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- c. Faith Missions in Perilous Times
- d. Onward Christian Soldiers (to an Army group)
- e. The Lord is Coming. Be ye also Ready. Preacher Lek will speak on *"Moses Forsook Egypt."* Dr Colin Tey: *"Faith Sustained Me"* and Mrs Tey will testify of her faith to the ladies.

3. CBS at Hilltop is Pandan's biggest "Missions Outreach"

Dear reader, did you know that the Philippines is Pandan's Number One Missions Field? We have been *"sowing liberally"* for about forty years on Filipino soil, and our most extensive Gospel investment is at Hilltop, Antipolo with the *"Center for Biblical Studies"* founded by the Eberts (Rev Dan Ebert III and sons Dan IV and Bill). CBS was officially inaugurated in 1993, some 17 years ago. But our support of the work goes back many years before then, a most thrilling and challenging missions story! What struck me and moved my heart was this: the Ebert family had left America and home for the most primitive and undeveloped island of Palawan (with no modern amenities, e.g: electricity, piped water, sanitation, motor roads, doctors or hospitals). Rev Dan Ebert III was led of the Spirit to evangelise the Palawano natives, learn their language, create a Romanised script, and translate the New Testament into the newly invented written Palawano language, and preach the Gospel to *"Stone Age"* natives! (Natives who wore only a loin cloth and nothing else, who laughed in wonderment when they saw the shoes worn by the Ebert family!)

The Eberts have been in this missions field since 1955 (55 long years)! Today Rev Dan Ebert III, the father, is retired in America, due to ill health with elder son Dan IV who teaches in a Christian college. Rev Bill Ebert continues as overall Director of the Hilltop Center for Biblical Studies, a 5-acre campus on a hilltop some 15 km from Manila City.

Their student body numbers (from memory) 60 – 70 students with an alumni body of over 200.

Some four years ago, the Principal of CBS, Pastor Lubaton, was stricken with a mysterious near-fatal infection of the pancreas. Pandan's timely and vigorous *"first aid"* snatched Pastor Lubaton *"out of the jaws of death."* Today he is the one in charge of day-to-day affairs at Hilltop. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

4. Emmanuel Christian Church, Bicol

Pastor Dignadice's association with Pandan goes back almost forty years: we supported the building of *"Emmanuel Christian Church"* in Bicol. Today it has a congregation of 150. The building lies in the path of typhoons and the volcano Mayon. From time to time, we have rescued the church members from the destructive effects of typhoons, volcanic eruptions, and floods.

Pastor Dignadice ministers to his congregation, and conducts extensive evangelism among the Police Force, Army and Air Force, conducting five or six Bible classes each week. His grown up children, two daughters and a son, co-labour with their father in the ministry (all graduates of CBS, Hilltop).

Pastor Dignadice is 75 years old. His 1981 Ford vehicle is broken and beyond repair. A 2006/7 second-hand replacement vehicle will cost over US\$12,000. Calvary Pandan's Board of Elders are sending by my hand a *"34th Anniversary gift"* – to encourage the Church, founded in 1976.

I appeal to readers: let us help Emmanuel Christian Church buy a replacement vehicle (costing US\$12,000). Your gifts will be changed to US dollars for our team to carry when we leave on 25 March. After that we will help them build their staff quarters.

God bless all cheerful givers. Please pray and give. (Please mark each gift clearly: *"For Pastor Dignadice CAR FUND"*).

*Faithfully in the Lord
Dr SH Tow, Sr Pastor*



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THEME: *"Walking with God in Perilous Times"*
(2 Tim 3:1)

Senior Pastor: Rev Dr Tow Siang Hwa
Pastor: Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew

LORD'S DAY, 7 Mar 2010

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NEW SANCTUARY (400 SEATS) OPEN FOR MORNING WORSHIP

Conducive place of worship with
CCTV
40 seats in New Sanctuary Cryroom.
Open at 10 a.m. Come early.
All are welcome.

