



Welcome!

By Tricia Kao and Stephanie Tan

It's been yet another busy season at New Life City Church, with J-Life taking the reins and powering through the first few months of 2007 with a barrage of events. This issue features reviews of their activities, from Orientation Day to their youth camp, *Crossfire '07*, and everything in between!

March saw Impact World Tour come to Perth and NLCC, while the young adults ministry, Twelve Stones, held their annual retreat at Hilltop Farm, Wooroloo. The Building and Facility and Children's ministries have been keeping busy, and our Cambodia missions team has received some good news.

As the cold, frosty season approaches, let's thank God for the abundance of changed lives and refreshed hearts documented in this newsletter, and let's keep that fire burning within us! ■

Crossfire '07 Highlights

By Rachael Tang

Anyone who went to camp would agree that it was absolutely awesome, being touched by God in one way or another. The speakers, Caleb Brownhill, Wendy Yapp and Timothy Balakrishnan, brought us fantastic words of wisdom and led some wonderful times of ministry.



Of course, we wouldn't have been touched if God's presence wasn't flowing in His sanctuary and within us. Even though the time spent with the speakers wasn't the longest, we were able to connect through the same vision that was instilled in all of our hearts:

The need and want to burn more passionately for God.

Timothy Eu and Joseph Luo wrote the camp song, entitled 'Revival'. It speaks of asking God to set out hearts on fire once again so that we can be used for His many purposes.



Speed Friending: the quickest way to form new friendships!

This is what it means to step into the CROSSFIRE. To be able to catch the *fire* that Jesus won for us at the *cross*. For those of you who weren't at camp, here's a little snippet of what it was about.

Speed Friending (like speed dating, just with a different objective!) was a great opportunity for us to get to know new people, or simply to catch up with friends we haven't said 'hi' to for *days*. The awkwardness quickly broke into a LOUD chatter – so loud that some people had to shout into their partners' ears. The end result? Great friendship bonds formed, not forgetting the sore throats...

The bonding continued that night over the campfire where we sang, danced, and even did the hokey pokey before pigging out on roasted marshmallows over *really* hot fire. Yum!

We played a game named 'Crossfire', just to fall in line with the whole camp theme. It was a war game where our ammunition was a pair of old (but thankfully clean) socks. We sure got to know which campers were competitive, with some even willing to perform moves from *The Matrix* to avoid getting hit.

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The Future Awaits

By Pastor Yat Wan Eu

The following is an excerpt from *God's Church Outside Understanding* by George Barna:

“I love the closing portion of Acts 2, which describes the beginning of the Christian Church, just after Pentecost. Every time I read this passage I wonder who would not want to be part of such a community of faith. They spent time together learning about God, enjoying each others' presence, and serving other people. They took care of each other physically, emotionally and spiritually, like an extended family might. They did not worry about material possessions or their public image, and they trusted each other to do what was right for the others. The Bible shows us that these people were happy, sincere and appreciated by nonbelievers because of their integrated faith. Their love



NLCC's first 'Weekend Live' service in 2007

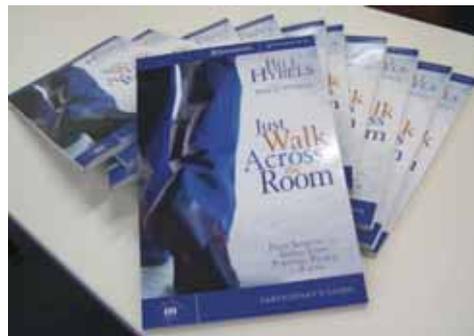
for Christ and awe at how God was working among them enabled them to introduce thousands of people to Christ every day. I am convinced that if the typical unchurched person were invited to get involved with such a collection of believers – they would jump at the opportunity!

“And why shouldn't everyone have the chance? God created us to be involved in such a church. Jesus died so that we might have the opportunity to share that kind of fellowship. The Holy Spirit was given to us so that we might foster such a dynamic and transforming vehicle for ministry. All of heaven is pulling for us to 'do church' the way in which the Lord intended. Our hearts naturally yearn for such a spiritual family on Earth.

“What, then, will it take for us to get from here to there? I believe the answer relates to commitment. It will take a true commitment to God. It will take a commitment to a vision of how each of us might truly be the Church, not just attend one. It will require a commitment to love and serve all people. It will take a commitment to use our gifts and resources to develop a living body of believers.”

Last year, our church unveiled our revised mission statement: *A united people with passion and purpose: Loving God – Making Disciples*. There was a great sense of unity and momentum when this mission

statement was cast in the services and leaders' meetings.



NLCC's sermon series for March 2007
Just Walk Across The Room

The launch of the sermon series, *Just Walk Across the Room* by Bill Hybels, aimed to gear the church to touch lives by sharing God's story and our personal life stories of what God has done. We expect to see a fresh passion for God and a renewed purpose of loving God and making disciples in the lives of everyone in NLCC.

We need to make extra effort to build and establish new relationships with people in the community and to discern how best to impact lives for the Lord. As we go beyond our comfort and convenience zones, the Lord will simply amaze us with our willingness to serve and bless others. Let's take the first step toward truly reaching the unchurched by becoming models of faithfulness, obedience, holiness and righteousness. ■

NLCC Building and Facility Committee Update

By Keat Wong

Winston Churchill said, “If you don't take change by the hand, it will take you by the throat.” In a survey carried out late last year, it showed that the majority of NLCC members are ready for a change. They indicated that they would like to have a facility of their own.

