



Editors' Welcome

By Stephanie Tan and Tricia Kao

When looking through this issue, the word that comes to our minds is "unity". Indeed, there is a strong sense of togetherness in the articles and reviews; and an increased awareness that each person in our church has an important role to play in the Body of Christ.

The reviews of the recent Twelve Stones and J-Life retreats and Rocky events on pages 3, 10 and 11 all share the theme of fellowship and this is heightened by the comments made by many of our cell leaders (see the latest updates of our cells on pages 6 to 8).

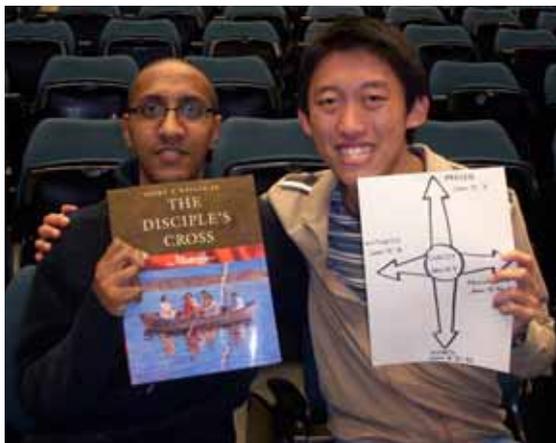
After many weeks of anticipation, NLCC finally began the first book in the MasterLife series on Sunday 16 March. The testimonies of two of our J-Lifers, following their completion of Book 1 – *The Disciple's Cross* with their cells, demonstrate that going through the series is a life-changing experience – one to which we can all testify!

We now look forward to the Prayer and Fast week coming up in mid-May (you can read a short paragraph about it under the Ministry Focus: Prayer on page 2) and, of course, to starting Book 2 – *The Disciple's Personality!* ■

MasterLife: The Disciple's Cross

By Danny Voon

When I first heard about the MasterLife discipleship learning, I honestly didn't have a clear idea about what I could expect to gain from this. All I knew was that I felt a need to become a Christian whose faith is firmly grounded on the foundation of truth – God's Word – and also a Christian who has a real and consistent relationship with God.



Jude and Danny now know what discipleship is all about!

With this need in mind, I thank God for bringing the MasterLife series into the church and into my life. It is a series that offers clear and simple Biblical instructions and practical steps for each of us to develop our relationship with God.

It is such a joy to me to see the changes that God can make in my life when I simply follow the daily material in the MasterLife series. Everyday, I find out more

about the different aspects of discipleship that aids my spiritual growth. It starts off at a fundamental level – my personal commitment to set God as the centre of my life – and gradually progresses to the interpersonal level such as the Biblical model of fellowship with other believers.

My quiet time has become more consistent and vibrant as I have learnt about the wonderful benefits that I can draw out from MasterLife. My prayer life has changed because it no longer focuses on presenting my needs before God; instead, I begin by offering praise and thanksgiving to God for His love and kindness. I have also learned to confess my sins and to pray for others with passion.

I know that there are people who struggle to follow the MasterLife series for various reasons – maybe because it is difficult to maintain a consistent quiet time, or just laziness or busy-ness.

Before MasterLife, I did not really care about others' spiritual walk with God because I felt it had nothing to do with me. But now, God has shown me a different picture where the spiritual life of each member in my cell group and my church has become my concern.

Therefore, I would like to strongly encourage you to regularly spend time with God and to put His teaching into real life action. I do so with the love that God has placed in my heart. I am confident that God has so many more messages for me and for each and everyone in NLCC through the rest of the MasterLife series. There are still many areas in our lives that God wants to change according to His most wonderful will and I pray that we will allow Him to work in us.

All glories go to God. Amen. ■

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MasterLife Testimony

By Yong Wong

As a relatively young Christian, MasterLife has so far provided a solid foundation in my walk with Christ. Previously, I had only understood the reasons to seek His Word and to worship, but now I truly experience the greatness in doing so!



Pastor Angelina Eu speaks about Christian fellowship at a Sunday service

What I love about MasterLife is that although this is the second time I'm going through Book 1 – *The Disciple's Cross* (as I was one of the material-testers), I have found that He is teaching me more and more. As I look back at the questionnaires I filled in during my first attempt to complete MasterLife last year, I am shocked to see how much I have grown since then! I believe this series provides a clear path to seek Him and to serve Him.

The strongest testimony yet is how my cell group (Lattel!) has grown through MasterLife. It is amazing to see my brothers and sisters stepping up and pushing on in the areas of word, prayer and worship. Awesome job, guys!



