



Welcome!

By Stephanie Tan and Tricia Kao

This may be hard to believe, but we are delighted to announce that *NLCC Epistles* is officially one year old!

We'd like to thank everyone who has contributed in some way to making our church newsletter the success (or so we are reliably informed) that it has become – Eu-Jinn Teh for his beautiful designs, Pastor Yat Wan and Jason Tan for keeping us up-to-date with the church calendar, SK Gan for regular building fund updates, and all our article writers who were generally(!) willing to produce event reviews and share their testimonies.

In particular, we'd like to recognise three of our regular contributors who have enthusiastically written articles for nearly every edition – James Seow, Nickolas Sin and Jason Lim. Jason, we'll miss your infectious presence (for details about why Jason is leaving us, turn to page 10), but at least now we'll have our very own foreign correspondent!

Thanks also to those who have volunteered articles – Joseph Ng and Erwin Chan (for Erwin's music reviews, see page 7)! Remember, we always have space in the newsletter for your articles and testimonies, so we'd like to encourage more of the congregation to step up and get those creative juices flowing!

Finally, to everyone who has encouraged us and shown their appreciation – thank you. We hope we have helped keep you informed of what's happened in the past year, and we look forward to continuing to do so! ■

Did you know...

- *Soft copies of NLCC Epistles are available online at the "Past Events" page on the church website (nlcc.org.au).*
- *On every issue on page 12, our deciduous friends in front of the Social Science Lecture Theatre are photographed. (Look back on past issues if you hadn't noticed!)*

The NLCC Life Track

By Nickolas Sin

For a lot of us, trying to draw closer to God sometimes feels like trapping water with our hands. The bulk of what we receive from His presence washes away. This reality reminds us that a relationship with God goes beyond one-off encounters at camps, but rather, it is a personal decision to take up that cross daily and walk towards our God-given destinies.

With this in mind, the first Life Track program was run at NLCC over 16 to 20 July 2007, with 18 university and high school Trackers. Over the course of sessions run by Pastors Yat Wan, Angelina, and guest pastor Frankie Khoo, Trackers were challenged to draw closer to God through the development of personal disciplines. The topics covered included preparing devotions, fasting, leadership principles, knowing yourself and others, discovering your spiritual gifts, and hearing God's voice.

Sessions were run almost all day throughout the week, with the Trackers



Pastors Yat Wan and Angelina with the 18 Trackers

departing to Orchard Glory on the third day for the rest of the week. Challengingly (for us), it was not just the pastors who ran the sessions! Over the week, some of us shared devotions, while others were encouraged to lead the group in worship.

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Our New Lay Youth Pastor

New Life City Church is pleased to announce that the Board of Elders has agreed to affirm Pastor Jason Tan as a lay Youth Pastor of the church.

Jason graduated from The University of Western Australia (UWA) with a Bachelor of Computer Science and Masters of Business Administration in 2003. Jason then served as a fulltime Youth Pastor at the Church of Singapore (Woodlands) from 2004 to 2005, where he managed a dynamic, growing youth ministry and was manager of a church-owned Student Care Centre in Woodlands.

He completed his Diploma with Tung Ling Bible College in 2005 and was honoured as the Dean's Top Student, before returning to Perth as a permanent resident. Jason is currently working in the UWA Western Australian Supercomputer Program as a Computer System Administrator.

Jason has been happily married to Sally Toh since 2004. Sally has a heart for bringing comfort to broken youth and families, and is currently an active member of the Twelve Stones Ministry in NLCC. They migrated to Perth in early 2006.

Jason's passion is to see God empower the youth as the future leadership in the church and to see young people of this generation proclaim the name of Jesus. He will oversee NLCC's Joshua Life ("J-Life") Ministry – a youth ministry comprising secondary and tertiary students.

Jason is filled with a heart for missions, and he has led and planned several mission teams to Indonesia, Thailand and Malaysia. He is a member of the NLCC Missions Committee and the Publications Ministry, drawing on his technical knowledge to help maintain the church website.

Today, on Sunday 29 July, the church affirmed Jason's role as lay Youth Pastor during its 9th Anniversary service. Please extend your support and congratulations to Jason as he takes on new responsibilities and challenges as the leader of NLCC's vibrant youth ministry. ■



Some interesting facts about Jason...

His passion: Missions, Youth Outreach

Fluent in: English, Mandarin

Favourite food: BBQ pork rice

Favourite song: "Shout To The Lord" by Darlene Zschech

Favourite Bible verse: Proverbs 3:5-6

Favourite TV programmes: Romantic Korean drama

Hobbies: Swimming, jogging and watching TV

Three words to describe Sally:

Cheerful, intelligent and God-fearing

For Sally – three words to describe Jason:

Loving, hardworking and adorable



NLCC Family Camp 2007

"The Unchanging Word for Changing Times"

Saturday 29 September – Monday 1 October
(Queen's Birthday long weekend)

Orchard Glory Farm Resort, Bindoon

It's time once again for our annual family camp! Our guest speaker is Reverend Dr Kameel Majdali, Director of *Teach All Nations Inc.* ("TAN"), which is a Great Commission Bible-teaching ministry with a prophetic edge that equips the saints and evangelises the nations. TAN emphasises the power of the Holy Spirit to change lives and prepare for the last days.