My dear readers,

1. "Forty Years On"

In 1970 Calvary B-P Church was only a dream, a vision in the *"mind's eye."* The members of our *"Calvary Committee"* came together, persuaded of the worthy cause, to build a church committed to the *"Great Commission, and Biblical Separation."* The latter seemed easy at first sight, but it was not so in practice. Only *"time will tell"* – the day will reveal it. As the Chinese proverb goes: Long distance proves horse's strength. Long association reveals a person's heart ($\hat{A} \cdot \hat{O} \hat{E} \hat{O} \hat{A} \hat{I} \hat{A} \hat{I} ; \hat{E} \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{I} \hat{E} \hat{D} \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{O}$)

Forty years later, time took its toll, as the proverb foretold. *"Biblical Separation"* proved too hard a pill for some to swallow. Calvary Committee was not exactly their *"cup of tea."* Some were *"fair weather"* separatists, some false brethren with another agenda. As time passed their true colours were exposed.

Today, some of our original members who had left the Committee long years ago are just drifting along with no apparent goal in life.

Then I recall the old *"Harrow Football Song"* which we used to sing in school (ACS):

*"Forty years on when afar and asunder,
Parted are those who are singing today;
When we look back and forgetfully wonder,
What we were like at our work and play."*

Yes, time is a separator of friends and family: it is no respecter of persons. Time brings change: we are here today, gone tomorrow. Only Jesus our Lord changes not, nor does He leave us. As the verse in Hebrews says: *"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever"* (Hebrews 13:8). Be loyal and steadfast in following Him, never wavering.

2. Missions to the Philippines

On March 25, our party of four will leave for the Philippines on a 5-day *"Gospel mission."* Travelling with me are: 1) Preacher Lek Aik Wee, 2) Dr and Mrs Colin Tey. We shall be visiting the *"Center for Biblical Studies, Hilltop, Antipolo Rizal"* (near Manila) March 26, and Bicol (near Legaspi City, some 520 km to the south of Manila) March 27 and 28. All of us will be speaking, each having been assigned one or more topics. I shall be speaking on the following topics:

- a. Will our Sons Defend the Faith?
- b. Many Bibles today. Which?

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**A very warm welcome to visitors and friends in the name of
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ**

PANDAN FACTS & FIGURES

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10.00 am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting: JW Sanctuary
	Today: Dn Eric Lim ; N/W: Elder Chew Chong Kiat
10.15 am	Pre-Service Singing: Today: Elder Chew Chong Kiat ; N/W: Ko Lingwei
10.30 am	Lord's Day
<i>Today</i>	Worship Leaders : Pr Lek Aik Wee / Elder Jeffrey Cheong
	Speaker : Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew
	Message : "Natural Brute Beasts" (2 Pet 2:11-13)
<i>Next Week</i>	Worship Leaders : Dn Eric Lim / Elder Goh Kee Tai
	Speaker : Dr SH Tow
	Message : "The Way of Balaam" (2 Pet 2:14-16)

Last Week's (28.02.10) Attendances and Offerings

English Worship	10.30 am	1108	\$19,486.55	
			RM57.17/USD1.67 (RM1 Coins obsolete)	
Junior Worship		141		
Mandarin Worship	8.00 am	192	\$ 4,685.00	
Mandarin JW		50		
SGBF	6.00 pm	330	\$ 4,817.80	RM10
Prayer Meeting (Tuesday)	8.15 pm	107		

Lord's Day Activities

Basic Bible Knowledge	12.15 pm - 1.15 pm, Cryroom
	<i>Today:</i> Lesson 8: Assurance of Salvation i/c Preacher Lek Aik Wee
	N/W: Lesson 9: The Holy Spirit i/c Elder Goh Kee Tai
ABC	12.15 pm - 1.15 pm, Rooms #02-05-07
DHW	12.15 pm - 1.15 pm, Sanctuary, 2nd level
Teens' Meeting	12.15 pm - 1.15 pm, JW Sanctuary, #02-03
Young People Discn Gp (17-20)	12.15 pm - 1.15 pm, Rooms #04-05 & #04-06
Library	12.15 pm - 1.30 pm, Room #03-04
AV Library	12.15 pm - 1.15 pm, Room #02-02
Choir	1.30 pm - 3.30 pm, Rooms #02-05-07
Myanmar Fellowship	4.00 pm - 6.00 pm, Room #04-05
Tracting	1.45 pm, Lobby outside Sanctuary (2nd & 4th Week)

