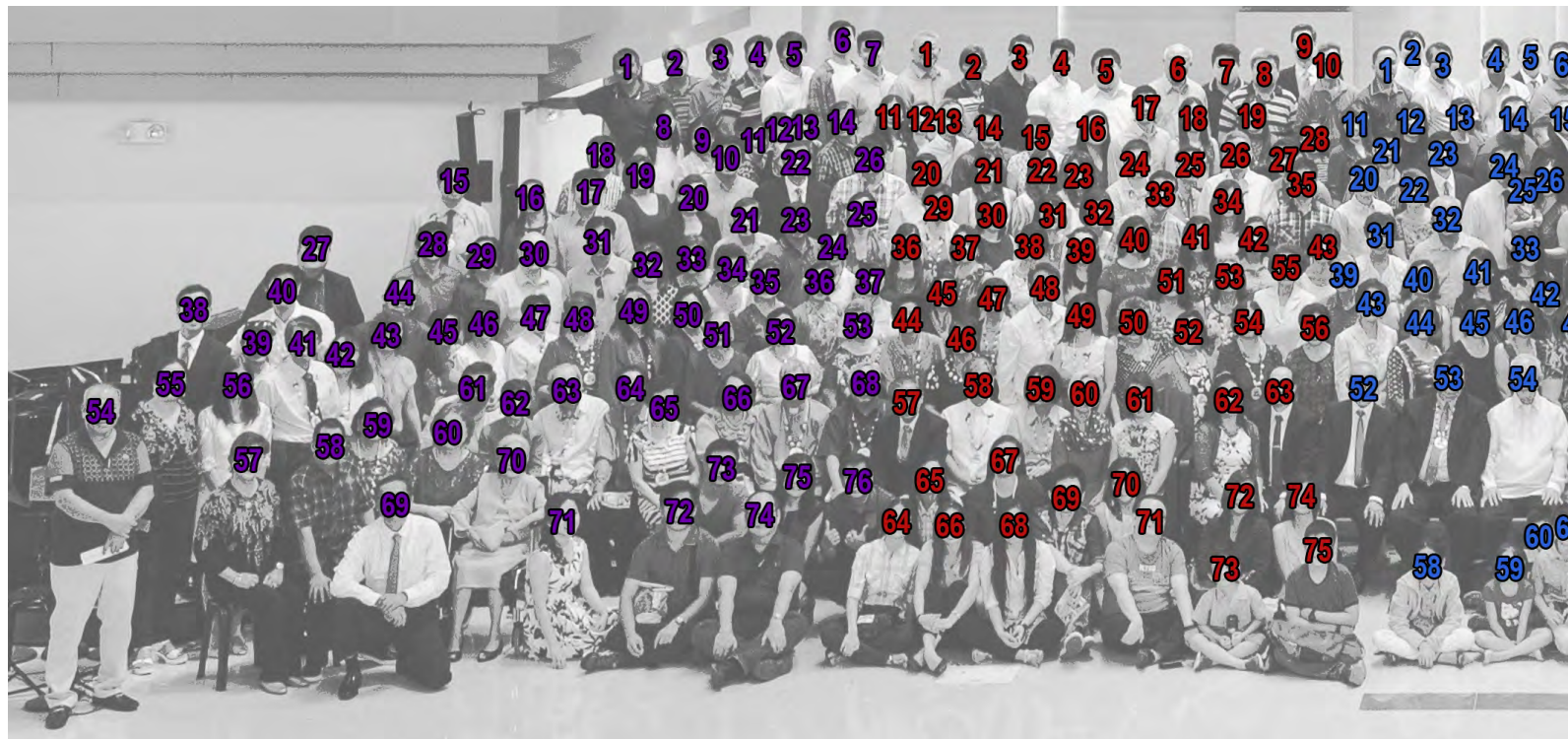


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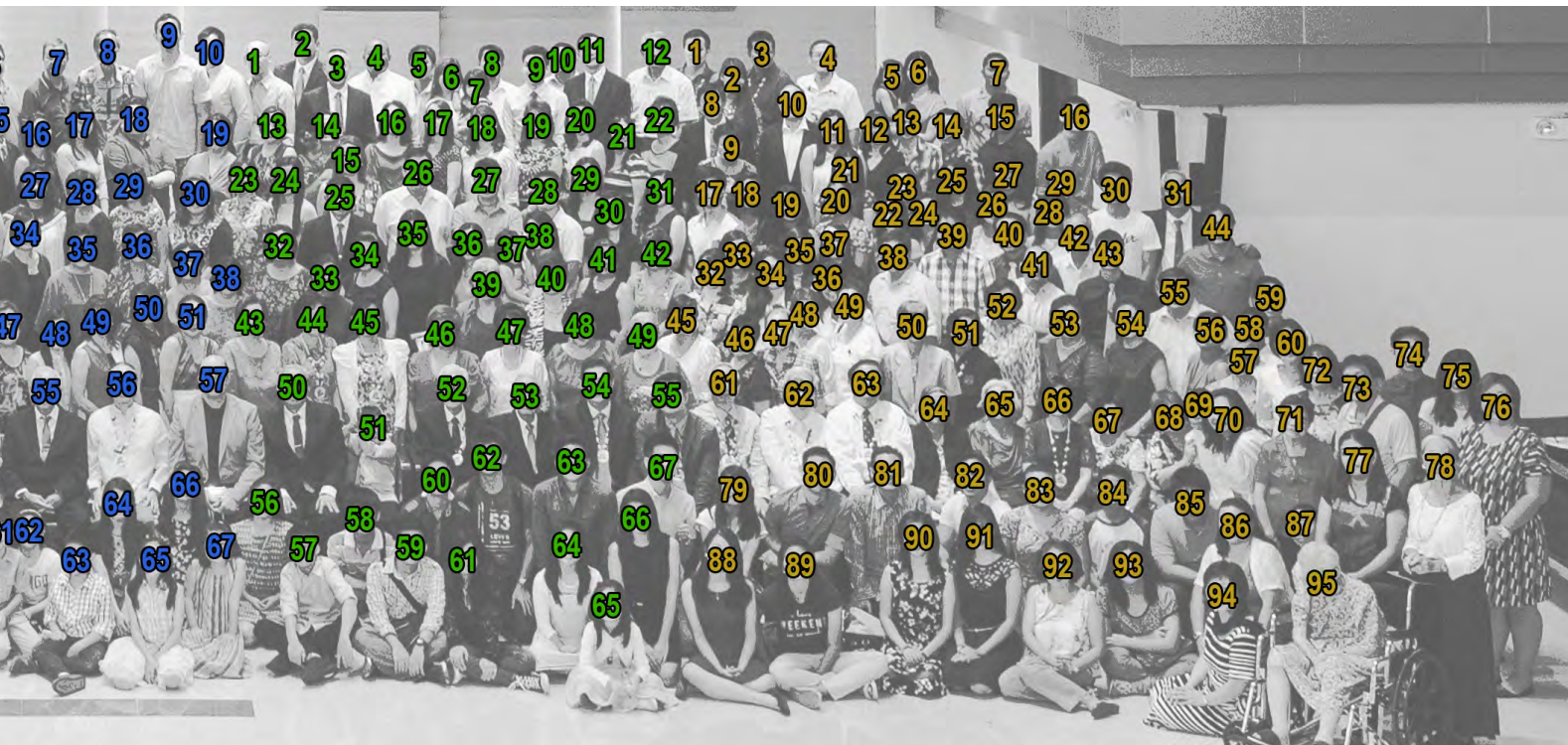
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