The camp will also be full of activities including workshops, games, fellowship and of course, food, glorious food!
(We might even have time to watch the AFL Grand Final!)

Cost: \$85 for adults, \$45 for children and full-time students

Register today! More information will be available in our weekly bulletins over the coming weeks.
For further details or to find out how to register, please email us at familycamp@nlcc.org.au.

Mother's Day at NLCC

On NLCC's special Mother's Day service on Sunday 11 May, the J-Life youth anchored the celebration with a music and dance performance, to the tune of "Can't Take My Eyes Off You". It was dedicated to the mums of NLCC – an entertaining and heartfelt display of their gratefulness.



Next, Pastor Yat Wan addressed all the mothers, acknowledging and thanking them for their unconditional love to their family members. After all, they're the ones who feed us, care for us, are always supportive, and not surprisingly, are each family's own "Super Woman".



The mums present that day were upheld in prayer with their loved ones by their side, and were edified with a passage of scripture chosen from the book of Jeremiah.



The kids of NLCC then presented small gifts to them, as tokens of the church's appreciation for their tireless efforts in the home and the church. ■

"I Love You Mummy"

*You're just too good to be true
Can't live my life without you
You've got that heavenly touch
And I love you so much
So now Mother's Day has arrived
I thank God you're alive
You're just too good to be true
Can't say how much I love you*

*You're just too good to be true
No one's as lovely as you
You are the one that I seek
And I mean what I speak
So now Mother's Day has arrived
I thank God you're alive
You're just too good to be true
Can't say how much I love you*

*I love you Mummy, and if it's quite alright
I need you Mummy, to hold on lonely nights
I love you Mummy, trust in me when I say
Oh Mummy, Mummy, you taught me how to pray
I need you Mummy, to cook me beef satay
Oh pretty Mummy, Mummy how I love you!*

Weekend Live: YWAM Creative Ministry

By Tricia Kao

Members of Sunday 22 July's NLCC congregation were treated to an entertaining morning, with the Youth With A Mission (YWAM) Events Management and Performing Arts team joining us for our Weekend Live worship service. They are a diverse group, with roots from USA, Norway, Canada, England and New Zealand, who train in event management and the performing arts (such as music and dancing) to share the gospel. They will be going to Chiang Mai, Thailand for seven weeks to facilitate a conference and reach out to underprivileged and abused children.

The team performed a song that they wrote and choreographed themselves. It was an expression of their love for God, with lyrical lines such as, "His love is in you, His love is in me for eternity," and the contemporary dance conveying the message aptly.

Lea, a New Zealander of Samoan heritage, shared his testimony. When he was just 10, he dreamed to be a famous rapper. By 16, he had fulfilled his dream – signing with a record label and performing regularly. He became greedy, indulging in the materialism of this world, but through the love and intercession of his brothers (who are YWAM members) and the grace of God, he received Jesus, and has never looked back. Lea has now been with YWAM for seven years; he has a heart for children, inspired by Jesus' example.

Lea treated us to "Rock the Mic" – the rap equivalent of his personal testimony, with a message that is applicable to everyone. "You don't have to be somebody ... you don't have to be famous ... you don't have to be cool to rock the mic, just live your life to the fullest and it will be alright."



Song and dance item

The heartfelt performances from YWAM set us up to receive an encouraging message from Pastor Yat Wan. Entitled "The Call To Prayer", the sermon was backed by scripture in Philippians 4:4-9. As believers, we should not be afraid to pray, nor should we feel inadequate, as "the Lord is near" and in control (verse 5). He is the God of peace who defends our hearts and instills in us the peace that "transcends all understanding" (verse 7) when we pray, petition, give thanks and rejoice in Him. ■



Lea shares his testimony

Ministry Focus: Missions

Our House is Full, But the Fields are Empty

By The Missions Committee

The NLCC Missions Committee comprises six individuals from different backgrounds and interests, who are united by their passion to see the hope of God shared to the world. Elder Richard Tai leads the committee and is ably supported by Pastor Yat Wan Eu, Kim Ng, Erwin Chan, Gilbert Ong and Jason Tan.

Missions Committee



ps. yat wan



richard tai



kim ng



erwin chan



gilbert ong



jason tan

The committee is responsible for directing the efforts of NLCC in the mission field and establishing it as a Missions Sending, Missions Involved and Missions Partnering Church.

Over 2007 and 2008, the Missions Committee is proactively working towards several goals including:

1. Mobilising NLCC cells to 'adopt' unreached people groups or countries.
2. Raising \$40,000 for mission trips, activities and support of evangelism work.
3. Equipping and sending out "one family unit" of NLCC missionaries by 2011 and "two family units" by 2014.
4. Planting two churches in Asia by 2011.
5. Focussing on Cambodia, China and Sabah, Malaysia through the sending of annual NLCC Mission Impact teams, building working relationships with local missionaries and partner organisations in these countries.

To kick off this year's missions work, a Missions Awareness Month was organised for May and early June, to increase the awareness of the missions work done by NLCC in the previous years and also to introduce the two areas of focus – Cambodia and Sabah, Malaysia – to the congregation.

There were nation-focussed Sundays with prayer points for these two locations. The month was concluded by a Missions Convention Sunday on 3 June, where Reverend Grant Hobbs from the Assemblies of God World Mission gave an inspiring sermon.