Not just a book with blank spaces!

After you realise that MasterLife is not just a book with blank spaces to fill, you'll find that it has so much more to offer! ■



Cat Cheng, Jasmin Heng and Yi Chiun Lee (members of TS II) reading through their MasterLife books.

Ministry Focus: Prayer

By Pastor Yat Wan Eu

Scripture clearly indicates that intercession is the primary responsibility of the entire congregation, not just a few select prayer warriors:

Ezekiel 22:30 "I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none."

1 Timothy 2:1-4 "I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."

2 Chronicles 7:14-15 "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place."



NLCC prays for The University of Western Australia

Every believer is to be a praying believer so as to encounter God. Prayer is key to the atmosphere of a living and growing church. It is the hidden force behind vision fulfillment. Every significant spiritual breakthrough in our lives or ministry occurs when we climb the ladder of prayer intercession. Prayer is the single most important key to church health, growth and influence.

In NLCC, we have set aside the second Sunday of every month for corporate prayer to take place, beginning immediately after the sermon and altar ministry. Only when the church community stands in unity and intercedes together will we see the power of God at work in our prayer needs.

In addition, we have set aside a 'Prayer and Fast' week during 12 to 16 May. These five days of prayer and fasting are a call to the congregation – that by unifying our hearts, we can change our attitude and church atmosphere to ignite expectations and allow for corporate cleansing. Seasons of prayer and fasting will release spiritual breakthroughs!

The church office will be open from 6.45 am to 12 noon each day during the Prayer and Fast week for anyone who wishes to come and pray. Community prayer will be held there from 6.45 am to 7.45 am, as we seek the Lord for personal and corporate revival and trust in Him for a spiritual breakthrough in our churchlife, families and marketplace.

Come, be a partner in prayer by joining us in corporate prayer. ■

Our New "3 Cs" in Life: Twelve Stones Retreat 2008



Arriving at Orchard Glory Farm Resort

In addition, Pastor Ashley's special brand of humour really made us feel open and relaxed!

An innovation this year was having some of the J-Lifers take up the invitation to attend the retreat and spend an entire day with us. It was a great time of fellowship and we felt really blessed to have them join us on Saturday - full of energy and enthusiasm.

Each morning before gathering together, we started a fresh day with God by dedicating it to Him in our personal quiet time. We spent the first half hour meditating by ourselves on Psalm 119 and Proverbs 3 and 4 and then with our partners for the next half hour, sharing our thoughts and praying for one another.

After the morning session with Pastor Ashley, we split up into our discussion groups to talk about topics such as "Is NLCC relevant in the community?" and assessing whether most of our time and commitments were dedicated to God or ourselves.

We then had lunch (lovingly pre-prepared by various cell members) before spending some quality time getting to know each other in a less serious manner, and playing games which were innovative and interesting (such as the guys versus girls memory game and the introverts / extroverts role-reversal game!).



The challenging but fun games!



By Claire Goh

Saturday 1 March to Monday 3 March saw our third Twelve Stones Retreat at Orchard Glory Farm Resort. This year, we were once again blessed to have Pastor Ashley Crane as our guest speaker.

Throughout the three days, the sessions with Pastor Ashley were both encouraging and inspirational; drawing us back to God and reminding us to put our focus on Him.



Enjoying a great time of fellowship

"Drawing together young adults to be passionate disciples of Christ, devoted to Him in our relationships, churchlife and vocation."

I learned something interesting that I would like to share with you – a new set of "3 Cs". Most of you have heard of the "3 Cs" that people are said to desire, namely Cash, Credit Card and Condominium. (Other "Cs" now include Career, Car and even Country Club – an increasing sign of materialism in society!)

However, the new set of "3 Cs" are: Christ, Church and Community.

Christ – We have to put Him at the centre of our lives and He must be our first priority in all things.

Church – The church is a place where we worship Him and fellowship with our brothers and sisters. Church represents the body of Christ and we *all* form the body of Christ.

Community – We must reflect Christ when we work with the people around us and in church.

And that is the type of "3 Cs" that we should pursue. That is the kind of Cs that will give us eternal life, happiness and peace.

It was a refreshing and challenging retreat for me – I was refreshed by His anointing power and challenged to reach greater heights with Him in terms of faith and our relationship. I recommend anyone to attend a church retreat or camp to experience it for yourself. ■

On the last night, we had an extended worship time. All lights were turned off and we went into deep worship; singing, praising and praying to God. I could sense God's presence among us that night. He was there to comfort us, heal us and support us. I was deeply touched and I am sure everyone else was.