Lord's Day Duties

	<i>7 March</i>	<i>14 March</i>
Musicians <i>Morning</i>	Adrian Ho / Sharon Lim	Michelle Chiang / Lois Teo
<i>SGBF (6 pm)</i>	Lois Teo / Rachel Han	Samuel Eio / Lee Yu Jie
Greeters	Amy Ang & Catherine Song	Chan Noi Eng, Serlina & Louisa
Welcomers	Timothy & Constance Tan	Peter & Sharon Chung
Lunch Coupon Sale	Jane Choong & Ester Lee	Kam Seng & Veronica
Kitchen Duty	YAF	Choir
Ushers	Choir	Steven Lee, Nam Moon, Heng

Similar to the parable of the lost sheep is the parable of the lost coin. The main difference is that in the parable of the lost coin, the ratio is 1 in 10 whereas in the parable of the lost sheep it is 1 in 100. This means that the percentage of loss has gone up tenfold. The value of the lost coin would be more painful to the owner. This is more so if the lost item was of some special sentimental value that money cannot buy. This means that it is one of a kind.

To lose something of value within your own home is a common experience. You know it is there somewhere but not exactly where it can be found. You retrace your steps hoping against hope that you can recall where the precious item is. You know approximately when you last had it in your possession. You wreck the innermost recesses of your mind to recall where you last saw the item. However, all efforts are to no avail. You are angry with yourself. You chide yourself for being so forgetful and careless. But the more you search, the worse you feel because you cannot find it. Then when you finally find it after a long and exhausting search, the joy you feel is indescribable. You jump for joy and cannot wait to tell your loved ones that you have finally found your lost item. The joy they feel must be overwhelming too especially if they love you very much and felt your loss.

This parable deals with our reaction to a soul who comes to know Christ.

The Elements of the Parable – The ten coins represent something precious; the lost coin represents a lost soul; the woman who owns the ten coins represents God; the searching represents the manner in which God looks for the lost.

The Explanation – The woman was probably quite poor. This is seen in the house that she lived in, which probably had no windows but only a door. She lit only ONE candle. The floor was also dusty as she had to sweep the floor in her search. The ten pieces of silver were probably all she had. The value was not much in terms of monetary value. The Greek word is "drachma" which was superseded by the Roman denarius after the Romans conquered Palestine. One denarius was equivalent to a labourer's daily wage. The value of her ten coins was equivalent to about 10 days of wages. But if the ten pieces of silver were all that she had, then to her, it was of immense value. To lose just one of these ten coins was not acceptable at all.

The parable seeks to answer the question of what a poor woman would do if she loses one of her ten coins. The parallel is: "what would God do if there is one lost sinner?"

Would not the woman light a candle? In those days there were no electricity or gas lights. Candles were all they had to light their homes. She would surely use all the means available to help her find her lost coin. She would spare no effort. She lights a candle to help her see into the dark corners of the house. She sweeps the house. This ensures that she checks every nook and corner of the house. In case dust has covered the coin, sweeping would remove the dust. She seeks diligently, which means very carefully and thoroughly, every part of the house. All three verbs are in the present tense implying that the woman continues her search till she finds it. She would not give up. She knows the lost coin is in her house. There would be no rest till the coin is found!

