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have not been baptized yet. I believe the Lord will take care of them. God loved us so much that He fought for us and let us gathered the spoils of war! Our Father is amazing.

I used to have motion sickness but the grace of God is sufficient for me to travel over 3,000 km during the last 12 days. During my absence, brother Yu (another Saipan returnee) stood in for me for our house church worship. He is happy to come from another city to serve with us. There are over 20 believers now in Guizhou and they are waiting for you to come and baptize them. CJ Ding January 20, 2010

On February 7, 2010, sister Ding sent another email:

Dear Pastor Pang,

We are in need of many gospel tracts here. Last Christmas, we sent out 60 Christmas gifts (together with a gospel tract each) to the children who trusted the Lord. For those who did not receive the tract, they asked to have one. The salvation of the children is important as they are the future torchbearers of the gospel and hope of the Church. All of us hope to have a Christian education being offered to our children.

Are you able to send us the tracts? We need a big quantity this year as many members are full of zeal to share the good news. As I felt the heavy burden to nurture this flock, I hope to receive a set of theological lesson notes. While leading God's people, I hope to equip myself to serve more effectively. May the Lord help us to strive to advance the gospel of hope in this hopeless world.

"What type of teacher produced what kind of student." Many felt my teaching is strict. Some like it, but some do not. May God help me to speak what He wants me to speak and be bold. God bless! CJ Ding February 7, 2010

Shalom in Christ,
Pang Kok Hiong
11/3/2010 (celebrating 18 years in the missions field)

3. Gospel Sowing goes on unabated

Our Lord told the parable of the sower whose seeds fell on various soils. In **Matthew 13:23**, a seed falls on good ground. Thank God, the Saipan missions field has turned out to be a very fruitful and exciting Gospel venture. Here I reprint an excerpt from Pandan's report in "An Open Door" (2003).

4. "Historical note"

"When the Gospel door to China was shut by the Tiananmen crackdown of 1989, God opened a 'Backdoor to China.' Over 10,000 Chinese nationals had come to Saipan's factories to earn American dollars. But no amount of dollars could satisfy their longing souls.

Their quest for inner satisfaction took them to the Korean Presbyterian Church of Saipan, to be ministered by a Korean pastor, Rev Lee Man Yuel. When Pastor Pang Kok Hiong arrived in 1992, he was welcomed to co-labour together with Pastor Lee. The congregation grew, just as the Word of God says in 1 Corinthians 3:6, one planted, another watered, but God gave the increase.

Helped by Mrs Pang Guek Mui, the Chinese Church grew by leaps and bounds from one hundred to 400 — 500 as the Chinese workers drank in the living water of God's Word, attending Bible study and prayer meeting – a work which kept the Gospel team fully occupied seven days a week. It was a time of happy sowing and busy reaping of a plentiful harvest of precious souls. The prayer was, 'Lord, send us more labourers for the harvest.'

To date (October 2002), some 1,400 converts have been baptized, about thirty house churches have been planted in sixteen provinces of China, and the dispersal of 'Saipan converts' has opened a new Gospel door in Jordan. What do we say to these things? 'O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!' (Rom 11:33). To Him be glory for ever. Amen." (End of excerpt)

Faithfully in the Lord
Dr SH Tow, Sr Pastor
(24 March 2010)



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(2 Tim 3:1)

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

LORD'S DAY, 4 Apr 2010

PANDAN NEWS WEEKLY

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My dear readers,

1. The "Soul Saving Industry" in China

Just as Calvary Pandan's Gospel Team (Sr Pastor Tow, Preacher Lek, Dr and Mrs Colin Tey) are about to embark on their mission to the Philippines (March 25-29), an exciting report comes from Pastor Pang Kok Hiong (Guam), telling of the Gospel harvest being reaped in China, from seed sown in Saipan some six years earlier. Pastor Pang's report follows.

2. Saipan Missions bears fruit in China

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

"The spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions. The nearer we get to Him, the more intensely missionary we become." – Henry Martyn

Sister Ding of Jiangsu province returned home after spending three years working in a garment factory in Saipan in 2004. After returning home, the love of Christ constrained her to go around her neighbourhood to share the "JESUS SAVES" good news with great zeal and results. When we visited her the first time in 2007, a house church had been meeting at her home. I had the joy of baptizing the firstfruits of eight converts. One year later, together with Dn WK Han and Dr. Colin Tey of Calvary Pandan, we visited them again and baptized another

COMBINED FAMILY CAMP

7 to 12 June 2010

The Royale Bintang Seremban
Registration dates: 25 April to 9 May
Registration forms will be available
from 18 April

13. This group is growing steadily in the Lord under the leadership of sister Ding.

The following are two emails from sister Ding, translated into English:

Dear Pastor Pang,

We finally arrived in Gui Zhou province after traveling 1,500 km by train. Thank God, sister Tao and I were filled with the Holy Spirit to boldly share the Gospel with many people on the train. Seven youngsters prayed with us to accept Jesus as their Saviour.

