

# THE EPISTLES

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## A God We Can Trust

By Senior Pastor Eu Yat Wan

**A** faithful friend is a strong defense; and he that hath found him hath found a treasure." Louisa May Alcott

Relationships can bless, and they can hurt. Psalm 55 describes David's anguish at the abandonment and betrayal suffered at the hands of a friend, and shows how there is still hope.

### Internal nightmare

David begins with a plea for God's ear (v. 1). The "listen" is punctuated by urgency: "Do not ignore my plea; hear me and answer me" (vv. 1,2). Did David fear God would be as insensitive as the departed friend?

David summarises his depression (vv. 3,4) and notes the physiological and psychological trauma he experiences: "Fear and trembling have beset me; horror has overwhelmed me" (v. 5). Only someone very close can cause emotional wounds such as this. Such excruciating pain surpasses the former comfort in friendship.

As David, you may feel trapped in hurt. "Oh, that I had the wings of a dove! I would fly away and be at rest. ... far from the tempest and storm" (vv. 6-8).

### External danger

Few breakups are accompanied by the physical threats that confronted David: - violence, strife, malice, abuse, threats and lies. Yet we are still assaulted: "Destructive forces are at work" (v. 11). The enemy's deeds are never constructive. He is interested only in our defeat.

### Unendurable loss

A grieving divorcée seeks prayer: "I just can't bear the pain. My husband, my closest friend, told me he had to leave me because he was gay. I don't know if I have the strength to go on living."



David speaks for all the wounded when he laments, "If an enemy were insulting me, I could endure it; if a foe were raising himself against me, I could hide from him. But it is you ... my companion, my close friend, with whom I once enjoyed sweet fellowship" (vv. 12-14). Intensifying the pain is the remembrance that the "sweet fellowship" had included spiritual togetherness ("as we walked with the throng at the house of God" (v. 14).

### Anger vented

A husband with an adulterous wife, admitted, "It was all I could do to restrain myself from going to her new home in the middle of the night and torching it."

David is no stranger to those emotions. Yet, the Psalm guides us on how to deal with hurt and anger. The Lord allows us to express that anger to Him, but not to act on the anger. Maturity in Christ takes us along an even higher and more difficult path: forgiveness and overcoming evil with good.

### One dependable Friend

David resolves his anguish by turning to God, whose character and attributes he recalls, whom he trusts will not disappoint (vv. 16-19). He is thus ultimately able to end with resolute advice—echoed by Peter in the New Testament: "Cast your cares on the Lord" (v. 22; 1 Pet. 5:7).

It's hard. We want to solve our own problems and control the solutions. However, prayer draws me to desire His solutions. Whatever

your emotional war, involve God. Put the matter in His hands.

God invites us to seek His attention, cast our cares on Him and to relinquish our situation into the Lord's care, "But as for me, I trust in you" (v. 23). In the most challenging circumstances of our lives, we can and must still Trust in God!

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By Dr Joseph Luo

In 2015, New Life City Church conducted its inaugural pulpit series, to explore and establish, simply, *Why Missions*.

#### 1. Why Missions? The Glory of God

NLCC is a missions church because God desires to be glorified in all nations and hence as His people we desire to see God worshipped in all nations.

*“Yes, Lord, walking in the way of your laws, we wait for you: your name and renown are the desire of our hearts.” Isaiah 26:8*

#### 2. Why Missions? The Cry of the Unreached

NLCC is a missions church because there are over 6500 unreached people groups who need to hear the gospel.

*How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news! Romans 10:14-15*

#### 3. Why Missions? The Beauty of the Gospel

NLCC is a missions church because the gospel is so beautiful, so wonderful and so marvellous that we are compelled to share it.

*For if, when we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Romans 5:10*

#### 4. Why Missions? The Blessings We Have

NLCC is a missions church because we have been greatly blessed by God to be a blessing to others.

*May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us, so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations. Psalm 67:1-2*

#### 5. Why Missions? The Power of Prayer

NLCC is a missions church because we believe that our prayers change things on the mission field.

*“You have not because you ask not” James 4:2*

## Missions Sunday

On Sunday 17 May, NLCC celebrated its annual Missions Sunday and International Food Fair.

The guest speaker was Pastor Tom Bohnert who ministers in Philippines and Bhutan. He brought a powerful message that challenged us to continually seek God’s glory in all nations.

We thank God that people were mobilised to pray for missions, and that many pledged support and participation towards NLCC’s missionary efforts.