In response to this, the NLCC Building and Facility Planning Committee (NBFC) was formed. It consists of Steven Leong, Robert Ong, Seng Kian Gan, Patrick Yeoh, Wilmot Loh, Sandy Widjaja, Wendi Chan, James Seow, Arthur and Rani Ong, Pastor Yat Wan Eu and myself.

Aibee Architects in New South Wales provides a useful resource on facility planning for churches. It states that justifying good financial stewardship requires:

- Congregational ownership and support;
- Fulfillment of the church's ministry aims;

- Long term versatility and flexibility of buildings;
- Ensuring that long term site usage options are maximised.

Aibee's *Outline of Proposed Process*, known as 'Preparing a Brief', comprises the following steps:

1. Clarify the church's vision and areas of mission.
2. Form a Building and Facility Planning Committee with a clear purpose to steer the church through the process.
3. List the relevant types of information to be established.
4. Seek out and gather the information needed.
5. Analyse and consolidate the information gathered.
6. Determine the priorities and what can realistically be achieved.
7. Prepare a summary document (referred to as 'The Brief').

8. Present 'The Brief' to the church for endorsement and ownership by the congregation.
9. If building, provide 'The Brief' to the architect as a basis for the project.

The NBFC has been through this helpful guideline and is currently at Step 4 of the process.

John Maxwell puts it beautifully: “Every worthwhile accomplishment has a price tag attached to it. The question is always whether you are willing to pay the price to attain it – in hard work, sacrifice, patience, faith and endurance.”

The NBFC knows and understands your desire to have a facility. We invite you to prayerfully join us on this worthwhile journey as we look at a facility for His church at NLCC. ■

See pages 3 and 4 for November 2006's survey results.

Impact World Tour



By Jasmin Heng

Impact World Tour (IWT) is a free admission, action-packed performance made up of Christian volunteer performers from around the world. It is sponsored by churches, individuals and businesses, and is designed to share a positive message of hope and destiny with their audiences.

The event consists of four areas of performance: Team Xtreme (a group of athletes doing superhuman feats), Island Breeze (performing traditional Pacific Island dances and music), Death & Desire (a hard rock group singing songs reflecting personal experiences) and GX International (dancers, BMX riders and skateboarders). Together, they put together a performance to attract people of all ages.

Since 1993, IWT has visited many places in Europe, Asia, North and South America, as well as New Zealand. From February to March this year, they performed in many suburbs and towns across Western Australia, targeting schools, community centres and parks to challenge people to live life to their full potential, through the performers' anti-drug and alcohol messages. Local churches participated by training their members to be 'Local Links' – connectors who introduce newly saved people to a local church.

Some of NLCC's Twelve Stones and J-Life members went to the GX International and Team Xtreme events to watch or help in one way or another. It was exciting to walk into a stadium with so many people, and to anticipate the altar call at the end of the event. We witnessed God move among us, souls being saved and hearts being changed.

Deep down in our hearts, we know that although not every unsaved person responded, the message that they heard would remain with them after they left the event. During those messages, seeds were planted and we pray that God will reap the fruits some time down the track! It was very encouraging to see the participants of IWT who have given so much of their lives to follow God's calling.

I would like to thank Jason Tan for his enthusiasm and for encouraging J-Life to help publicise the event. They were willing to sacrifice a night out with their friends for the unsaved – spending a good number of hours walking in the cold, distributing tickets to passersby. We are so proud of you!

Thanks also to Jamie Chua, Bernard Kho, Yi Chiun Lee and Jason Lim for sacrificing their Saturday sleep-in in exchange for some hard labour – setting up the skateboarding ramps! We could not believe what the IWT volunteers had to go through every time they assembled and dismantled the set.

We were very sore but extremely glad that we took some time from our packed schedules to be involved in God's work. We got to do something to bless His Kingdom, in a spirit of gratitude for the many blessings that He has showered us with! ■



Team Xtreme at NLCC on 29 February 2007
Jason Tan gave his best shot at bending steel but wasn't quite strong enough!

Survey Update: Building Fund

By James Seow

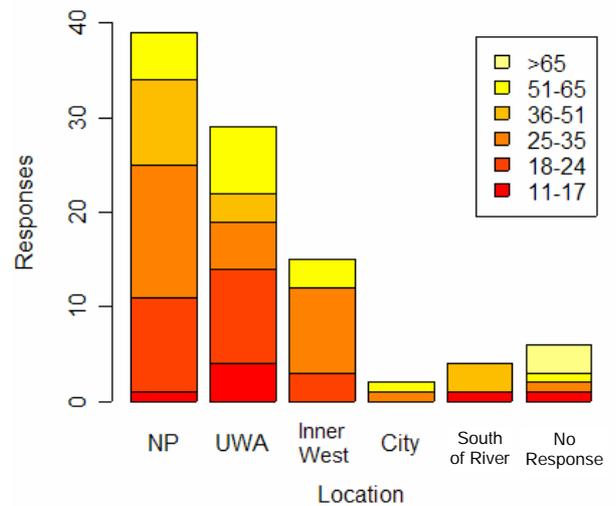
An update of the Church Survey conducted in November 2006.