Our sister and family are Miao minorities and many people gathered for our new house celebration. Due to the rain, the guests had no choice but to squeeze into the house and hear us share the Gospel of Christ. Eight villagers made decisions to trust in our Lord. Sister Tao's father is willing to serve God by shepherding this group of young believers who

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ACM (Annual Congregation of Meeting) 2.00 pm 1 May 2010.

All active communicant members
21 years and above (English and
Mandarin) please note.

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

PANDAN FACTS & FIGURES

Ring Pastor Quek 6566 5716; Mobile - 9671 9310 any time; Email - suanyew@gmail.com

10.00 am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting: JW Sanctuary Today: Elder Chew Chong Kiat; N/W: Elder Goh Kee Tai
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 : Elder Jeffrey Cheong / Dn Milton Ang
<i>Easter</i>	Speaker : Dr SH Tow
<i>Sunday</i>	Message : "The Testimony of Job" (Job 19:25-27)
<i>Next Week</i>	Worship Leaders : Elder Chew Chong Kiat / Dn Chia Chung Seng
	Speaker : Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew
	Message : "Stir Up Your Pure Minds" (2 Pet 3:1-2)

Last Week's (28.03.10) Attendances and Offerings

English Worship	10.30 am	1,125	\$21,705.85	RM50
Junior Worship		143		
Mandarin Worship	8.00 am	173	\$ 2,958.10	
Mandarin JW		41		
SGBF	6.00 pm	347	\$ 4,031.65	RM15
Prayer Meeting (Tuesday)	8.15 pm	125		

Lord's Day Activities

Basic Bible Knowledge	12.15 pm - 1.15 pm, Cryroom
	<i>Today:</i> Lesson 12: Baptism i/c Elder Goh Kee Tai
	<i>N/W:</i> Lesson 13: The Lord's Supper or Holy Communion
	i/c Preacher Lek Aik Wee
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>4 April</i>	<i>11 April</i>
Musicians Morning	Adrian Ho / Sharon Lim	Michelle Chiang/ Lois Teo
<i>SGBF (6 pm)</i>	Lois Teo / Rachel Han	Samuel Eio / Lee Yu Jie
Greeters	Chang Wan Kok & family	Mary Liew & Sue Khoo
Welcomers	Mr & Mrs NK Hazra	Timothy & Constance Tan
Lunch Coupon Sale	Leonard & Frances Hazra	Suriani Sumito & May Leong
Kitchen Duty	YAF	Fiona Lee, Peck Ngo, Stella Tan, Lee Chin, Lay Eng, Rena Lim
Ushers	Choir	Catherine Song Steven Lee, Kwok Weng, Heng Wee, Samuel Chiang, Joe Chan, Edgar Teo, Thian

The one who is far from God could be the person who attends the church regularly. The appearance of holiness and closeness to God can be very deceptive. The reason is that these external demonstrations of spirituality dull the mind into thinking that since I go to church and I read the Bible and attend prayer meeting, I must be close to God and might even be a Christian! However, this parable of the prodigal son demolishes this false notion of self delusion. It is a very stark reminder that true Christianity is more than skin deep. Performing all the visible expressions of Christianity will not turn a sinner into a saint just like a dressing up one's pet dog in tuxedo coupled with manicure and pedicure will not turn him into a gentleman.

This parable of the prodigal son, as it is commonly called, reflects such a life. The lives of two sons are contrasted here for our consideration. We are either one or the other. We cannot be both! The scene was set in a typical but wealthy Jewish home.

The Elements of the Parable – A certain man refers to God the Father; the two sons refer to either a sinner saved by grace of a sinner working his way toward salvation; riotous living refers to the debaucherous life of every sinner. [NOTE—In the interpretation of all parables one must be reminded to separate the key elements from the embellishments found in the parables to complete the storyline of the parable.]

The interpretation of the Parable – From the parables of the lost sheep to the lost coin to the prodigal son, there is an increasing order of value in terms of percentage—from 1 out of 100 (Lost sheep) to 1 out of 10 (lost coin) to 1 out of 2!