## Evening with Ross Winchester

On Saturday 22nd May, we enjoyed an evening with Ps Ross Winchester: a missionary serving in North Asia whom NLCC has supported for five years as he focuses on leadership training, evangelistic concerts, and child sponsorship.

Fishing principles from Ross Winchester

1. Go where the fish are
2. Use bait the fish like
3. Don’t try to clean the fish before you have caught it



# Caleb and Jen Brownhill

Missionaries with Youth With a Mission – YWAM Perth



Nearly 15 years ago a small team was sent to pioneer a new missions work in a large inland Chinese city. Like many frontier missionaries they were well prepared, but had very little idea of the cultural adjustments, spiritual battles and challenges they would face. Many on the frontiers struggle with isolation, lack of workers and how to integrate short-term missions into their long term missions strategy. Many of those difficulties were minimised by the team's strong relationship with YWAM Perth and the support of their respective local churches.

Today, this team has over 100 workers spread across multiple cities in China. In each of those cities there has been an ever increasing number of those coming to Christ and being discipled in the ways of God. One of the key factors to multiplication of this missions initiative was its strong relationship to a large missions mobilisation base. That base supplied prayer, profiling,

encouragement and mobilising of many missionaries both short term and long term to be a part of the dynamic initiative. Without this active support at each stage, the initiative would likely have remained small; the impact much smaller.

The importance of missions mobilisation in completing the great commission cannot be underestimated. Large missions training bases such as YWAM Perth give hundreds of young people exposure to long term missions opportunities every year. Without this ongoing exposure of young people to long term missionary initiatives, there would be far fewer missionaries going to the least reached peoples of the world. Missions mobilisation plays arguably one of the most significant parts in seeing all nations reached with the Gospel.

This is just one of many works that YWAM Perth is part of and that we as a family are involved in. Our vision has a major focus on mobilisation of missionaries and discipleship training. It has been our privilege to see thousands of missionary workers released and to partner many frontier missionary initiatives.

## Be a Mobiliser

*A call to mobilisation in the US, which sounds out to us in NLCC*

**D**r. Ralph Winter, founder of the U.S. Center for World Missions comments: "Here is a tragic fact: Only about one out of a hundred 'missionary decisions' results in actual career mission service. Why? First, because few parents, pastors and friends really encourage anyone to follow through on that kind of a decision.

Mobilisers are those who channel key resources, training and vision for world evangelization to the Body of Christ. It has been said, that to improperly appreciate and support the role of the mobiliser is to seriously hinder the functions of the goer, sender, and welcomer."

Standing before a crowd of college students, Dr. Winter challenged them, saying, "Suppose I had a thousand college seniors in front of me who asked me where they ought to go to make a maximum contribution to Christ's global cause. What would I tell them? I would tell them to stay home and mobilize. All of them." How in the world can this former missionary say this with a straight face - trying to talk people into not becoming missionaries? Because the need to sound the alarm is so great. Wouldn't it be strategic to awaken one hundred sleeping firemen rather than to throw your own little bucket of water on the huge fire yourself? Some will go as pioneer missionaries. Still others will be able to stay back from the field and assist this entire U.S. mobilisation process to succeed.

[extract from The Traveling Team – [www.thetravelingteam.org](http://www.thetravelingteam.org)]

## NLCC Missions Calendar

Please pray for these upcoming trips : -



**CAMBODIA**

**SIEM REAP -**  
Saturday 12 – Sunday 20 December

**STUNG TRENG**  
Sunday 13 – Sunday 20 December

**TAIWAN**  
PING LIN AND TAINAN

Friday 18 – Monday 28 December



How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news,  
who proclaim peace,  
who bring good tidings,  
who proclaim salvation,  
who say to Zion,  
"Your God reigns!"

ISAIAH 52:7

## Missions Impact Trip: Cambodia December 2014

By Dr Chong Chui Han



*"God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supplies"* - British missionary Hudson Taylor

I had the privilege of being part of the Cambodia medical missions impact team led by Dr Andre Leong and his wife Patricia in December 2014. The team comprised 18 members from five different churches

with the youngest member being Kay-Lynn, the leaders' 8 year-old daughter. Although strangers prior to the trip, we came together quickly working to share God's love.