During the retreat, our elder, James Seow reminded us of our TS mission statement:

*"Acknowledging my yesterday
Embracing our today
Fulfilling His tomorrow"*

He then briefly led us through some of the ideas that had been brought up at our TS vision-casting sessions in February, in which all TS members had been invited to take part. Our new vision statement was then revealed for the first time:



Pastor Ashley speaks to the young adults

Meet Our 2007-08 Newlyweds

Viet-Ma and Nicole Tran

Married on 16 June 2007
Christ Church Grammar School Chapel, Claremont

Honeymoon: Mauritius

Occupations:
Viet-Ma - Financial Planner
Nicole - Business Analyst

How and when did you meet?

We met in Golden Century Restaurant at one of Viet-Ma's family gatherings in February 2005. Minh, Viet-Ma's cousin, invited Nicole for a family dinner (with no intention of introducing them). Viet-Ma sat next to Nicole and got acquainted.

What do you admire about each other?

Nicole: I enjoy Viet-Ma's easy going nature. He always makes me laugh.

Viet-Ma: She is caring, considerate, humorous, and most of all, she laughs at my jokes.

What do you value the most in your relationship?

Our openness in communication. We can talk about anything.

What's your favourite book of the Bible?

Every book is good but if we have to choose one, then Revelation (maybe because we studied it together). It not only wraps up the whole Bible, but completes the whole meaning of life. Going through Revelation was like watching a movie where mysteries unveil. It was like a giant jigsaw puzzle, where the teachings and prophecies of God's Word on any subject slowly began to reveal themselves, as we started to link them together with the rest of the Bible.

Do you have a song that has a special meaning for you?

"I Will Be Here" by Steven Curtis Chapman – one of our wedding songs!

God has blessed us in every possible way. He's been our provider when we had nothing; He's lifted us up when we were down and He's brought joy to our lives. We have learned to depend on our Father for all our needs. The most recent event was the opportunity for us to go on the Cambodia missions trip which we both enjoyed very much. Although the Christians in Cambodia have very little and are sometimes even persecuted, they still follow God because He is so real in their lives. We learned a lot from the trip and have learned to appreciate what we have in life and to be contented. We believe every blessing in our lives is a miracle in itself.



Eric and Samantha Tai



Quincy and Jamie Leung

**Married on 24 February 2008
Wesley Uniting Church, Perth**

Honeymoon: We haven't had our honeymoon yet as we're planning it for next year!

Occupations:

Both Quincy and Jamie are dentists

How and when did you meet?

We met in 2005, working in the same dental clinic in Singapore.

What do you admire about each other?

Jamie: I admire Quincy in that he's very dependable, and very calm and composed when problems occur.

Quincy: I admire Jamie for her patience and caring heart.

What do you value the most in your relationship? Trust.

What's your favourite book of the Bible? Psalms.

We would like to thank God for bringing the two of us together. Quincy grew up in Hong Kong and studied in Perth, while Jamie grew up in Malaysia and studied in New Zealand. Somehow, we met in Singapore!



Married on 15 April 2007

**Under the eaves of the Sir Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery,
The University of Western Australia**

Honeymoon: Queensland, Australia and Malolo Island, Fiji

Occupations:

Eric – Doctor
Samantha – Veterinarian

How did you meet? Through our families.

What do you admire about each other?

Sam: His sense of humour and ability to eradicate spiders and cockroaches from the house.

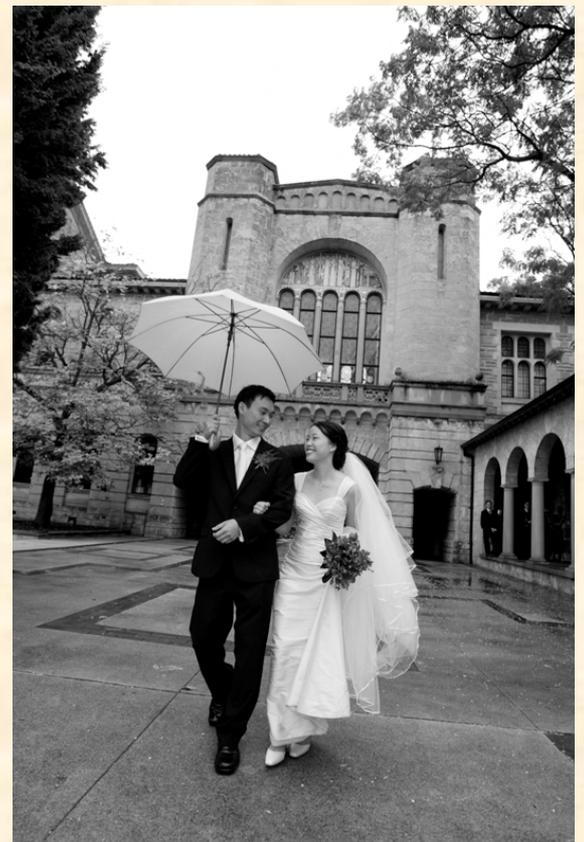
Eric: Her generosity and fish gutting skills (though this has waned in recent times).