The mission funds pledged by the congregation during the Missions Convention totalled \$28,217. We pray that our target of \$40,000 will be fully reached so that we may see all the planned mission activities come to fruition. We encourage you to submit your pledge if you have not already done so, and to remember your pledge!

There are several events to look out for over the next few months including:



Khmer Youth Development Centre, Cambodia



Reverend Grant Hobbs

- A visit by a Cambodian missionary, Pastor Dareth Ly (4-5 August 2007)
- Cambodia Mission Impact trip (11-23 December 2007)
- Sabah Mission Impact trip (4-18 January 2008)

An 'exposure trip' to China is currently being planned for April 2008 to identify opportunities and needs of the Chinese people.

It is going to be a great year for God's work in the mission fields and it is our desire to see more NLCC members getting involved in missions. ■

For more information and news, please visit missions.nlcc.org.au.



Pastor Dareth Ly (left) and the 2006 Cambodia missions team



NLCC's Missions Convention on Sunday 3 June

Worship Retreat Reflections

By Keith and Natania Ong

The 2007 Worship Retreat was a blast – it truly was an experience to remember. The three-day event from 4 to 6 May came complete with fun and games, in addition to the solid worship training that we received.



Uncle Raphael



Aunty Bea

The training sessions were run by Amanda Tan's parents, Uncle Raphael and Aunty Bea. They are very experienced and were such role models to us. They taught us so many things in leading worship, developing our personal instruments and basically praising God.

The fun and games started off with a very interesting night when we arrived at Hilltop Farm, Wooroloo. We played get-to-know-you games, one of which required the losers to have vegemite, lipstick or stickers dabbed on their faces and one which involved the use of a bed sheet... you can imagine the screams and hilarity that ensued! We got to know our worship mates pretty well during this session and we definitely had loads of fun.



Fun 'ice-breaking' games!



Listening attentively at the retreat

We had such a great time during this worship retreat and definitely are looking forward to the next one. We would like to show our appreciation to Auntie Rena and Co. for preparing all the wonderful and delicious meals for us.

We would also like to thank our worship leaders Patrick Yeoh and Sarah Ong, and everyone else who helped make this worship retreat such a success. ■

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Victor entertains his fellow worship team members

Every Cup Does Count

By Rena Teoh

NLCC held its own Australia's Biggest Morning Tea on Sunday 20 May, coinciding with our Membership Sunday where we welcomed four new members.

In the Social Science Lecture Theatre courtyard, just about everyone contributed to the event by cooking up a variety of great dishes and desserts, such as yummy chicken pies, authentic curry puffs, delicious fried noodles, nice hot porridge, home-made sandwiches, irresistible chocolate brownies, black forest cake and even bo-bo cha-cha!



Lots and lots of food

With its slogan, "Every Cup Counts in the Fight Against Cancer", the morning tea was held to help raise funds for the Cancer Council, and also as a tool to invite non-believers to church. This was one of the planned evangelistic events scheduled by NLCC for 2007, in line with our church vision, "A united people with passion and purpose: Loving God – Making Disciples."



Queues of hungry people

About 120 hungry people attended the event, making the atmosphere extremely exciting and anticipatory. People were pleasantly surprised by the huge array of food as some were only expecting biscuits, tea and coffee! After Pastor Yat Wan said grace at the conclusion of our worship service, everyone ate to their heart's content and many people had takeaway packs as well!

The event was awesomely big and extremely yummy! Everyone enjoyed a great time eating and chit-chatting, and we managed to raise the grand total of \$1,483.75.

Especially thanks must go to Wendi Chan for doing a great job as master organiser – coordinating the food-contributors, setting up the venue and ensuring that the whole event ran smoothly. ■



Enjoying a delicious morning tea!

Christian Education Classes

By Jessie Low

The Christian Education classes, *Foundations of Faith*, conducted by Pastor Angelina Eu, stretched over many lessons from 6 May to 15 July. This series of classes was designed to provide a solid base of understanding on some of the Bible doctrines that are essential to the development in our lives as Christians.

The topics covered were:

1. The Local Church
2. The Holy Scriptures
3. The Holy Trinity
4. The Divine Drama in Miniature
5. Life in the Spirit
6. The Second Coming of Christ

"The Local Church" was an appropriate introduction which explained the importance of the local church in God's overall plan, what God's purpose is for the local church and how you and I fit into the whole structure.

More interestingly, it also answered some of the questions about the form of worship that I think most of us have become accustomed to, yet are never sure about. This class addressed questions like, "Why do I lift my hands?", "Why do we speak in tongues?" and, "Why do we stand when we sing?"

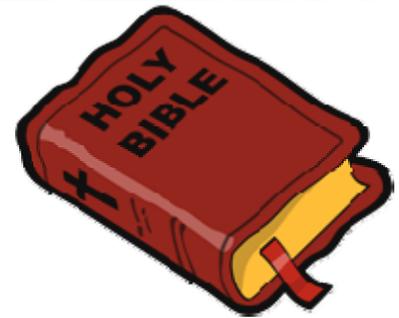
"The Holy Scriptures" focussed on the Bible as the *inspired* Word of God and explained why we should use it as God's guide to living. Having a better understanding of what actually makes up the Bible, who wrote the various books in it, how they were inspired and why these books in particular were accepted as "God-breathed" whilst others were not, provided a clearer perspective of the way we should use the Bible.