To build or not to build?

It was extremely encouraging to discover that two thirds of the 95 survey respondents believed that obtaining a more permanent building was necessary for the church. Accordingly, NLCC has again begun to consider the feasibility of a church building, with a new building committee formed in March 2007.

Location, location...

Church Location By Age

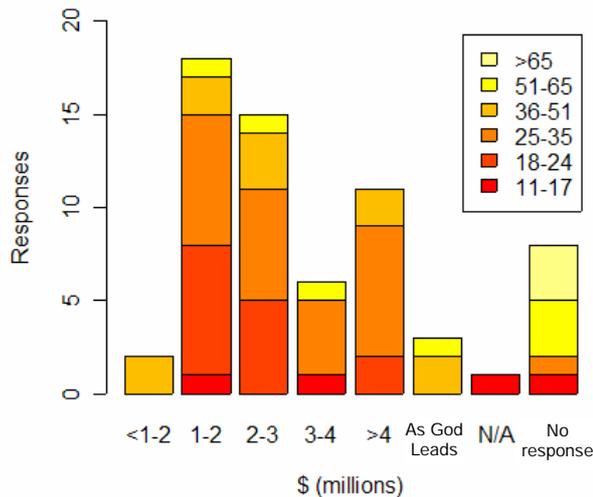


The question as to where the church should be located then arose. First and foremost, it's wonderful to report that NLCC appears to be filled with naturally easy-going members, with 44% of respondents having no preference as long as NLCC is within a 15 kilometre

radius of metropolitan Perth. Not surprisingly, given the current location of NLCC, 49% of the remainder had a preference for the church to be in UWA and its surrounding western suburbs, whilst only 7% chose other locations, including the city and southern suburbs.

(Note that due to the timing of the survey, there was a significantly lower response from the university students who were having exams at that time. As such, when one considers the strong preference for a location near UWA demonstrated in the 18-24 year old age group, had the survey been conducted during normal semester time, it is likely that the UWA preference may have been more strongly supported.)

NLCC's Building Fund Commitment By Age



Show me the money!

With the majority of the church both keen to pursue more permanent residence and to stay within the UWA locale, the next obvious question was - How much was everyone willing to commit?

Alas, the most popular single preference was for a commitment of \$1-2 million, with a few respondents even creating their own category of "less than \$1 million"! Unfortunately, due to current market prices, less than \$1 million would buy at most a 2-bedroom apartment in the UWA area!

With a slight degree of desperation, it was therefore suggested at the Annual General Meeting earlier this year that consideration be made of www.inflatablechurch.com, where for a mere £21,750 (AUD51,678), NLCC would be provided with a portable, inflatable and child-safe option! I am, of course, somewhat exaggerating; although the \$1-2 million option was the single most popular option, the remaining 62% ventured sums of varying degrees greater than \$2 million.



Image from www.inflatablechurch.com

The yellow brick road...

So where to now? As a member of the building and facility committee, I've been privileged to see the progress first-hand. Suffice it to say, the committee is intent on bringing the wishes of the congregation, the needs of the church and the vision of NLCC together to find the best solution. Whether it be purchasing a new building, building our own, or pursuing the more affordable long term lease option, I believe that for our church, a building will indeed be more than just the proverbial piles of bricks, but may soon become something NLCC will call home... ■

Ministry Focus: Children

By Angelina Eu

When little children were brought to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray with them, his disciples rebuked those who brought them. Jesus' response was, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14)

It is in response to His heartbeat for children that NLCC places great emphasis on ministry to the children that God has brought into our church family. We realise that these children are God's gifts to His church:

Sons are a heritage from the LORD, children a reward from him. – Psalm 127:3

As such, it is our responsibility to be good stewards of these precious ones that God has entrusted into our care.

Our Call

The Great Commission was given to every disciple of Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:19-20). However, unto some is given a special calling, a special gift – of teaching.

When he ascended up on high, he ... gave gifts unto men. And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers. – Ephesians 4:8,11

Our Purpose

What is the desired result in ministering to children? The Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:47-48; Acts 1:8) is the work committed to us. It is most complete as given in Matthew:

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.

Notice that this is a two-fold commission where two purposes are mentioned:

1. Salvation of children

"Teach all nations, baptising them," is the teaching of evangelism. The teacher is an evangelist. As teachers, we have the responsibility of trying to win to Christ every pupil in our care: "Your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost." (Matthew 18:14)

2. Children will place their trust in God (Psalm 78:5-8); Perfecting of the saints (Ephesians 4:11-15)

"Teaching them to observe all things," is the teaching of nurture. It is one thing to win a pupil to Christ; however, it is another task – and an equally important one – to build that pupil into a lifetime Christian.