Sam: Well, that is because your fish catching skills (another thing that I admire) has also waned in recent times.

Eric: Sad, but true... ☹

What do you value the most in your relationship? Trust.

What are your favourite books of the Bible? Psalms and Proverbs.





New Life City Church's Cell Groups

As the church is God's apostolic community, all disciples of Christ are called to operate in a community of believers, rather than by themselves. NLCC's small groups, or "cells", facilitate quality care, relational discipleship and allow members to form genuine relationships.

Adults / Families

Applecross

Friday, 8.00 pm in Applecross or Winthrop

Leader: Seng Kian Gan
Associate Leader: Amelia Leo

Why should people join this cell?

We are fun-loving, Word-loving, food-loving and fellowship-loving!

Favourite cell activities: Fellowship and food.

Contact SK (sk.gan@nlcc.org.au) or Amelia (amelia.leo@nlcc.org.au; 0432 655 090) for more information!



SK and Fionna Gan and Amelia Leo

The last time we had a look at our cell groups was in January 2005 - see if you can spot the changes in the cells and leadership!

At NLCC, we have cell groups for nearly all ages – from high-schoolers to those over 50+! So if you are not currently in a cell group, you can read about each cell and see which one sounds just right for you.



Fred Sin

Canning Vale

Friday, 8.30 pm in Canning Vale

Leader: Pastor Angelina Eu
Associate Leader: Fred Sin

Why should people join this cell?

We are fun, friendly people who will make you feel at home – even if you are 40 or 50+, or having a middle-age crisis!

Favourite cell activities: Food tasting and golf for the guys.

Contact Fred (fred.sin@nlcc.org.au) for more information!

Dalkeith

Friday, 8.00 pm in Dalkeith

Leaders: Pastor Yat Wan Eu and Stephen Leong

Why should people join this cell?

We are an enthusiastic bunch of late baby boomers who have a heart for God! We stir each other to serve and do good works. Come visit us!

Favourite cell activity: Food!

Contact Yat Wan (yatwan.eu@nlcc.org.au; 0411 144 959) or Stephen (stephen.leong@nlcc.org.au) for more information!



Pastor Yat Wan Eu

Twelve Stones



Dee May Yeoh and Stephanie Tan

Twelve Stones II

Friday, 8.00 pm or
Saturday, 4.00 pm in Rivervale,
Nedlands, Como or Morley

Leader: Dee May Yeoh
Associate Leader: Stephanie Tan

Why should people join this cell?!

We have great times of fellowship! If you're struggling with the transition from uni to the workplace or learning to prioritise the different demands of life – we may not have all (any!) of the answers, but we're always ready to listen and lend a hand.

Favourite cell activities:

Eating, card games (girls), anything car-related (guys).

Contact May (deemay.yeoh@nlcc.org.au) or Steph (stephanie.tan@nlcc.org.au) for more information!



Pastor Angelina Eu

Iluka

Thursday, 7.30 pm in Iluka

Leader: Pastor Angelina Eu

Why should people join this cell?

We love God and people.

Favourite cell activities: Food and fellowship.

Contact Angelina (angelina.eu@nlcc.org.au) for more information!

J-Life (University and TAFE)



Joseph Luo and Gloria Ong

Finders

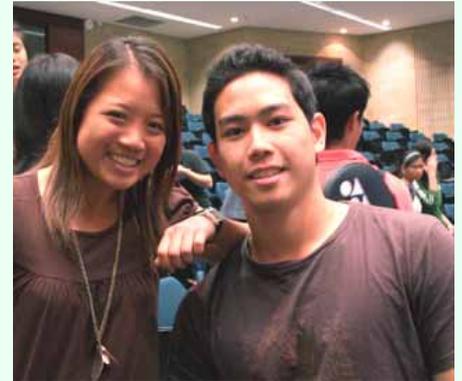
Friday, 7.00 pm in Nedlands

Leader: Joseph Luo
Associate Leader: Gloria Ong

Why should people join this cell?
Because we reeeaaaally are cooler than we sound and we want you!!