"The Holy Trinity" was an interesting session that explained the scriptural basis for the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, what are the divine characteristics of deity and how Jesus' birth, life, ministry, death and resurrection show Him to be deity – the Eternal Son of God.

I found the lesson "The Divine Drama in Miniature" to be the most inspiring. It actually made me read the chapter on Genesis again, but this time with a more in-depth understanding.

This lesson went back to the basics about the creation of man, and how Adam, through wilful disobedience, became sinful and brought judgment on all mankind. We gained a deeper understanding of the cause and effects of sin.

The topic, "Life in the Spirit", covered



sanctification and baptism in the Holy Spirit. It explained the meaning of sanctification and the importance of it in everyday Christian living. We explored what scriptures teach about baptism in the Holy Spirit and what this really means. The class attendees were particularly intrigued with the section about speaking in tongues, as it was described as an initial physical evidence of Baptism in the Holy Spirit, resulting in some interesting discussions.

The last session, "The Second Coming of Christ", was perhaps the most controversial. We learnt that there are, in fact, many different views on how, when and why Jesus will return to earth a second time and what will happen when He does.

I have thoroughly enjoyed Pastor Angelina's classes and am impressed by the way that she is able to explain some perhaps very difficult doctrines in such clear, concise and precise terms. Indeed, I have come away from these classes more confident in what I believe because I now know why I believe. ■

The NLCC Life Track



Enjoying God's presence in a time of worship

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It was an amazing week. Highlights included a prayer walk through the grounds of UWA, 90 minutes of pure solitude to hear God's voice, a campfire, and plenty of hard-core worship and intercession throughout.

On a lighter note, the funnier side of human nature was often on display. An extremely competitive game of 'Dog and Bone' was played out in the Orchard Glory hall, where some individuals exhibited hitherto unknown rugby skills. One very

inspired individual took it upon himself to learn to 'shimmy' – with hilarious consequences.

Overall, Life Track was a great experience. Some of us had never experienced fasting or solitude before, while others learnt much about the way God created human nature and personality through time spent in fellowship.

Our hearts were burdened with the fact that tragedies such as child prostitution and poverty grip the lives of many around the world, and there is a call for Christians to move forward and bring God's love into those places. God impacted many lives over the week, and I believe that He will use our lives to impact others, provided we remain close to Him.



Happy Trackers!



Leading worship

I would strongly encourage everyone to attend future Life Track programs – drawing closer to God is definitely worth the time. I leave you with these words from Pastor – "Peace". ■

J-Life: REACH and REVIVE



Our J-Life band leading worship at a Weekend Live service

By Pastor Jason Tan

J-Life comprises the campus (university and TAFE) ministry and the high school ministry ("OverDrive"). The campus cell groups currently meet on a weeknight, with OverDrive meeting on Sundays after the worship service. J-Life started off this semester with a great bang, with events organised to reach out to students of all ages. The youth camp (Crossfire '07) held in the middle of the semester, provided a spiritual platform for J-Lifers to come together and enjoy the presence of God. The strategy was to *REACH and REVIVE*.

REACH means *reaching out* to our friends by inviting them to J-Life social events. These give us the opportunity to build relationships and friendships. We have started praying for specific friends – that one day they will come to know the Lord. Let's pray for windows of opportunities to introduce Jesus!

REVIVE encompasses *spiritual revival and encounters*. After establishing relationships, we invite our friends to a major event that will allow closer interaction and 'gelling' to take place. These events will possess the spiritual platform for a possible God-encounter to occur – that is, through high praise, the Word of God, devotion and testimonies.

In Semester 1, our REACH events were Orientation Day, the BBQ lunch, Beach Day and the Amazing Race. Weekly cell meetings, Crossfire '07 and bi-monthly J-Life Services were our REVIVE events.

The coming semester brings a new beginning, presenting new challenges and a line-up of exciting events in our calendar.

The strategy is the same – R&R. No, not "rest and relaxation", but REACH and REVIVE! Our sweet and adorable Olivia Chin will be championing the J-Life presence at UWA's Semester 2 Orientation Day, Joseph Luo promises to keep our hearts pumping with the first ever J-Life Games Day and Justin Chin – our own J-Life star athlete – will captain the weekly Captains Ball friendly social matches.

What about REVIVE? Well, Evan Wong and his crew have been planning a secret event... an event consisting of fun, interaction and the presence of God. Once a month, we will also conduct seminars for our students with the objective of building them up with a strong, biblical foundation.

The Bible tells us in Psalm 127:1 that *"unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain."* We can have the best strategies, plans and events, but unless the Lord comes and builds His house, we will have laboured in vain.

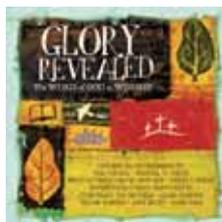
It's the prayer of the J-Life leadership that none of us will depend on our own strength to plan and execute the events. Together, with Christ as our foundation and pillar, and with each other providing the support and encouragement, we can build J-Life to be: *A young generation filled with a strong purpose and a great passion for God.* ■

Do You Hear What I Hear?