Our Curriculum

What do we teach the children? We teach them:

- The character of God
- Biblical principles – not just stories

- How to pray and hear the voice of God
- The value of what they are doing
- Character development

We are thankful to God and full of appreciation for each person who has dedicated time to prepare, teach and assist in the Children's Ministry. However, we, the teachers and helpers in the Children's Ministry of NLCC, are partners with *you* who have entrusted your children into our care. God's intended purpose is that *parents* should share their own faith in God to influence their children to understand the reality of His presence:

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. – Deuteronomy 6:5-9

Let us together make the Children's Ministry in NLCC a safe and attractive place for children to experience God's love and presence as we live JESUS as our reality! ■



Gloria Ong and the Sunday School children

If you would like to be a teacher or a helper in the Children's Ministry, please contact Angelina Eu (0415 402 233; angelina.yeo@nlcc.org.au).

easter interviews with the sunday school children

Last month, we asked the Sunday School children what Easter meant to them and what they enjoyed about it. Here's what some of them had to say!



<p>"Easter is special to me because Jesus died on the cross so we could live and he did it because He loved us. He will love us forever."</p> <p>Ashley Sin</p>	<p>"I enjoy Easter because there are lots of colourful chocolate eggs and chocolate bunnies."</p> <p>Joseph Gan</p>	<p>"One thing I really enjoy about Easter is getting chocolates but the real meaning of Easter is remembering that Jesus died for us and about his resurrection."</p> <p>Chermaine Leo</p>	<p>"Easter is special to me because Jesus rose again."</p> <p>Edrea Yeap</p>
<p>"Easter is special to me because it is a time when we remember that Jesus died on the cross and rose again on the third day."</p> <p>Mariah Gan</p>		<p>"Easter is special to me because my sins were forgiven and Jesus died on the cross for us! That is why Easter is special to me!</p> <p>PS: He rose from the dead!"</p> <p>Kristin Eu</p>	<p>"I enjoy the Easter eggs on Easter."</p> <p>Joshua Gan</p>

J-Life Fresher Week Events

By Olivia Chin

Orientation Day

There are few days on the UWA calendar as eagerly anticipated as O-Day. Every year, thousands of freshers (and some freshers-at-heart) stampede through James Oval looking for clubs to join and freebies to score.

O-Day guarantees two things: yearlong tans and plenty of excitement in spite of this! Clubs compete to attract members, offering everything from live music to free 2-minute Mee Goreng. This year on Friday 23 February, J-Life decided to raise the bar. Nourished by prayer and Joe's home-cooked Tom Yum noodles, and equipped with hessian mats, we set up what was easily the most attractive tent on James Oval and offered the greatest gift we could: a nudge towards God.

The O-Day team was tireless. The sun smiled, but we smiled harder. As keen as the freshers were to make each others' acquaintances, we were keener still to make theirs. By the end of the day, J-Life had been blessed with 194 sign-ups. Almost 400 J-Life goody bags were distributed, containing J-Life flyers, gospel tracks and, of course, the obligatory munchies.

J-Life Beach Event



Human frisbees!

On Sunday 25 February, J-Life did exactly what every self-respecting Perth dweller was (or wished to be) doing – we went to church. Then we hung out at Cottesloe beach. The emphasis was on fun and, once our bellies were loaded with pizza and soft drinks, we and our guests proceeded to redefine "competition".

Friendly water-fights were held to combat the somewhat elevated temperature. When

these failed to achieve their objective, certain youths (who will remain unnamed) accidentally mistook some unfortunate people as frisbees and threw them into the water. It was a social baptism of sorts: our guests' induction into J-Life.

J-Life Barbecue

Fresher week would not be the same if, amidst the abundance of free sausage sizzles, there was any actual need for students to purchase lunch at the refectory. The J-Life team decided that one more sausage sizzle couldn't hurt, so on Tuesday 27 February, our trademark bright orange banners waved cheerily at passersby from the Matilda Bay barbecue pits.

There is no better medium for fellowship and bonding than food, and J-Life rose to the challenge of Extreme BBQ-ing. We were blessed with such a turnout that there were not enough J-Lifers to go around meeting new people! Fortunately, we had our own "5 loaves of bread and 2 fish" miracle, as there were plenty of leftovers. Good food, great scenery and better company – what better way to bring J-Life's 2007 Fresher Events to closure! ■



Crossfire Catering

By Michelle Sin

It's Sunday night and there are J-Lifers in your kitchen... What's happening?! No, we were not searching for food; we were there to serve food! As the chief fundraising scheme for camp, several J-Lifers gave up their Sunday evenings to cook delicious three-course dinners for the church family and their friends.



The catering team preparing the meals

The idea, conceived after having to cook a New Year's dinner for our parents, took off slowly but eventually gained momentum as a flood of orders came in. Many brave aunties (and uncles!) took the plunge and handed their kitchen over to us. Afterwards, many of them commented on how surprised they were that their kitchen was still standing!

There were several choices for each of the three courses – entrée, main and dessert. For the entrée, Crossfire Catering offered the option of having a prawn cocktail, bruschetta, French onion soup (Nic's signature dish!) or Turkish bread and dips.



Prawn cocktail

Choices for the main course included Salmon en papillote (served with a herb sauce), T-bone steak (served with a creamy mushroom sauce) or chicken tikka, an Indian-style cooked chicken.



Hearty T-bone steaks



Salmon en papillote

Although there were three choices available for dessert, the overwhelming majority ordered the 'cake of the day'.



A pyramid of profiteroles!



Cake of the day

After seven successful dinners, a few minor mishaps (sorry Aunty Susan!), Crossfire Catering raised a grand total of \$1,873.15. Not bad for university students whose previous cooking experience extended to instant noodles!