Favourite cell activities: Eating and “nerding”.

Contact Gloria (gloria.ong@nlcc.org.au) for more information!



Amanda Tan and Justin Chin

Keepers

Friday, 7.30 pm in Dalkeith or Nedlands

Leaders: Justin Chin and Amanda Tan
Associate Leader: Kristine Lim

Why should people join this cell?
Apart from us being so totally and incomparably cool? It's because our cell's probably the nicest cell out of the bunch - one where services come with a smile. ☺

But please though, no more Manchester United supporters! (Just kidding!) Seriously, we feel that attending cell is a must, as it's a place where real bonds can be formed and lives can be shared.

Favourite cell activity: Most definitely eating.

Contact Justin (Justin.chin@nlcc.org.au) or Amanda (amanda.tan@nlcc.org.au) for more information!

(Young Adults)



James and Sarah Seow and Rena Teoh



Evan Wong and Nickolas Sin

FRESHfeet

Friday, 7.30 pm in Nedlands

Leaders: Nickolas Sin and Evan Wong

Why should people join this cell?
We're a group of very varied young men and women, united in our pursuit of God and love for each other. For freshness, fun and fellowship, find FRESHfeet!

Favourite cell activity: (Almost) Anything goes!

Contact Evan (evan.wong@nlcc.org.au; 0411 035 830) or Nic (nickolas.sin@nlcc.org.au; 0431 040 225) for more information!

Twelve Stones III

Friday, 8.00 pm or
Saturday, 4.30 pm in Nedlands,
Stirling, Cannington or Murdoch

Leaders: James and Sarah Seow
Associate Leader: Rena Teoh

Why should people join this cell?
You'll get to try different restaurants around Perth!

Favourite cell activity:
Eating.

Contact Sarah (sarah.seow@nlcc.org.au) for more information!

Latte

Friday, 7.30 pm in Nedlands

Leaders: Genevieve Ong and Yong Wong

Why should people join/attend this cell group?
Come and meet a bunch of friendly, relaxed, fun-loving boys and girls, young eligible bachelors and the one and only young yet motherly, caring and protective chic, Gen Ong! More importantly, come and fellowship with a group of young men and women deeply passionate about seeking God and doing His will!

Favourite cell activities: Hanging out, planning surprise birthday parties, going on road trips, making fun of each other (especially cell leaders!), eating free food at each others' graduations and 'trying' to study. ☺

Contact Yong (yong.wong@nlcc.org.au; 0411 640 540) for more information!



Genevieve Ong and Yong Wong

OverDrive (High School)

"Our rationale in a nutshell!

"I will drive/steer my life toward Christ, making the difficult choices that I know will glorify God - with the help and support of my i-family who will help me start and continue to bear good spiritual fruit."

"We've been learning about and helping each other become more effective disciples of Christ – and we want to bear good fruit – symbolised by an 'apple'. God is our Master and Teacher, but ultimately, **we make the** (difficult) **choices** each day. Being part of *iDrive* or *iSteer* gives each of us an identity as part of the i-family – a family that will **support each other in making the right decisions** that are driven by our shared passion for GOD. Own it, live it, drive or steer it!"

iDrive

Sunday, 12.30 to 3.00 pm
at the Church Office

Leaders:
Amanda Tan and Rachael Tang

Associate Leaders:
Natania Ong and Estella Yeap

Why should people join this cell?

Coz we're young, we know how to have fun and we're 'frank'! (Inside joke – if you want to find out, you'll just have to come join us!)

Favourite cell activity:

Spontaneously breaking out in song ... and s-p-e-l-l-i-n-g.

Contact Rae (rachael.tang@nlcc.org.au) or Amanda (amanda.tan@nlcc.org.au) for more information!



Amanda Tan and Rachael Tang



Bryan Sin and Michelle Tang

iSteer

Sunday, 12.30 to 3.00 pm
in Nedlands

Leaders:
Bryan Sin and Michelle Tang

Associate Leaders:
Dorothy Eu and Keith Ong

Why should people join this cell?