By Erwin Chan

Here's a review of some of the songs and albums that have been churned out over the first half of 2007. They might soon make it to our services and onto your very own lips!

"To The Only God" by David Crowder and Shane & Shane



This song is part of a project CD called *Glory Revealed*. Together with the other songs on this album, "To The Only God" has an acoustic-roots tone. The song is relatively short because the words are drawn straight out from Scripture. The slow-paced melody immediately brings you into a worshipful mood, no matter what circumstances are prevailing in your life.

"Undo" by Rush of Fools

A lyrical composition that is worthy of poetry declares the very independent nature of our humanity. Fallible, through our mistakes in life, we get entangled and call out to God to undo the mess we have made in ours and other people's lives. This song has a rather simple melody line, which is made more powerful with their meaningful lyrics.



Pre-release Album: *Live from Passion '07*



Straight out of the Passion '07 Conference, "Glory of It All" by David Crowder* Band (DC*B) is the first single – a thumping and powerful song. Unfortunately, the lyrics of the verses are quite shallow; however, the chorus resonates a truth so basic that it just focuses you into the single act of redemption. Of course, when you are

listening to DC*B, you can't help but picture his eccentric look influencing the music. The second single, "Shine" comes from Matt Redman. Even when listening to this song 'blindly', you can easily pick up the signature lyrical arrangements and musical licks that are Matt Redman. "Shine" is definitely an anthem, talking about all sorts of things – from God's wonderful creation, to becoming His beacons of light in this dark world.

Album: *Saviour King* by Hillsong Music Australia

The latest album release from Hillsong has most people quite worked up. One can hear how musically heavier they are, thereby attracting the niche markets of Christian listeners. Their faster songs, like "I'm Not Ashamed" and "Break Free", takes the casual listener longer to catch on.



On the other hand, Hillsong still excels in their more reflective and slower tunes such as "God of Ages", "One Thing", "To Know Your Name" and "You Are My Strength". One can almost imagine being transported into their live recording session as the songs bring you closer to the inner courts of God's presence. However, they should start coming up with more unique song titles. It's all starting to look somewhat similar to and borrowed from other songs! ■

Twelve Stones' "Foist" (First) Quiz Night

By Jason Lim

I've been to many quiz nights, especially since becoming a Christian. I don't know why exactly... perhaps it's because there's something biblical about getting more knowledge? ("Wise people store up knowledge." Proverbs 10:14a)

On Tuesday 24 April, Twelve Stones held their first quiz night, ever. I admit I didn't expect too much – just a set of crusty old school chairs around fold-out trestle tables, set in an old school gym with two people at the front asking questions. Boy was I mistaken.

The venue was a yacht club – almost enough said, but I'd like to elaborate. It was held in a very nice room; jam packed with tables and chairs. It wasn't too squishy or crowded as there were just enough tables to give you the feeling of festivity. The tables had, shock horror, table cloths on them! They even had decorations and little vouchers for various leisure pursuits like bowling, water slides and other quaint social activities. The chairs were *cushy* – not the hard plastic school ones! The room was well decorated with helium balloons – something one would expect to find at balls and dances; not a quiz night. (This really added to a very special and professional ambience).



Decorations

Before I actually talk about the quiz itself, special mention has to go to the food. We had a buffet table, packed with all kinds of lovely tidbits. I had a friend who just wasn't doing so well with answering questions, but at least he enjoyed going and grabbing the food! (There you go, quiz nights aren't just for nerds!).

For the actual 'quiz' section, there were rounds and rounds of questions from different categories – entertainment, sport, history, politics, geography, science and maths, and miscellaneous. One of my all-time favourite questions was something along the lines of "What would you expect to find in a regular

KFC Family Feast?" How totally awesome is that question? Kudos to the quiz master for setting questions with enough originality as that. Every round had questions that weren't utterly difficult (no tears were shed over difficulty of questions!) nor too easy to answer, and as such, everyone was able to feel that they had a chance of achieving a decent result.



The quiz markers hard at work

There were mini side-line activities, like singing the end parts of songs, identifying movie quotes, guessing the number of jellybeans in a jar (to win an iPod shuffle hidden inside), the combined weight of people on stage (to win several fantastic vouchers) and the Mega Raffle for a Nintendo Wii! These only added to the festivities of the night.



A Nintendo Wii - the night's major prize

Talking to a few friends of mine who don't attend our church, comments included, "This was the best quiz night I've ever been to... and I've been to a lot!" and, "A very, very professional night." I'm really glad people had fun, because as believers, we do have fun!

Most of all, it allowed those who don't attend church to form bridges and relationships with us Christ-followers. Some of the relationships forged then are still growing now and we believe that the fruit of salvation will eventually blossom. What a privilege, to reach out to people showing kindness and love, while enjoying some good, clean fun all at the same time.

Thank you Twelve Stones 2 for organising the event, you are utterly invaluable. Much love to you all!

Keep on JWATR'ing, NLCC! ■

Twelve Stones raised \$2,758.30 in aid of the Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation on the night. With New Life City Church topping up the donated amount to \$3,000.00, the hospital is able to buy a brand new pulse oximeter for use in paediatric wards, a piece of expensive equipment which is essential for monitoring an unwell child's oxygen saturation, heart rate, and blood pressure.