Thank you to all those who gave up their time to help in our endeavour by offering their expertise in the area of cooking, serving and clean up. A big thank you also goes out to everyone who entrusted their kitchens to us and those who gave donations; it was greatly appreciated! ■



~ Testimonials ~



Very satisfied customers!

"It felt like your family was serving you because the team put in so much effort. It felt really warm and fuzzy!"

Nicole Chang

"The team was really professional and adaptable – we asked them to sing for us and they did! They also did a good job cleaning my kitchen!"

Angelina Eu

"Very professionally done and very yummy!"

SK Gan

"Fantastic! The French onion soup and salmon was very good. The presentation was also good. We were even entertained with songs from Timothy and Yong!"

Amelia Leo

"Great food and service rendered with smiling faces... An enjoyable dining experience!"

Ern Minn and Wen Li Lim

"The food and service was very good and they were all enthusiastic. Very organised – they didn't mess up my kitchen!"

Robert and Marguerite Ong

"Heaps of food, excellent service."

Sarah Seow

"We were first blown away by the food; it was really tasty and professionally served! But the real show-stopper was the servant attitude and attention to detail of the J-Lifers. We were truly touched and impressed by the commitment and attitude of the team."

Lay Boon and Carmen Tan

"I liked everything – it was very good, especially the dessert."

Sally Tan

"Michelle's tiramisu dessert was excellent. The food was more than enough. They're all master chefs!"

Viet-Ma Tran

"The best ever home dining experience. Food cooked to perfection!"

Dee May Yeoh

"I liked their uniforms, very professional plus the food was great of course!"

Patrick Yeoh

Crossfire '07 Highlights

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Tension and nervousness filled the room when it was time for *Talentine*. Despite the initial dread, blood, sweat, tears, mucus and pus evident during our preparation, it all paid off when each group presented their skits. It was probably the best camp Talentine ever! Tummies were aching at the end of six hilarious performances. We even raised our standards to that of the Oscars by having awards for the best actor and actress, to name just a few. What good memories!

Our weariness on the third morning was washed away when we were greeted by a new groovy style of morning praise. Instead of the tranquil tones of hymns, we were hit hard by the rocking tunes brought to us by our very own, super duper J-Life band! *Jesus is the rock and He rolls my sins away...* Dancing trains were formed and our 'Kung-Fu Master', Joe, had never felt so challenged before when he led a dance-off between the two trains!

Everyone was 'going for it' at the final night session. We learnt how to bring a transformation not only to our lives, but to the people around us. The altar call was a concept new to most of us, and it really pushed us out of our comfort zones. Many got down on their knees in humility and reverence for God, stepping up to the higher level of calling that He set out for us.

We prayed for others and waited in His soothing presence as our friends prayed for us. All of us would agree that it was a life-changing encounter: people were set free from bondages, and many discovered something new that God had in store for them.

We were extremely exhausted by the time we started *Powerhouse*. However, we still praised God for over two hours, even though some of us were a little preoccupied with trying to defy gravity so as to not fall backwards due to our sleepiness! The courage it took for everyone to resist their bed should definitely be applauded!

Nostalgia filled the air on the last day of camp. As much as we wanted to return to our cosy palace back home, we couldn't bear to part with the



Departing camp, refreshed and rejuvenated!

friends that we formed close bonds with. However, those thoughts were pushed aside when Caleb gave a brief recap of everything we learnt from him over camp.

Another awards session was held to appreciate outstanding campers who displayed different strengths throughout camp. Whether you received one or not, you should know that you are all precious gems and champions!

Just a 'lil thank you to all the groups, for helping us bring home important messages in addition to the sermons:

- **hi**, for reinforcing how important communication is in 'wars'.
- **brand**, we're arranging for you to perform your musical at the Burswood Theatre. (Jokes!)
- **fai**, for reminding us that, "Broken hearts, broken lives – and even broken fingers – He will take them all".
- **fotia**, for letting us know that amazing telepathy between members during charades really does exist!
- **moto** and **bull**, for the group cheers that will always ring in our heads, even in our sleep.

We would never have made it through camp if it wasn't for the food that our lovely Pastor Angie and beautiful aunties cooked for us! Not to mention the "camp comm", who gave up their lives to put this together. Give them a pat on their backs, to show your love for them!

Finally, campers, don't forget that you're in charge of your own coal, so keep refuelling it and burn passionately for God! ■

Testimony

By Melissa Lau

I went to camp half feeling excited and half feeling not too excited over it.

I had my reasons: I didn't want camp to end, because when it did, very soon I'd be back in Singapore looking for a job, going through the transition from finishing university to becoming a working adult, and missing everyone at camp – all the good friends and good times. It wasn't exactly camp that I would miss; it was more the people and the great times of fellowship I had before, during and after camp.

Yet, I was excited about Crossfire '07 because I knew that it was going to be awesome and that God was going to deliver His promises to us all. I wasn't disappointed. I had a great time with my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Even though throughout it I was constantly thinking about how much I was going to miss my good friends, I still felt peace in my heart that everything is going to be a-okay! God is going to give me a great future – with a job I love and great Christian friends back home in Singapore – all with a sense of direction and purpose. That peace in my heart felt like hope. It felt like faith. It felt so real.