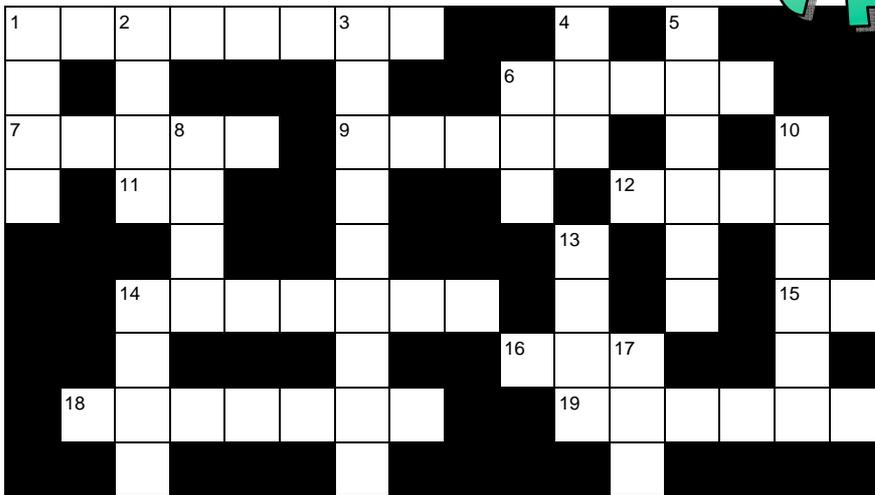
Everyone loves everyone else; we are a friendly bunch who love giggles (roars for boys); it's always pumping with energy and joy and also – we provide a listening ear to anyone who comes along! Most importantly, we are ON FIRE for God! (Rawrrss...)

Favourite cell activity:

Having fun, doing crazy things, the couch-guy-girl game, sharing lives!

Contact Michelle (michelle.tang@nlcc.org.au) or Bryan (bryan.sin@nlcc.org.au) for more information!

epistles FUN



How well do you know your MasterLife memory verses and associated Scripture references? Test your knowledge with this crossword!

Last issue's Word Search solution:

1 Corinthians 13:13 "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

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- You are the ____ of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. (1 Corinthians 12:27)
- God ascends ____ shouts of joy. (Psalm 47:5)
- The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and _____. (James 5:16)
- We are asked to ____ the world know that God sent His Son. (John 17:23)
- Enter His gates with thanksgiving; enter His courts with _____. (Psalm 100:4)
- He appointed twelve apostles – that they might be with _____. (Mark 3:14)
- The new command we are given is to ____ one another. (John 13:34)
- The Lord is our _____. (Psalm 91:2)
- ____ to the Lord, you saints of his; praise his holy name. (Psalm 30:4)
- Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising ____ in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19)
- Christ said, "Remain in me and I will remain in ____." (John 15:4)

ACROSS

- Christ is the Vine and we are the _____. (John 15:5)
- As God's children, we are His _____. (Romans 8:17)
- To be a disciple of Christ, we must take up our cross _____. (Luke 9:23)
- It is to God's glory that we bear much _____. (John 15:8)
- Apart from me you can ____ nothing. (John 15:5)
- No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the _____. (John 15:4)
- Christ was ____ in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin. (Hebrews 4:15)
- While we were still sinners, Christ died for _____. (Romans 5:8)
- ____one who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. (Luke 14:27)
- It is with our hearts that we ____ and are justified. (Romans 10:10)
- The ____ is the power of God for the salvation of all who believe. (Romans 1:16)

Visit to the USA

By Pastor Yat Wan Eu

How it began

In 2007, Pastor Bruce Mumm, co-producer of *Influence Living* – headquartered in Orlando, Florida and formerly known as *Priority TV* in Australia – invited me to serve as an advisor to their International Board of Advisors.



Pastors Yat Wan and Angelina Eu with Pastors Kay and Bruce Mumm

The NLCC Board has committed to sponsoring the senior pastor to attend one conference a year as part of leadership development or ministry commitment. In the past years, I have used this annual sponsorship to participate in the Agama General Assembly (Sydney) in 2004 and the Lausanne Conference (Pattaya, Thailand) in 2005. This year, on Monday 25 February, I headed to Orlando with my wife Angelina (who was able to raise her own finances to join me).

Enroute to Florida

We broke the long journey from Australia to Florida with a three-night stay in Vancouver, Canada, where we pioneered a church from 1989 to 1991. We met up with many former church parishioners that were part of the original congregation, as well as Dr Paul and Mary-Ann Hawkes – former colleagues of mine at the Theological Centre for Asia, Singapore. Indeed, God is faithful as we had not interfaced with these members since 1991!

Canada is not unlike Australia – they need a new burst of passion, revival and impetus in evangelism and missions. Perhaps we have become too comfortable, trivialising our devotion and commitment to Christ. During our journey, God gave us a renewed burden to press on to what He has called us to accomplish in NLCC, Perth and beyond.