When she finally found it, great joy filled her heart. She could not keep the joy to herself. She called all her friends and neighbours. The

Chan,	Andrew Chiang, Kam Luen,	Wee, Samuel Chiang, Joe
		Edgar Teo, Thian Guan, Joseph Lok, Andrew Chiang, SKY, Chee Weng, Kim Hai
SGBF Singspiration	Elder Chew Chong Kiat	Dn Chia Chung Seng
SGBF Ushers	Choir	Steven Lee, Samuel Chiang, Andrew Chiang, Woon Chin, Harsono, John Fong
SGBF Greeters	Hiang Hang & Cynthia Yeo	Truth BPC
SGBF Welcomers /	Patrick Tan & Ang Hwee Ping	Samuel & Irene Tham
Dinner Coupon Sales		
SGBF Kitchen Duty	Choir	Truth BPC

Activities for the week (8 - 13 March)

Tuesday	8.15 pm	PRAYER MEETING : Elder Sim Siang Kok
Wed	1.30 pm	LADIES' BIBLE STUDY GROUP meets in the home of Mrs Mary Wong. Add: Block 121 Jurong East Street 13 #01-65 Ivory Heights. Tel 65626609. Please come prepared for quiz on Romans 7
Saturday	1.30 pm	CHURCH VISITATION FELLOWSHIP - Those minded to serve in this ministry, please meet in Room #02-10 . All are welcome!
	2.30 pm	CMC (Calvary Mission to Children)
	5.00 -8.30 pm	YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Cryroom, 3rd level Sanctuary Character Study on "Denying Yourself" (OT) Pr Lek Waik Wee <i>Come join us for our prayer meeting at 5.00 pm</i>

HOME News & Announcements

1. Last Week's LOVE GIFTS TO DESIGNATED FUNDS: \$S15,023.60

Ajin Thu - Pontianak 50, 20 = \$70; **Ann Clements & Family** 250, 2.30, 4, 50, 100 = \$406.30; **Baraka BP Church** 500, 50, 25, 50 = \$625; **Bethel DC - Chiang Rai** 25, 50 = \$75; **Chee Khuen Wah, Rev** 100 = \$100; **CMC** 1667, 100 = \$1,817; **Dignadice Rev (Police & Army Ministry)** 100, 100, 11, 200, 0.10, 20, 20, 50 = \$501.10; **Eric Lim** 50 = \$50; **Ethiopian Bible College** 200, 400 = \$600; **FEBC** 10, 50, 25, 1000, 1667, 200, 50, 100, 50, 10, 50, 50, 100, 200, 100, 50, 50, 50 = \$3,812; **FEBC Lawsuit** 50 = \$50; **FEBC - Billy** 50 = \$50; **FEBC - Damien** 50 = \$50; **Golden Years** 50.10, 50, 50, 50 = \$200.10; **Hilltop** 20, 10, 50, 4 = \$84; **Hilltop Student** 200, 100, 20 = \$320; **John & Eunice Tan** 100 = \$100; **Jordan** 100, 20, 100 = \$220; **Jose Lagapa** 50 = \$50; **Lek Aik Wee, Pr** 100, 200 = \$300; **Ling Soon Ing Pr** 200 = \$200; **Pang Kok Hiong Rev** 250, 200, 100, 50, 100, 35, 12, 100 = \$847; **Paul Ferguson** 500 = \$500; **Peter Yoksan, Pr** 50, 20 = \$70; **Pontianak Kalimantan** 100, 10, 50, 10 = \$170; **Quek Suan Yew, Rev (Dr)** 150, 1666, 60 = \$1,876; **RPG - English/Chinese** 250, 0.10, 50,

SUNSET GOSPEL BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Theme: Victorious Living In Perilous Times

7 March (6 pm) 14 March (6 pm)

Topic:	"False Accusers"	"Incontinent"
Preacher:	Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo	Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo
Worship Leader:	Elder Chew Chong Kiat	Elder Sim Siang Kok

ADVANCE NOTICE FOR CHURCH CAMP - 7 to 12 JUNE 2010

Please pray and plan to have a blessed time with the Lord and with one another!