Sarah Ong and Tricia Kao (two of the Quiz Night organisers) about to present the cheque to the Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation.

Twelve Stones and New Life City Church would like to thank the following sponsors, whose generous donations were critical to the night's success.

- Orchard Glory Farm Resort, Bindoon
- Zone 3 Northbridge
- The CACI Clinic, Claremont
- Friends Restaurant, East Perth
- Borsalino Ristorante, Nedlands
- Bluewater Grill, Applecross
- Perfect Lengths, East Perth
- Cut It Out, Perth
- About Bike Hire, Perth
- Arirang, Subiaco
- Shulnc, Perth
- Tansawa Tei, Northbridge
- Oasis Supa Golf, Henley Brook
- The Great Escape, Sorrento
- AMF Bowling, Morley and Cannington
- The Lane Bookshop, Claremont
- Westfield Innaloo
- Lambretta Cucina Italia, Nedlands
- The Olive Tree, West Perth
- Morocko Music, Floreat

How well do you think you would have gone?

Here is a sample of questions from the Quiz Night – one or two from each of our rounds!

(Answers at the bottom of the page.)

- Name all six actors – in chronological order – who have portrayed fictional British agent James Bond.
- What piece of literature is printed on the Australian \$10 note and who wrote it?
- How many bits are there in 1 Megabyte?
- Which Emperor built the Great Wall of China?
 - Empress Chongzhen of the Ming Dynasty
 - Emperor Gao of the Han Dynasty
 - Emperor Nasi Goreng of the Tang Dynasty
 - Emperor Qin Shi Huangdi of the Qin Dynasty
- What is the largest sporting event that has been staged in Melbourne and when was it held?
- As a sign of respect in a work environment in China, what must be exchanged when you meet someone for the first time?
- In the Chinese zodiac, 2010 will be the Year of the _____?
- What does a KFC Family Feast include?
 - 10 pieces of freshly prepared Original Recipe chicken, Large Chips, Large Coleslaw, Large Potato & Gravy, and a 1.25L Drink
 - 10 pieces of freshly prepared Original Recipe chicken, 2 Large Chips, Large Coleslaw, Large Potato & Gravy, and a 1.25L Drink
 - 10 pieces of freshly prepared Original Recipe chicken, 6 Kentucky Nuggets, Large Chips, Large Coleslaw, Large Potato & Gravy, and a 1.25L Drink
 - 10 pieces of freshly prepared Original Recipe chicken, Large Chips, 2 Large Coleslaws, Large Potato & Gravy, and a 1.25L Drink
- Which countries' flags are these:



- What are the collective nouns for owls, gorillas and gnus? (e.g. The collective noun for lions is *pride* - "A *pride* of lions".)



924 jellybeans and an iPod Shuffle were up for grabs as we fundraised for the Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation

Some photos of the Quiz Night participants...



A very excited Fiona Gan, upon hearing that her team had finished third!



Enjoying the night, and hoping to win some great prizes!



Sarah Ong – one of our MCs



This table enjoyed some good luck with one of their members winning the Nintendo Wii!

1. Sean Connery, George Lazenby, Roger Moore, Timothy Dalton, Pierce Brosnan, Daniel Craig. 2. Banjo Paterson's *The Man From Snowy River*. 3. $1024 \times 1024 \times 8 = 8,388,608$ bits. 4. D – Emperor Qin Shi. 5. The 2006 Commonwealth Games. 6. Business Cards. 7. Tiger. 8. A. 9. Gibraltar. 10. Parliament, Band, Implausibility.

Farewell Perth

By Jason Lim

As I sit at my desk and type those words, "Farewell Perth," there is a real sense of departure settling into me. Man! I will miss Perth.

Where do I start? I guess I'll start with why I'm actually leaving a beautiful city like ours. There are only really two reasons why people leave a place: to run *away* from something or to run *to* something. There's no reason for me to run away from Perth, in fact there are a gazillion reasons why I'd rather stay here.

I was born here in Attadale Hospital and apart from a few years in Kuala Lumpur and around the world in 2005, I've always lived here. Here, in my home city, I met God. As I type this, I realise how grateful I really am... "I met God." Since meeting Him in April 1999, I can say that He has given me so many reasons to be passionate about Him. He makes me laugh, smile, do crazy things in crazy places for crazy reasons, gives me peace and rest; but above all, He loves me, absolutely and completely.

I joined NLCC back in 2000 when it was called Genesis Fellowship. Why? From the moment I stepped into good ol' "SSLT", I was greeted by an extremely warm bunch of loving people who simply loved serving God. It was this fellowship that drew me and strengthened my commitment to NLCC. From then, we've grown into an official church. God has been so kind to me and has given me many privileges at NLCC. He allowed me to be there at the beginning of J-Life and again at the beginning of Twelve Stones, and even raised me up to serve as a leader of a cell group.



Reason to stay – family and friends

I remember many wonderful cell nights at Pei Shan Chu and Sharon Kuah's, Arthur Ong's, Clara Foo's, Janice Ng's, the Wu residence, and finally, the Yeohs (whom I must thank, because they tell me what I need to hear as opposed to what I want to – that's true accountability). Every member in every cell group I've ever been in – thank you! Thank you for praying with me, allowing

me to grow with you and allowing me to be your friend and brother.