I know that God is my shepherd and all I have to do is follow. I'll never forget the good times I had at Crossfire '07. The camp committee did an amazing job. I'm just so proud of you all and us all. I can see how we have all grown and what Christ has done in our lives.

Cheers people, love you guys to bits! ■



The Camp Committee

How God touched us at camp...

Camp was really fun and I enjoyed it a lot! I had quite a spiritual experience and I've started Quiet Time (QT) already! – *Justin Chin*

Camp was good, it helped set my priorities right. – *Fiona Ng*

Camp was awesome! Great job, camp comm.! I felt God much more through camp and I now want to read God's Word more. – *Chester Tham*

Camp was great! Keeping life straight with God. – *Michelle Tang*

Awesome! Doing QT already! – *Gloria Ong*

Camp was good, I really felt God and I've done QT four days in a row! I still feel stressed about school but I can now manage better! – *Aunchisa Foo*

Camp was good, started doing QT and I didn't know what it was before! – *Benson Chin*

Camp was BETTER THAN EXPECTED!!! I feel refreshed with a sense of direction and I now know where to go from here. – *Amanda Tan*

I wasn't looking forward to camp at first, but after getting to know more people, I now feel more at home in NLCC. – *Cheryl Kee*

Camp was super! God's granted me strength to go through some stuff, and God's presence still touched me. – *Rachael Tang*

Empowerment of the Holy Spirit. – *John Lin*

Camp was good, I've met more people and I'm still hungry for God and expecting something. – *Yvonne Tang*

Camp was fun! It's my first youth camp and I've learnt a lot. Since camp, I've felt that God's presence is more real. – *Wen Han*

Good fun, started QT! – *Jian Yuan Tan*

It was a good break from studying; got to know people better and realised that they are actually really nice. – *Olivia Chin*

It was a different world for me before camp; I'm no longer the same person after receiving Christ! I didn't know anything before camp, I didn't own or had even read a Bible before! Now, I'm hungry to know more, but I still need help; it will take time to know what you guys know! – *Anshula*

Great! Learnt a lot about QT and Chinese Chess! – *Daniel Yang*

I've learnt how to trust God's good character no matter what, and I now know He's got a better plan for my future. – *Joseph Luo*

The J-Life / Twelve Stones Amazing Race

By **Jasmine Yap and Dorothy Eu**

The J-Life/Twelve Stones Amazing Race was held at Kings Park on Saturday 14 April as a post-camp event. The purpose of the day was to catch up with others from camp and to just have some fun.

Over 30 J-Lifers turned up ready for a good time, with plenty of Twelve Stones members filling the roles of station masters. The racers were divided into six groups, and were briefed on all the rules and regulations of the game. Each team was to be timed, and the amount of time taken to finish the race would be used to determine the winner.

The race kicked off in a spirit of excitement when we received our first cryptic clue, but we were all stopped in our tracks when we realised how difficult it was, spending at least 10 minutes at the station. Honorary mentions go to Nic and Jasmine for solving the clue first ... and for shouting so loudly that everyone else heard and found the answer too!



Finding "Lady Wilmott"

As the teams were racing, groups looked out for other groups and the tension built up. There were people running everywhere – even into weddings and people's photos! You could really feel the competition, exemplified when Joe tried to motivate his group with ice-cream.

At the end of the race, running toward the



Throwing paper planes from the DNA tower

finish line, seeing the organisers eating chips and drinking coke and the racers dehydrated and sweaty, it was extremely rewarding to finally finish the race. It did, however, take some groups about four hours to finish as they ran back and forth (some even to the beginning again) and even got lost!

Overall it was an exciting day; the winning team was the 'Eagles', and what a coincidence that the football team, the West Coast Eagles, won the Western Derby that day! However, it didn't matter who won, as long as we all had fun and worked as teams. ■



Racing between stations



Crossing the finish line!

Fulfilling His Tomorrow... Now is the Time!

By Jamie Chua

March is the time of the year when the young adults hold their annual retreat. This year, it was held at Hilltop Farm in Wooroloo.

I always look forward to church camps and retreats because I know that without fail, God will speak into people's lives, it will be a life-changing experience, and we will enjoy good fellowship with each other. That's how I see retreats: building relationships, serving others – it's always refreshing spending time with God and each other.

The retreat started earlier for some of us; in particular, the food preparation team. We spent Friday night preparing and cooking food, and of course, having fun chatting with each other.



A quiet time discussion in beautiful surroundings at Hilltop Farm

Bright and early on Saturday morning, everyone arrived at the retreat. The day started with a quiet time session, courtesy of Rena Teoh. We reflected on reasons why we should evangelise, were reminded not to have excuses, and remembered that God will always guide, provide and help us when we reach out to others. We were taught to use our strengths and abilities in the way that God created us to be; that is, relating to others around us, especially non-believers.

After a wonderful time of worship, James Seow shared about four myths of evangelism.



Many of us assume that we don't have the calling, the gifting, the experience or the time for evangelism. However, believers of Christ are called by God to have a ministry of reconciliation – to reach out to others and point them towards faith in God. So, we were reminded that we are *all* responsible for evangelism, not just pastors and elders! And NOW is the time to do it!