We were greeted by familiar faces, Brother Sokphal and his family. Brother Sokphal is a dear friend (local church planter) whom we have been working with for the last few years. He made us welcome straightaway by bringing us to Ampil Primary School for their Christmas celebration. This school is supported by Mission of Mercy, an organisation which Brother Sokphal works closely with. It was heart-warming to see these underprivileged children given the opportunities to receive education and to learn the word of God. The smiles that radiated from these little ones washed away the tiredness from our journey quite easily. A warm welcome indeed!

Over the course of our trip, with five doctors on board, we visited five villages (including a fishing village) and saw 658 patients in total.

We had the privilege of working with the youth leaders of the church. These leaders undertook each of their roles in an exemplary manner, including prayer for everyone who attended the clinics, acting as interpreters for the doctors and caring for the needs and logistics of the team.

The ferventness and faithfulness of these young people who were giving their all to serve and share the love of God are an inspiration. It almost felt like home when I arrived at this beautiful land for my 4th trip.

## Mission Impact Trip : Medan December 2014

By Elder Fred Sin



**O**ur missions trip to Indonesia involved visiting a church in Medan and 6 other churches in Berestagi.

We attended a Sunday morning service at a local Medan where Pastor Angelina Eu preached. Then, we travelled to Berestagi, a hill resort five hours away.

We began a series of day trips to various churches in the villages surrounding Berestagi, faithfully chauffeured by our Indonesian counterparts Pastor Gordon and his son Samuel over the daily 1- 2 hour rides.

These villages (*kampongs*) were located approximately 5 to 15 km from the volcano Mt Sinabung which had erupted just a few months prior to our trip, and caused much damage.

Many people were still staying in temporary accommodation, which were served by unsealed dirt tracks and a palpable lack of a pipe water supply.

Most of the churches we served comprised of approximately 40 to 50 people, mostly women and children, with a notable absence of male attendance and leadership. These churches are in need of external support for their finances, teaching, and ministry support.

Even so, they had a hunger for God and a passion to worship Him.

Our daily schedule involved medical check ups for the locals, children's activities and preaching. Doctors Joseph Luo and Ashley Tan provided medical services while Christine Seah led the children's ministry. Pastor Angelina and Dr Joseph Luo preached every night and delivered some wonderful messages.

A highlight of our trip was a huge pig feast generously served by one of the churches. The pig was approximately 200kg, slaughtered and cooked the traditional way of the villagers. This was an extravagant meal, as the pig cost the equivalent to one month's salary. They treated us as their honoured guest, as they served the best food to us first and they only ate later.

Joseph Luo was the favourite son among the young girls in Berestagi. He charmed them all.

Joey Chia and Auntie Jenny were the quietly efficient and reliable workers while my wife Wai Pheng was a most capable treasurer.

It was a wonderful missions trip where we witnessed God's presence and glory reflected in Indonesia.



## Missions Impact Trip: Bangkok September 2015

By Senior Pastor Eu Yat Wan

**A** team of seven from NLCC and HarvestForce Church, Singapore joined Living Stream Church, Bangkok in ministering in 16 ministry services in Bangkok, Pattaya and Chaiyaphum.

A highlight of the trip was a Water Baptism service planned for about 20 new believers but which eventually had 35 candidates as, upon hearing the Gospel during the service, 15 members of the audience confessed Christ as Lord immediately and presented themselves forthwith for water baptism.

Indeed, the harvest is ready and ripe! We ministered in two churches in Chaiyaphun and Pattaya which were just a year old and each congregation of about a hundred people were enthusiastic in worship and in their expression of faith and of what Jesus had done in their lives. God is stirring the hearts of the people to reach out and be a living witness!

Workshops on Marriage relationships and the Five Love Languages (Communication) were conducted as well as cooking lessons.



Join us in praying that God will bring a sweeping revival to Thailand. We hope that you can join us for an eight day Missions Impact Trip to Thailand planned for 20-27 June 2016.

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Matthew 28:18-20

## Missions Impact Trip: Burma October 2015

By Dr Chong Chui Han

**G**od works in wonderful ways when we allow Him to lead. I had the privilege of joining Singapore Calvary Church on a medical missions trip in partnership with Ps Aye Min in Evangelic Bible College. It was pure joy serving in His Kingdom and doing His work with His people.

During our one week trip, we visited several different villages namely, Hwambi, Dala, Dagon, and North Okkalarpa. We conducted medical clinics, children ministry and pre-school teachers seminar. We also attended their cell group and evangelical night meetings. God was clearly present with us at



every meeting where we witnessed healing, salvations and inspiring testimonies.