In 2005, NLCC blessed me on my way around the globe to serve on the missions field – ranging from USA, China and Taiwan. It was a very trying year for me and I found myself coming face to face with the reality of our faith – what would we do for our God? Philippians 4:13 states, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Indeed I can! Though that year was very difficult for me, it was, without doubt, the best year of my life! I cannot say how grateful I am; everyday is a reminder of God being so lovely to me.

During that year I learned valuable spiritual lessons, but at the same time found my vocational calling... OPHTHALMOLOGY (eye surgery)! If NLCC and Pastor Yat Wan had not supported me on this trip, I really know that I could not have come through with banners flying high, and my heart held even higher. Thank you everyone for your prayers and thoughts of me to God!

Which leads me to my original question – why am I leaving my beloved city?

Do you know what it's like to wake up and know that your job is just what God has called you to do? There is so much joy in knowing that we *are serving* God, that we are being obedient to His call. God has called me to become an ophthalmologist, and a very unique opportunity to gain invaluable experience in Singapore has arisen. By His divine hand, I have been granted a job in Singapore as an ophthalmology medical officer for a minimum period of nine months. The miracle of this in itself, I could talk about for ages. It is my hope that this will grant me the experience I need to come back and train here in the College of Ophthalmologists, which, for those who do not know, is highly difficult to enter.

Now when I wake up, I look ahead and know that His path is before me. "What should I do?" I ask myself. The answer is obvious: I will run with all my might, with all my strength and follow His will for my life. It is my dream that one day I will become the very best surgeon He would desire of me. It is my dream that one day, I'll be invited to both palaces (where people of great influence reside) and impoverished places (where people who have nothing struggle to live) to offer the chance of restoring sight – physically and spiritually. Such a dream, I

know will cost me – I will indeed have to work very hard, but "in all labour there is profit" (Proverbs 14:23). Such a dream will cost me leaving my beloved home. Isn't that what "carrying your cross" means anyway?

I guess you are beginning to understand why I've decided to leave you all, my beloved church. Though there are many obstacles and difficulties that lie ahead of me, I earnestly pray that God will lead me back here, and if possible, within one year! This will not be easy, as the hospital will probably want me to permanently reside there, and I also need to be accepted into the College of Ophthalmologists here; but we serve the God of "all possibilities".

So I've almost come to the end of this article, and I must thank a few more people.

- First, God – if I had never met you, I would be nothing... lost. I love you with all my heart and with all my strength.
- Next, Dad and Mum – thanks for supporting your adventurous and "gah tai" (itchy) son, while always believing in me.
- Pastor Yat Wan and family – (NLCC, you have a pastor that really CARES for you!) Thank you for holding me accountable, praying with me, supporting me (and ensuring I never got a girlfriend whilst I was on the missions field), and of course, the occasional golf game!
- The leaders of NLCC – from the core committee, to those in all the ministries, I love you as your brother! You all do a fantastic job, never lose joy.
- To my siblings, friends and NLCC siblings – Ephesians 3:18-19.



Muchos gracias.
Jason Lim

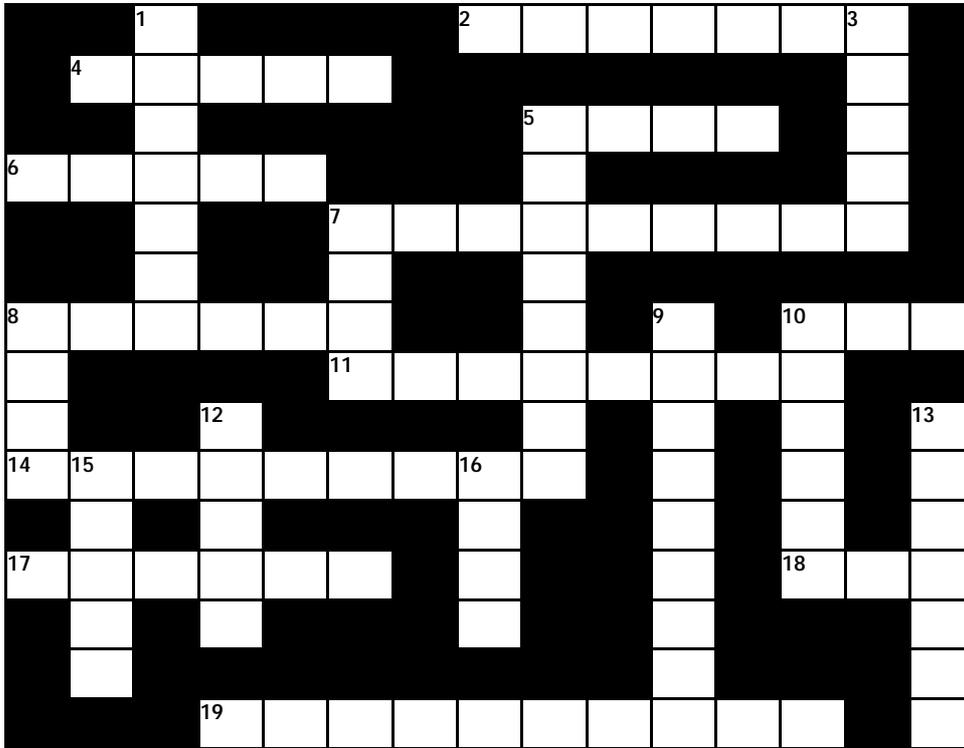


Jason's antics are always good for a laugh!