Florida (The land of the theme parks, swamps and retirement homes)

Pastor Bruce Mumm met us at the Orlando Airport on Saturday 1 March and within 20 minutes we were resting at his home in Davenport. I preached at GreeneWay Church (pastored by his son Dr Wade Mumm) at two morning services and the altars were full of people seeking the Lord.

The 35-strong *Influence Living* International Board met on Tuesday 4 March to develop a strategy for fundraising, programme development and to clarify the mission's objectives and vision. *Influence Living* is broadcast to five countries with a

potential audience of 40 million people. I came away from this meeting thinking that this must be the most cost-effective TV ministry in the world, with a mere US\$120,000 budget for the year! I encourage you to pray for this TV ministry and support them financially. Check out their website (www.influenceliving.com) for more details.

We also met Dr Bob Houlihan in Florida, a missionary statesman and the Dean of Southeastern University's College of Christian Ministries. He has been an encouragement to us for many years and our passion for missions continues to grow. We both desire to see many more answer the call to be trained and equipped for this area of ministry.

New York City

We arrived on Thursday 6 March in New York City (our first visit there!). We stayed with Reverend Doug and Youngsun Bolan, our seminary classmates whom we have not seen since graduating 21 years ago. We acknowledged God's faithfulness again as we shared stories of His mercy and faithfulness, and we encouraged each other in the Lord. Doug even invited us to meet his congregation.

A few days later, we preached at Bethel Chinese Assembly of God in Chinatown, a church pastored by my friend, Reverend Jason Quah. Though this church has faced many challenges in the past, God has brought both the Cantonese and English congregations together in unity. We believe that God will bring renewed growth to this church, and that His presence will invade the hearts and lives of the people!

Clumsy OI' Me!

On our second day in New York, I was taking a photograph of Angelina at a hot dog stand. Not realising that there was a 20-step staircase behind me, I took a step back and before I knew it, I was falling towards the basement. As if in slow-motion, I turned to the right and leapt off the steps. To our surprise, we discovered that I only escaped with a graze on my head from a rough wall and some cuts on my hands.

There, God reminded me of His constant protection – there would have been more serious injuries if I hadn't turned my body! And at that point, I actually felt the prayers of the saints (intercessors) who had been keeping us in prayer during this period. Thank you for your partnership in prayer!



A very memorable hot dog stand in New York City!

Prayer for Revival

Our time in the USA was a season of encouragement to us and our old and new-found friends. We left this nation with a heavy burden on our hearts – that the current financial crisis will bring the people of America to their knees to seek God. There is a strong complacency in the churches today. Will you join with us to pray for revival in America? ■



J-Life Camp – “Got Love?”

By Chester Tham

Camp “Got Love?” was held over the Easter holiday weekend at the beautiful Orchard Glory Farm Resort. This J-Life camp saw an unprecedented number of campers – more than a hundred!



Over 100 campers... this must be a record!

The sessions of preaching given by Pastor Chris Hope (who travelled all the way from Melbourne to minister to the campers) were a big part of camp. He and his wife, Sally, imparted knowledge, gave encouragement and inspired the campers through these sessions.

Rocky III and IV

By Bryan Sin

It had been a very long while since Rocky II, but on Saturday 15 March, it was great to see that clearly, some things hadn't changed. The music was pumping, the Word inspiring and God placed in our hearts the mission to bring someone else along to J-Life's 2008 camp “Got Love?”.

Rocky III (Pre-Camp Rocky) simply flew by. During a time of worship and praise, the camp song for “Got Love?” was revealed, and we just had an awesome time being in His presence. Pastor Jason then gave an encouraging message about taking the step in faith to bring those last-minute friends to camp, and said he believed that great things were going to happen during the Easter break.

I can't say he was wrong. Meet the youth who went to camp and you'll see that something has changed.

But it didn't stop at the end of camp. Just five days afterwards, on Saturday 29 March, we were still going strong (if mildly exhausted). Rocky IV started off with a bit of healthy competition where the guys beat the girls in a “name game” (which we reckoned Josiah tampered with!). Then the worship team kicked into life and J-Life became a jumping mob once again.

When we calmed ourselves down, our camp pastor, Chris Hope, gave us a passionate message to remember after camp. One thing that stuck to me from this message was Exodus 2:1-10 – the example of the Levite woman. As we offer up the treasures of our life to the Lord, it doesn't mean that we never get them back. In fact, the Lord more than doubles back what we have offered and blesses us with much more. Truly, God is wonderful.