It was truly a blessing to see the fervent heart of the Burmese, seeking God and help in expanding His Kingdom. Let us keep this nation in prayer that many will rise up as the mighty men and women of God.



## Missions Impact Trip: Phnom Penh November 2015

By Senior Pastor Eu Yat Wan



**N**LCC has been an instrumental and foundational partner with Reverend Nora Catipon in starting the Cambodia School of Missions and the Student Outreach Dormitory in Phnom Penh in 2004.

Pastor Yat Wan was the graduation speaker as an enthusiastic congregation gathered to witness and support the 15 graduates who had completed their two year certificate program. To graduate from this program, each student needed to have successfully planted a church in Cambodia. Many testimonies of God's healing and provision were shared amongst the graduates and you can sense God's calling and destiny for each minister.

The Cambodian church is indeed a very young church but her potential to grow and impact the region is beginning to take place. Local churches are sending missions teams to work across their borders into Vietnam, Laos, and Thailand. The passion to fulfill the Great Commission has been activated in the heart of the church in Cambodia. Let's continue to pray and trust God for a great release of a Harvest Force that will bring forth fruit in the region and beyond.

## Missions Impact Trip: Kalgoorlie November 2015

By Srinivasan V N

**A**s things do, a proposed Kewdale Life Group visit to Chui Han during her 3-month medical posting in Kalgoorlie to celebrate her birthday evolved into a weekend mission trip from November Friday 20 – Sunday 22 November.

The weekend was spent meeting and serving the indigenous people at Kalgoorlie led by Pastor Geoffrey Stokes and his wife Christine, with whom Chui Han has developed close relations.

On Saturday we conducted a cooking class and children's ministry at the Wongutha Birni Cultural Centre.

We were moved by Christine's explanation of the Aboriginal struggle both in general within their own family and the current challenges faced by their community organisation, Wongurtha Birni Aboriginal Corporation. There is so much need, both tangibly and in spirit.

On Sunday we conducted the church service at Ninga Mia Fellowship with Pastor Geoffrey and his sister Annette. Chui Han delivered her inaugural sermon which was a touching message on faith based on Hebrews 11, while Ai Lin Tan shared her personal testimony of salvation.



It was indeed a truly blessed morning and wonderful end to a valuable weekend.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

ROMANS 1:16

## NLCC's New Elders

**A**t the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting on Sunday, 18 October 2015, the church recorded the resignation of Elder Tong Seng Tang due to interstate work commitments. At the same time, Fred Sin and Dr Evan Wong were affirmed as elders, joining Pastor Eu Yat Wan, Elder Seng Kian Gan and Elder Srinivasan V N to form the NLCC Board of Elders. Here, the new Elders share a few thoughts with us.

### Fred Sin

**W**hat led you to NLCC: We believe God led us here. We were introduced to NLCC by a church member and found the church suitable for us immediately.

Where do you see NLCC going in the future: Ask God, no idea

Is there anything you would like to share: Not at the moment.

Favourite:-

Food Roast pork

Book of the Bible Ephesians

Verse Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen. Ephesians 3:20

Christian song Shout to the Lord

One word to describe your wife: Irreplaceable

Question for Wai Pheng : what are Fred's three best characteristics? He's tall, dark and handsome (Fred's answer)



### Dr Evan Wong



**W**hat led you to NLCC: I was looking for a church after arriving in Perth for university, and I visited NLCC for two reasons - a friend was attending and invited me along, and Pastor Angie had been my kindergarten principal!

The university students invited me to lunch after church. In that group was Gen (my wife!), Alex Chen and Joseph Luo. They made me feel right at home, and since then, thanks to them and so many others, NLCC has become a true spiritual family for me.

Interestingly, Uncle Fred Sin was leading worship the first Sunday service I attended! Haven't heard him leading worship since then! \*hint\*

Where do you see NLCC going in the future: As part of the global Church, fulfilling the Great Commission, and growing in:-

**Prayer and praise** delighting ourselves in the Lord, in authentic relationship with Him.

**Discipleship** being part of a body of believers who are committed to becoming more like Jesus.

**Local impact** becoming more relevant to Belmont city, finding ways to love and serve our community.

Is there anything you would like to share with the church as a newly appointed elder:

We are humbled and privileged to be able to serve in this capacity. We expect challenge in this role, but know that God equips the willing.

Favourite:-

Food My wife's fried rice noodles, and Japanese food.

Book of the Bible Gospels and the Psalms.