That afternoon, we were entertained with team games prepared by Wilmot Loh. Saturday was awesome. It was great to see us all come together and enjoy each other's company with a sense of unity among us. We couldn't wait to see what Sunday had in store for us!



A time of worship



Fun games organised by Wilmot Loh

Sunday started with quiet time prepared by Jason Lim. Continuing from the previous day's discussion about evangelism, we discussed the importance of knowing our own testimonies. We ought to know our "before-and-after" story to be able to share the Good News and how God has changed our lives. This is so that those around us – especially non-believers – will be aware of God's goodness, and would also want to experience it themselves. Testimonies can be the little things that God does everyday in our lives, the blessings that He pours out on us, and how He leads us along the way.



Dee May introduces the *JWATR* series

Next, the *Just Walk Across the Room* series was launched with Dee May Yeoh providing insights of how we should step out of our comfort zone, listen to the Holy Spirit's promptings, talk when God says talk, and just walk when God says so. The whole idea of evangelism starts within us as individuals: to be obedient to God's calling, and to take that first step into the unknown.

On Sunday night, we were encouraged to reach out to our loved ones who need God in their lives; not to let what we've learnt at the retreat to fade away, but to keep the passion for evangelism burning within us. The following time of worship and prayer was powerful, as everyone felt God's presence. We prayed for each other's needs, and we were encouraged to carry our own cross and deny ourselves for God's purpose.

At the end of the retreat, everyone shared about their experiences, and we thank God that we all thoroughly enjoyed the retreat and got something out of it. All in all, the retreat was truly a fruitful, exciting and soul-satisfying time.

*The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,
because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news
to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners.*

Isaiah 61:1

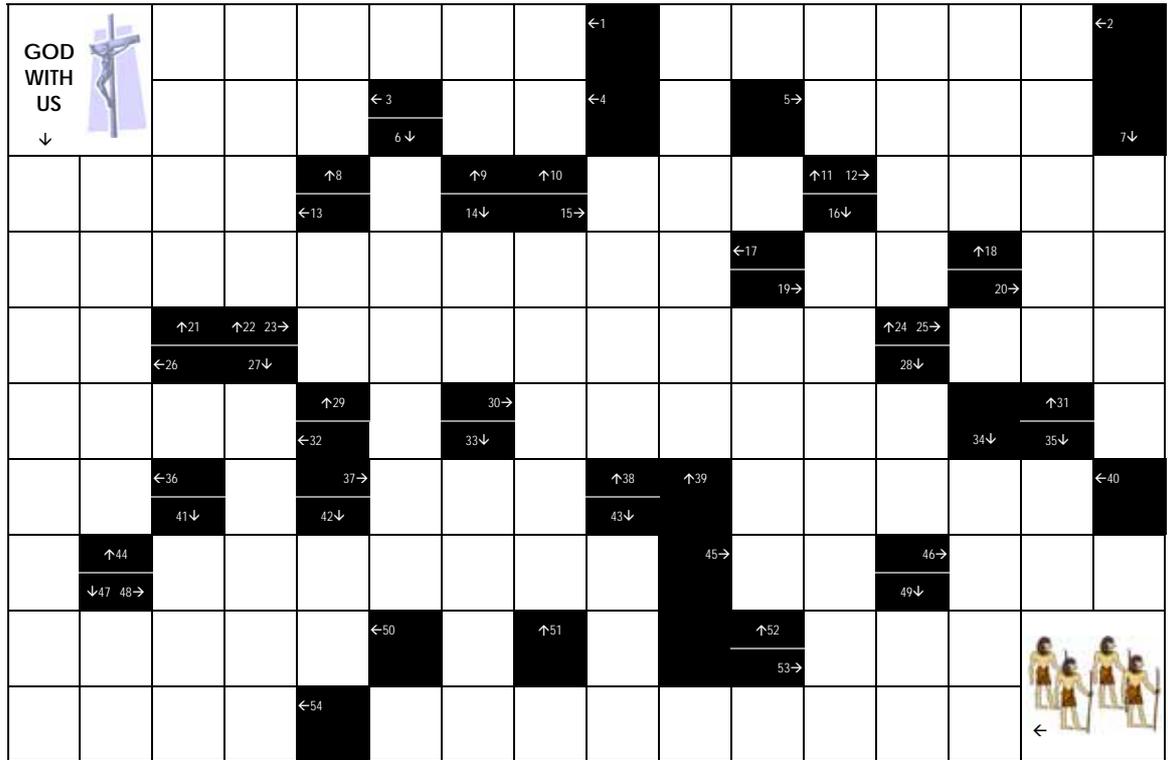
So, let's reach out! ■

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Christian Wordbuzz!

Fill in the blank squares using the numbered clues. Solution next issue.