Epistles Crossword

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Hunt for your crossword answers in this issue of *NLCC Epistles*! Solution next issue.



ACROSS

2. What type of retreat was held at Hilltop Farm, Wooroloo in May? (7)
4. The 2 Across retreat was characterised by fun and _____. (5)
5. Very special people in our lives! (4)
6. Our campus and high school ministry is known as _____. (5)
7. 6 Down's 2007 youth camp. (9)
8. NLCC has a new youth ____! (6)
10. How did Lea, from YWAM, share his testimony with us? (3)
11. What type of trip is NLCC planning for China in April 2008? (8)
14. Jason Lim bade many _____ before leaving for Singapore.
17. Every cup counts in the fight against _____. (6)
18. What type of surgeon is an ophthalmologist? (3)
19. NLCC raised the grand total of \$1,483.75 at its _____ held on 20 May 2007. (7,3)

DOWN

1. Cambodia and Sabah, Malaysia are NLCC's two _____ of focus. (7)
3. With the money raised from 9 Down, NLCC was able to purchase a _____ oximeter for our charity. (5)
5. What is our Ministry Focus for this issue of *NLCC Epistles*? (8)
7. The Cancer Council is researching a _____ for cancer. (4)
8. Name the charitable organisation that 9 Down was held in aid of. (4)
9. What was so special about 24 April 2007? (4, 5)
10. See 12 Down.
12. What is the J-Life strategy? (5,6)
13. Saviour King is the latest album _____ from Hillsong (7)
15. Psalm 35:23 – "_____, and rise to my defense!" (5)
16. The _____ Track program challenged us to draw closer to God through the development of personal disciplines. (4)

Saviour King: A Second Review

By Patrick Yeoh



How can I write a review of Hillsong's latest live worship album without sounding biased? It's actually pretty hard work, with my personal tendency to connect with Hillsong's style of music. I will try my best, but you have been forewarned! The latest album is called *Saviour King*, a fitting title for an album which carries a theme of Christ's redemptive sacrifice, and the response of His people to this revelation.

As usual, the opening track for this album is a fast-paced song – "I'm Not Ashamed". Hillsong never fails to deliver an infectious chorus that gets people

praising. Good thing too is that they couldn't fit as many words in the verses. Definitely no tongue-twisters here!

A few other personal favourites are "You Are My Strength", "Lord of Lords", "Hosanna" and "Saviour King". One thing that stands out of this album is the lyrics. "You asked Your Son to carry this, the heavy cross, our weight of sin..." from "Saviour King" is simple, yet moves me to the core – to know that my Saviour, who reigns in heaven, came down to earth to die for me. "Break my heart for what break yours", is another example – a line from the bridge of "Hosanna". It is a cry I can relate to, needing to see what God sees and what God feels in a world where more often than not, people are motivated by their own agendas.

Musically, Hillsong has managed to keep (most of) their arrangements dynamic, yet simple enough for a typical church worship team to play. Again, great melodies and catchy choruses will be welcomed by the congregation. While not their best album to date, *Saviour King* is a worthwhile CD to add to your collection. ■

Calendar of Upcoming Events

For more information about any of our events, please contact Pastor Yat Wan (0411 144 959).
You can also download the official NLCC 2007 Calendar at publications.nlcc.org.au.



AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Weekly Intercessory Prayer 9.30 am, Church Office	3	4 Seminar with Ps. Dareth Ly 4.00 pm, FGA Marketplace
5 Guest Speaker: Ps. Dareth Ly Sabah Missions Briefing	6	7	8	9	10	11 J-Life Seminar 4.00 pm, Law Lecture Room 1
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Evening Service Worship Experience 4.30 pm, SSLT
19 No Service (UWA Expo)	20	21	22	23 "I Give You Authority" Conference with Charles Kraft	24 Elders' Retreat Mandurah (until Sunday)	25
26 Guest Speaker: Ps. Caleb Brownhill	27	28	29	30	31	

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 (September)
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



september

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 Family Camp Orchard Glory Farm Resort						1 NLCC Golf Day 1.00pm, Wembley Golf Course
2 CE Classes Sermon Series: Old Testament Characters	3	4	5	6 Weekly Intercessory Prayer 9.30 am, Church Office	7 J-Life Campus Holiday Event (until Saturday)	8
9 CE Classes Board Meeting 3.00 pm, Nedlands	10	11	12	13	14	15 Evening Service (YWAM Concert) 4.30 pm, SSLT
16 No Service	17	18	19	20	21	22 YWAM Missions & Drama Training 9.30 am, Church Office
23 CE Classes	24	25	26	27	28	29 Family Camp Orchard Glory Farm Resort



october

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Queen's Birthday Family Camp Orchard Glory Farm Resort	2	3	4 Weekly Intercessory Prayer 9.30 am, Church Office	5	6
7 Guest Speaker: Rev. John Warwick	8	9	10	11	12	13 J-Life Seminar 4.00 pm, Law Lecture Room 1
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 NLCC Leaders' Meeting 9.00 am, LLR1	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Spring Suggestions

If you have any:

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



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All submissions may be edited for length and clarity.

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