Verse For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Romans 5:10

Christian songs At present - 'None but Jesus' by Brooke Fraser, 'Be Thou My Vision' and 'Victor's Crown' by Darlene Zschech.

One word to describe your wife : God's amazing gift to me

Question for Gen - what are Evan's three best characteristics?

His fear of and love for God that results in God-honouring decisions, big and small.

His gentleness and humility.

His perseverance.

## Introduction by Lebo



**H**i I'm Lebo, I'm from Johannesburg, South Africa. I moved to Perth in last end April 2014 so that I could be with my husband Phillip. I work for IdentityWA which is a service provider for people with disabilities and their families. What I appreciate the most about NLCC is the way in which the sermon is delivered. I always leave church feeling like I have a step by step guide on how to approach my understanding and application of the scripture to my life. Another aspect that attracted me here is the sense of community and fellowship that exist amongst the members, It may sound like a cliché, but it sure does feel like NLCC is one family. Currently I am part of a Saturday life group in church and I hope to eventually be involved in organising events that the church may have in the future.

## Kenneth and Wendy Cheng

*Kenneth and Wendy Cheng became members of NLCC in October. Both are retired.*

I strongly believe God gave me the vision to become a nurse - a career in which I can serve others. As Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me" (Matthew: 25:40)

I praise my God always for the strength and guidance He provided me to perform my work.

I had trained as a nurse in the UK, and returned in 1962 to Hong Kong to work at a major chest hospital. It was there I met my wife Wendy, and we were married in 1967.

Wendy and I migrated from Hong Kong to Perth on Christmas Eve of 1972, with our two toddlers. We were very much on our own, with no friends or relatives here.

I was appointed as senior nurse educator at Fremantle Hospital's school of nursing. The hospital sent me to Sydney for further studies in nursing particularly open heart surgery. After completing the courses I returned to Hong Kong to take charge of the school of nursing, and pioneered the first open heart surgical unit in Hong Kong and in the Far East.

I worked at Fremantle Hospital for 14 years and was then transferred to the Western Australia School of Nursing (WASON) to take over the post basic nursing courses, namely ICU, CCU, and operating theatre Techniques. It was a challenging job, which I would never have been able to do without the strength and wisdom from Him.



In regards to my spiritual life, Wendy and I were both baptised in an Anglican Church in Hong Kong. When we came to Perth in the early 1970's there were very few Chinese Churches. We began to worship the Lord at the Holy Cross Church, Melville, and worshipped there for many years. I served The Lord as lay pastoral minister for many years. After many years of worshipping at the Anglican Church, I began to feel that I needed further spiritual nurturing. I asked the Holy Spirit to help and guide me.

We found NLCC through our friends Srimi and Amy who invited us to NLCC for worship. NLCC is a friendly, ecumenical, evangelical church, and the worship team is very passionate and happy.

I am now 78 years old and in my life, I've gone through the World War II, faced many trials and temptations, calamities and even life threatening situations. Through it all, I know, and am sure, that there is a great God behind me.

Jesus is strong to deliver, Jesus is mighty to save.

We may say life is not an easy journey, but Christ can make it easy for us, because He said *'my yoke is easy, take my yoke upon you. And learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls'*. Matthew 11:28-30

Amen.

# Trials and Tribulations - A Testimony by Kee Lim

I had practiced as an architect in Singapore for 20 years, enjoying the wealth and luxurious lifestyle it afforded.

Although I was a Christian, I was driven by consumerism, materialism and envy and sought satisfaction through prolific car acquisitions and property investments. We backslid from God and, for a period of time, stopped attending church.

I sank deep into debt, ignoring Christ's warning in Luke 12:15, "Take heed and beware of covetousness for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses". Truly, when we seek security in material possessions, wealth does lead us away from God.

We were severely affected by the Asian financial crisis in 1997, and this shattered our dreams of retiring comfortably in Perth. By the time we migrated to Perth in 1998 our finances were dismal. However, this financial meltdown proved to be the wake-up call from God so that we would change our ways.

The first seven years in Perth were most trying and difficult and our faith was deeply tested. To make ends meet, we operated retail stores, which was physically taxing and financially unrewarding.

In January 2005, the financial breakthrough came when I was employed to run a property development company. Over the ensuing ten years, I was able to acquire new skills and knowledge in overseeing several residential development projects including a large estate.

Just as we had seen the light at the end of the proverbial tunnel, we experienced another severe trial of faith in May 2011 when I was diagnosed with multiple myeloma and kidney failure.