50, 100, 50, 50, 30 = \$580.10; **Saipan/China** 500, 200, 150, 50, 100 = \$1,000; **Tow SH, Dr** 50 = \$50; **Paul Hoole & family** 250 = \$250

Building Extension (Cost \$2.1 Million) - Collection todate: \$1,810,712.23

Last week: 50, 1000, 1100, 0.20, 50, 50, 50, 100, 50.10, 1, 10, 10, 10, 250, 290, 350, 50, 62, 50, 4, 50, 100, 50, 20, 50, 50, 25, 100 = **Total:** \$3,982.30

- PASTOR QUEK** is leading a team to Bethel Development Center, Chiang Rai, on 13 Mar to conduct Vacation Bible School and preach at BDC. Please uphold Pastor Quek and team when they will return on 17 Mar.
- LENTOR RESIDENCE** - the Teens will be ministering at Lentor Residence next Lord's Day. Others who wish to minister as well are most welcome. Bus leaves church at 1.45pm under the charge of Woan Jiun, and returns to church by 5pm.
- CPK REGISTRATION FOR INTAKE 2011** - Registration for the 2011 Intake is now open to Church members' children born in 2008. Please call 65603884 for an appointment. A copy of the child's birth certificate and \$30 will be required for registration.
- WORSHIPPER'S DIRECTORY 2010** - Please submit your photo to calvarypandanphotos@gmail.com by today. Thank you very much for your co-operation.
- HELPERS' APPRECIATION LUNCH (28 MAY, VESAK DAY, 10AM-1.30PM)** - All who are involved in any ministry/fellowship group/contact group of the church are invited. Registration (for tables of 8) is now open. Kindly indicate your participation with Dn James Fu.

CPK urgently needs:

1 English Teacher and 1 Chinese Teacher to start in early April if possible

Qualifications: Have a burden to serve in this ministry

Teachers with DPET preferred.

Or minimum of 5 O levels & B4 for English or Chinese. Training will be provided

Interested, please call Eld Chew at 97719440

YF MARCH RETREAT 2010

19th - 20th March

Venue: Calvary Pandan BPC

Speaker: Rev Dr Prabhudas Koshy

Theme: Confessions

Registration forms are available at

the YF notice Board. For more

info, feel free to contact Jonathan

Tay at 83881228.

YAF RETREAT 2010 (APRIL)

2nd - 4th April

Venue: Calvary Pandan BPC (AV Studio)

Speaker: Preacher Lek Aik Wee

Topic: The Attraction of the Cross

Please contact Josiah Tan (98280217) or Ian Goh

(97459503) for more info.

Registrations will take place outside the Sanctuary

after service on the 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th of

March.

declaration was most logical, “*Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.*” The joy is an emphatic imperative. She wanted all who cared for her loss to rejoice with her.

The Application – Likewise, Jesus says to all hearers, “*there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.*” Like the lost coin, sinners do not know that they are lost and covered in spiritual dirt and sin. Immorality, lies, lusts of the eyes and flesh and pride of life are heinous sins which sinners delight in. They clamour after material things motivated by these sins as if they are good and noble for them. “The more they possess, the greater the success,” is the ‘truth’ bandied around in the world today. Like the lost coin, these sinners are lost, covered in dirt and hidden in some dark corner of the world and do not know that they are lost.

But God knows when a sinner is lost. He searches him out with His gospel of salvation. He spares no effort to find him. He sent Jesus Christ His only begotten Son to die for him in order to save him. God accepted what Christ did on the cross by raising Him from the dead for his justification. Whatever it takes, the sinner must be found by His grace. He who hears the gospel is saved to the uttermost. **Romans 10:9-11**, “*That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.*” This is God’s guarantee.

Great joy is found in heaven. These are the “friends” of God who rejoice with Him when a sinner is saved and brought into His kingdom. The salvation of a lost soul is not a simple or laughing matter. Saints who are “the friends and neighbours” of God must rejoice when a sinner becomes a saint. God and the angels rejoice when a sinner is saved.

Why are some people so upset that sinners are saved? Could it be that they are not “friends” of God? The enemies of Christ were not happy when Christ ate with sinners and publicans. They murmured against Him for “dirtying” Himself by sitting at the same table to eat with them. Filled with their pride and sin they could not see the goodness of God in seeking out sinners to be saved through Christ Jesus.

If we rejoice when we find a lost coin, how much more should we do so when God finds a lost sinner! Do you rejoice?

*N/W: Elder Goh Kee Tai
F/W: Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew*