The younger son was the first focus. He commanded his father to give (“give” is in the imperative) to him (emphasis) what belongs to him which in this case was his inheritance! A godly son would not even think of asking for his inheritance before his father dies. To do so was to say to the father “why are you not dead yet?” This premature demand of the younger son was highlighted by Christ here to show how evil and wicked his son was. He did not care for anything or anyone but himself. On the other hand, this father was kind beyond measure! He divided his wealth and gave his younger son his portion. The reaction of the elder son is not recorded here but later.

For the next few verses the profligate life of the younger son is described for our self examination because it is a description of our own life as a depraved sinner without Christ!

Few days later, this younger son who had gathered all his inheritance together and left home. He went into a far country to get away from his father and his influence so that he could literally do whatever he wanted without any accountability or restraint. He wasted all his inheritance on in riotous living. When he had spent it all, a famine arose in that land. He began to be in great lack. Without food, and lodging, he had no choice but to join himself (to glue himself together) with a citizen of the country. He worked for him in the fields, feeding swine. For a Jew to come new pigs was bad enough but to work in the fields under the hot sun feeding them was taboo! However, he was very desperate. How desperate was he? The situation became so unbearable that he wanted from the bottom of his heart to eat the food offered to the swine (15:16). In other words, he was extremely low in his estimation of himself that he equalled himself with the pigs. But no one gave that to him! The people around him felt that he was lower than pigs!

SGBF Singspiration Elder Chew Chong Kiat
SGBF Ushers Choir

SGBF Greeters Koh Li Choo & team
SGBF Welcomers / Dinner Coupon Sales Heng Khuan & Christine
SGBF Kitchen Duty Choir

Guan, Joseph Lok, Andrew Chiang, SKY, Chee Weng, Kim Hai, Wei Jun
 Dn Chia Chung Seng
 Steven Lee, Joe Chan, Heng Wee, Timothy Tan, Kwok Weng, Mark Gossage
 Truth BPC
 Esther Chiang & Matthew
 Truth BPC

Activities for the week (5- 10 Apr)

Tuesday 8.15 pm **PRAYER MEETING** i/c Preacher Lek Aik Wee
 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
 The Last Seven Sayings of Christ on the Cross - II Dr Jeffrey Khoo
Come join us for our prayer meeting at 5.00 pm

HOME News & Announcements

1. Last Week's LOVE GIFTS TO DESIGNATED FUNDS: S\$9,290.20

Ajin Thu - Pontianak 50 = \$50; **Ann Clements & Family** 10, 10, 50, 50, 13 = \$133; **Baraka BP Church** 50, 20 = \$70; **Bethel DC - Chiang Rai** 50, 150, 80 = \$280; **Bible Witness** 90 = \$90; **CMC 1** = \$1; **Dignadice Rev (Police & Army Ministry)** 10, 50, 50, 50, 150 = \$310; **Dignadice Rev (Van)** 300 = \$300; **FEBC** 1000, 50, 200, 50, 10, 50, 50, 100, 50, 50, 200, 10 = \$1,820; **FEBC Lawsuit** 10 = \$10; **FEBC - Billy** 80 = \$80; **FEBC - Damien** 20, 50, 50, 100 = \$220; **FEBC - Karen** 50 = \$50; **Golden Years** 50, 50.20 = \$100.20; **Hilltop** 500, 50, 50, 50, 50 = \$700; **Hilltop Student** 400 = \$400; **Hilltop Car** 150 = \$150, **John & Eunice Tan** 250 = \$250; **Jordan** 150, 150 = \$300; **Lek Aik Wee, Pr** 200 = \$200; **Lim Wee Chian, Eric** 50 = \$50; **Pang Kok Hiong Rev** 300, 12, 10, 50, 50, 100, 100 = \$622; **Peter Yoksan, Pr** 500, 50, 50, 100, 25 = \$725; **Pontianak Kalimantan** 25, 202, 10, 10, 50 = \$297; **Quek Suan Yew, Rev (Dr)** 160, 50 = \$210; **RPG - English/Chinese** 50, 50, 500, 22, 10, 50, 175 = \$857; **Saipan/China** 200, 25, 50, 20, 270, 50, 150 = \$765; **Tow SH, Dr** 50, 50 = \$100; **Ton Soung Kao, Rev** 100 = \$100; **Sibu** 50 = \$50

Building Extension (Cost \$2.1 Million) - Collection todate: \$1,822,285.93

Last week: 50, 10, 20, 167, 50, 50, 50, 100, 250, 10, 50, 161, 20, 50, 14, 50, 1500, 50, 175, 50, 350, 600, 200, 1, 62, 1, 0.20 = **Total: \$4,091.20**