- Son of Shaphat
- Joshua commanded the Israelites to take twelve _____ from the Jordan.
- _____ and Amen!
- The great _____ (abbrev.) in the Holy City, depicted in Revelation, is pure gold.
- _____ loaves and two fish
- To mature
- Symbol of peace
- God _____ love.
- Baptism of the _____ (abbrev.)
- Popular song - _____ The Cross by Hillsong
- Mary, mother _____ Jesus
- Moses was instructed by God to _____ his people out of Egypt.
- Female sheep (plural)
- Prime Minister (abbrev.)
- Abbreviation for the book of Hebrews
- "_____ in the highest!"
- God has a _____ for all of us. (6,4)
- Adam's companion
- Pronoun used when referring to God
- Hosea's daughter was named _____-Ruhamah
- Jesus healed Bartimaeus by restoring sight to his _____.
- _____ we forget
- _____ His presence with thanksgiving in your hearts. (4,4)
- The Pharaoh's daughter found the baby Moses by the banks of the river _____.
- English Standard Version (abbrev.)
- Abbreviation for the book of Micah
- The prodigal son was lost, but is _____.
- Hebrew prefix used for the words 'spring' and 'fountain'
- European Commission (abbrev.)
- David wrote many songs of _____, compiled in the book of Psalms.



- The Lion of the tribe of Judah is able to open the scroll and its seven _____.
- New Life City Church has been holding weekly services _____ 1999. (2,2)
- Sing to the Lord a new _____.
- In biblical times, wine was served in _____.
- Judah's firstborn
- The new testament (abbrev.)
- God can _____ anybody in mighty ways!
- The secret to Samson's great strength was his _____.
- An earth colour
- David used all his might to _____ before the Lord.
- "Truly, you are the _____ of God." (Matthew 13)
- The initials of NLCC's current worship ministry leader.
- Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the _____ of the hill.
- Where to wear the Belt of Truth
- See 27.
- A large vase
- To God _____ the glory!
- We can all _____ each other in prayer.
- Gabriel is _____ angel
- Customers paid with ivory tusks and _____. (Ezekiel 27:15)
- In Bethany, Jesus met Simon the _____.
- The twelve days of Christmas are also known as the yule _____.
- A short sleep
- "Even sinners _____ to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full." (Luke 6)

Solution to Last Issue's Word Search: All things are possible. – Matthew 19:26

CTEC to the Rescue!

By Joseph Ng

In support of the 2007 NLCC Missions programme, the Clinical Training and Education Centre (CTEC) at UWA has kindly donated to us a variety of medical and non-medical supplies for distribution. CTEC is Australasia's premier medical and surgical skills training centre, providing innovative training for healthcare professionals in a high-fidelity environment.

Mr James Hanna (Simulation Instructor, CTEC) and I met at a training course at CTEC following last year's Missions Impact trip to Cambodia. After Mr Hanna heard about the plight of the Cambodian people, he and his fellow colleagues at CTEC were moved to undertake a collection drive for surplus medical equipment, in support of NLCC's efforts.

In true Christmas spirit, toys and clothing were mixed in amongst the boxes of medical supplies! Much of the material will be used or distributed appropriately in the upcoming December mission to Cambodia, whilst others will be put to good use by other groups locally and abroad.

We wish to thank Mr Hanna and CTEC for their support, and look forward to their ongoing collaboration in future projects. It is especially encouraging to see other on-campus groups get behind our efforts to impact other nations for Christ! ■



Mr James Hanna and Dr Joseph Ng

Calendar of Upcoming Events

For more information about any of our events, please contact Pastor Yat Wan (0411 144 959).



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Weekly Interces. Prayer 9.30 am, Church Office	4	5 Worship Retreat Hilltop Farm, Woorloo
6 CE Classes: "Foundations of Faith"	7	8	9	10	11	12 J-Life Service 4.30 pm, Maths Lecture Theatre
13 CE Classes	14 <i>Introducing God Training</i> 2.00 pm Rev. Dominic Steele	15	16	17	18	19 Water Baptism 2.00 pm, Nedlands
20 Membership Sunday Australia's Biggest 11.00 am, SSLT Courtyard	21 Morning Tea	22	23	24	25	26 National Day of Thanksgiving 6.00 pm, Challenge Stadium
27 Weekend Live Global Day of Prayer 3.00 pm, Challenge Stadium	28 (Service led by J-Life)	29	30	31		

June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Missions Conv. & TS Seminar Rev. Grant Hobbs
3 CE Classes: "Foundations of Faith" (continued)	4 Foundation Day	5	6	7	8	9
10 CE Classes Board Meeting at 3.00 pm	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Leaders' Meeting 9.00 am, Law Lecture Room 1	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Guest Speaker: Rev. Donnavan Teoh	25	26	27	28	29 Monthly Prayer Meeting 8.00 pm, Church Office	30

JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Guest Speaker: Ps. Ashley Crane	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 J-Life Service 4.30 pm, Maths Lecture Theatre
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Harvest Fast (until Friday)	24	25	26	27 Monthly Prayer Meeting 8.00 pm, Church Office	28 J-Life Service 4.30 pm, Maths Lecture Theatre
29 Anniversary & Building Fund Sunday 10.00 am	30					

Worship Services are conducted at:
Social Science Lecture Theatre
The University of Western Australia
Crawley WA 6009

Church Office:
Suite 27, Level 3, 88 Broadway
Nedlands WA 6009

Sunday Schedule

Christian Education Classes (May-June)

9.00 am to 9.45 am
Law Lecture Room 1, UWA

Worship Service

10.00 am to 11.30 am

Children's Ministry

10.45 am to 11.30 am



Winter Write-ups

If you have any:

- Articles
- Comments
- Event reviews
- Jokes
- Questions you want answered or
- Testimonies



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