And so another uber-awesome Rocky ended. These sessions to me are times where J-Life gets the opportunity to get together as a whole to be with God. Where we can simply fellowship with Him with no distractions and have fun and games along the way. And although memories of Rockys may fade, God is always there for another, and I just can't wait until we all get together for another one.

It's been pretty crazy so far – but that means wilder times are coming ahead. ■



Pastor Chris Hope and his family

On one of the night sessions, Chris Hope helped the campers to get filled with the Holy Spirit. In doing so, some of them received the gift of speaking in tongues. It was a night where many experienced God in a very real and personal way.

Apart from Chris Hope's messages, there were also many sessions of worship where our awesome band provided an environment that allowed the campers to really let loose and give their all in worshipping the Lord. One notable session, “Powerhouse”, was a mega worship session that saw campers worshipping the Lord late into the night.

Food! Man cannot live on bread alone, and this is why the aunties of NLCC were there to provide the campers with a wicked variety of delicious, mouth-watering meals. Thanks to all the aunties for keeping everyone full and happy! You are truly God-given!



We all made many new friends!



Star chefs: The NLCC aunties



Tug of War



Exhausted after the games!



Waterfight!

The games, organised by Charis and Calvin, not only helped build bonds between the campers but also provided them with good fun and some exercise, which was probably needed after the sumptuous meals consumed before.

One highlight of the camp was talent night. The drama performances by the different camp groups revealed some hidden talents and also provided everyone with a good laugh.



Skit: "Everything"

Another skit, entitled "Everything", was also performed by a number of J-Lifers. It depicted the evil influences that Satan has on mankind and God's fight and sacrifice for all of us. Although the skit has been performed by others elsewhere in the world, as Chris Hope put it, "it has never been performed as well as this one." Indeed, many were impacted and moved at this dramatic reminder of God's immense and unselfish love for us.



Got L-O-V-E?



"Got Love?" ended on the morning of Easter Sunday with some sharing by a number of campers. We then made our way home in our respective cars, with hearts now resolute in making an impact for God. ■



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 2008 Calendar at publications.nlcc.org.au.



may

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Worship Experience/ Celebration Lunch Speaker: Ps Yat Wan Eu	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Mother's Day celebration Prayer Meeting 11.30 am, SSLT	12 'Prayer and Fast' week	13 'Prayer and Fast' week	14 Twelve Stones / J-Life Prayer Meeting 7.30 pm, Church Office	15 'Prayer and Fast' week	16 'Prayer and Fast' week	17 Twelve Stones outreach events
18 NLCC Leaders' Forum 3.00 pm, Church Office	19	20	21	22	23	24 Devotional workshop (1) 9.00 am, Church Office
25 Speaker: Ps Yat Wan Eu	26	27	28	29	30	31 Devotional workshop (2) 9.00 am, Church Office

june

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Speaker: Ps Angelina Eu	2 Foundation Day	3	4	5	6	7
8 Speaker: Ps Yat Wan Eu Prayer Meeting 11.30 am, SSLT	9	10	11	12	13	14 Elders' Planning Retreat (full day) Joondalup Golf Resort
15 Speaker: Ps Yat Wan Eu	16	17	18	19	20 Twelve Stones Prayer Meeting 8.00 pm, Church Office	21
22 Speaker: Ps Yat Wan Eu	23	24	25	26	27 J-Life Leaders' Retreat	28 J-Life Leaders' Retreat
29 J-Life led service Speaker: Ps Jason Tan	30					

july

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Speaker: Elder SK Gan (tbc)	7 Hillsong Conference '08 (Acer Arena, Sydney, NSW)	8 Hillsong Conference '08	9 Hillsong Conference '08	10 Hillsong Conference '08	11 Hillsong Conference '08	12
13 Speaker: Rev Ashley Crane Prayer Meeting 11.30 am, SSLT	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Speaker: Ps Angelina Eu	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 J-Life led service Speaker: Jason Tan	28	29	30	31		

Worship Services are conducted at:
Social Science Lecture Theatre
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Crawley WA 6009

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Sunday Schedule

Worship Service
10.00 am to 11.30 am

Children's Ministry
10.45 am to 11.30 am

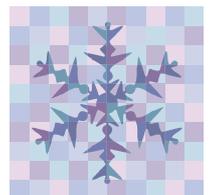
Prayer Meeting (2nd Sunday of each month)
11.30 am to 12 noon



Winter Write-ups

If you have any:

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



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