SUNSET GOSPEL BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Theme: Victorious Living In Perilous Times

4 April (6 pm)

11 April (6 pm)

Topic: "Traitors"

"Heady"

Preacher: Rev Dr Pradhudas Koshy

Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew

Worship Leader: Elder Chew Chong Kiat

Preacher Lek Aik Wee

THURSDAY LADIES FELLOWSHIP MEETING

THEME: STUDYING FROM 1ST CORINTHIANS

Date: 15 Apr, Thurs, 1.30-4.00 pm
 Place: #02-14, Lounge (left of Tabernacle Bookroom)
 Subject: **Take Heed How We Build**
 Speaker: Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 Jn 1:7

All ladies are welcome to come and join us in fellowship

2. **CONDOLENCES TO CHO WAI MUN & JOLYNE, BENJAMIN AND DAVID AND JAMES LIM & JESSICAM DARRELL AND NATALIE** on the demise of their sister / aunt on 27 Mar.

FAMILIES OF CHO WAI MUN & JAMES LIM thank Pastors, Session, members and friends for their prayer support and condolences during their recent bereavement.

3. **SR PASTOR** is preaching at Tabernacle BPC this afternoon. Please uphold him in prayer.
4. **SR PASTOR, PR LEK & DR & MRS COLIN TEY** have returned from their blessed Philippines ministry (Center for Biblical Studies, Antipolo and The Emmanuel Christian Church, Bicol). They thank all for their prayers.
5. **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.
6. **DESIGNATED LOVE GIFT ENVELOPES** are available at RPG Rack.
7. **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.
8. **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.

TEACHER'S TRAINING WORKSHOP

Date / Time : 1st May,

8.30 am to 12.30 pm

Venue: A. V. Studio

Speaker: Rev Quek Suan Yew

Topic: Planning and Teaching Lessons that Capture

Children's Interest

ALL ARE WELCOME

YEARLY TEENS RETREAT

21 - 24 June

Venue: Camp Challenge

Sembawang

Speaker : Dr Paul Ferguson

Theme: One Body In Christ

For more info, contact Ern-Min at 81010695

When he was reduced to this state of abject total humiliation, he came to his senses. He thought of his home and how rich his father was. He would humble himself and literally crawl back to his father and begged him to take him back but not as a son anymore but as one of his hire servants. He said to himself, *“18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, 19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.”* With this humility in his heart and this thought of servant-hood in his mind he trudged the long way back home!

The amazing thing in this story was that the father had been longing for his lost son to return home. While he was a great way off from home his father saw him. His father had compassion on him and ran to his lost son! He fell on his neck (cf. Genesis 45:14) i.e. to hug him and kissed him over and over again (the use of the compound verb *“kata-phi-le-o”*). The son started to speak what was in his heart. He acknowledged he had sinned against heaven (which to the Jews would mean against God) in the sight of his father. This was a very grievous acknowledgement of his sin. He does not deserve to be called his son any longer. But before he could finish the rest of what was in his heart, the father interrupted him by turning to his servants (slaves) to *“Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: 23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: 24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.”* The father made him his son again. The giving of the best robe, putting a ring in his hand and shoes in his feet are all gestures of complete acceptance of sonship and not servanthood. What the repented son wanted was right in that he had already taken and wasted his inheritance, from the legal standpoint. What the father has given back to his son was grace. This was more than right for it was righteous! The father was not

concerned with the material. He was concerned for the soul of his lost son! He was not thinking about how much of his son's inheritance, which really was the father's wealth that he had wasted. His son was like one who was dead, and but he is alive and now has returned home. The joy he felt was indescribable! The best way was to celebrate with a great feast as if a very important person has arrived. This was how the father and the servants felt. However, not everyone in the household was happy.

The reaction of the elder son was one of anger and jealousy. [to be continued]

*N/W: Preacher Lek Aik Wee
F/W: Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew*

CAR PARKING NOTICE

For Members and Visitors

- * Calvary Pandan BP Church
(English & Mandarin
Congregations)
- * Truth BP Church

Please note and comply

1. Parking in **HEAVY VEHICLE LOT** is an **offence**. You may face legal action.
2. The **FRONT ENTRANCE** must be **KEPT CLEAR. PLEASE DO NOT PARK.**
3. If you **DOUBLE PARK**, please remove your car promptly after service.

Thank you for your co-operation.

The Management
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