When life falls apart and difficult circumstances stretch our faith, we can only overcome by focusing on who God is and hanging on to His unchanging nature and character. Naturally, our initial reaction to my health crisis was a mixed feeling of



shock and despair, certainly not joy for the gift of difficulties as described in James 1: 2-4. I refused to react with self-pity and relied on God for His protection and unfailing presence, trusting that God knows what is best for my life.

Isaiah viewed suffering as a refining process: "Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction" (Isaiah 48: 10). When the storms of life rage around us, whether they blow over quickly or last for a long time, we can be confident that we are in the same boat as Christ Jesus, whom even the wind and the sea obey.

1 Peter 1: 6-7 "In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith...may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed."

## Angel Tree: December 2014

By Sabrina Weaver

**A**NGEL TREE is an annual Christmas Prison Fellowship WA initiative through churches to deliver presents to children on behalf of their incarcerated parent. NLCC undertook this last December, for the second year, and is participating again this December. This report is from 2014.

My husband Don and I had the pleasure of delivering presents to some children.

The contact person was the inmate's mother who was attending to her husband with her husband who had been admitted for hospice care.

We arrived at the house with bells ringing, ho, ho, ho and the kids were very excited and most delighted to see Santa.

We had brought extra presents and were able to bless the extra kids. They were also invited to our church Christmas lunch on 21 December.

It all went smoothly and I asked for consent to take some photos of the kids.

May God continue to bless the Angel Tree Project. It was a privilege to be involved in it.



# Belmont Children's Christmas Party December 2014

By Dr Evan Won

**F**or three hours on Sunday, 6 December 2014, we transformed 329 Orrong Road into a kids' playground.

More than 50 volunteers pitched in to put together the Belmont Kids' Party - a family event for the families in our community. There was something for everyone: face-painting, balloon sculpting, gameshows, Christmas crafts, a short film, a petting zoo with furry animals, a bouncy castle obstacle course, family studio photos, coffee and cake for the parents, a hot dog stand, and a prayer tent.

New Life City Church understands that we've been blessed to be a blessing. I love how we came together to do something really special for the families that live in Belmont City - that's love in action!



Jesus said, "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

## Baby announcements

### Hayley Papaelias

Parents: Simon and Cheryl Papaelias

Meaning: -

Date of Birth: 16 July

Weight: 2.95 kg

Likes: Watching The Ellen  
Degeneres show and flipping onto her tummy

Dislikes: -

Prayer for her life: To be Christ-like and God fearing



start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

proverbs 22:6

### Christian Enzo Ou-Young

Parents Tian and Stephanie Ou-Young

Meaning:  
Christian = follower of Christ  
Enzo = rules the home

Date of Birth: 23 September 2015

Weight: 3.58 kg

Likes: Cuddles, car rides and bath time

Dislikes: Wet nappies

Prayer for his life: That he will be a man after God's own heart



Children are a heritage from the Lord,  
offspring a reward from him.  
Like arrows in the hands of a warrior  
are children born in one's youth.

Psal m 127: 3-4

# NLCC's Got Talent: August 2015

By Shamini Srinivasan



**Participants:-**

**Front row (L-R):** Tegan, Isseult de Mallet Burgess, Asha Srinivasan, Ivan Lim, Timothy Guan, Elder Fred Sin

**Second row (L-R):** Angelina Eu, Rebekkah, Ashley Sin, Elizabeth Chang

**Third row (L-R):** Srinivasan V N (MC), Pastor Eu Yat Wan, Kenneth Cheng, Nick Sin, Bryan Sin, Daniel Mahendran, Kumar



On the evening of Saturday 19 September, the church came together for an enjoyable time of music, food and fellowship. We had a diverse range of performances, all the way from young Rebekkah on the violin to Pastor Eu Yat Wan and Pastor Angelina's heart-warming duet. Srinivasan was the MC for the event and kept us all engaged and laughing throughout the evening. A special mention has to go out to Shanti, who was the accompanist for five performances on piano and guitar and who, despite, not being a participant, won some votes!

A variety of songs kept the audience more than entertained during the show. We had Ken singing Alfred H Ackley's hymn "Take Up Thy Cross", pop songs like "Budapest" by George Ezra, which was sung by Asha, and some Bee Gees, with Nic performing "How Deep is Your Love". Ed Sheeran was a particularly popular artist, with three of his songs being sung that evening – Tim sang "A Team", Ashley performed "Small Bump", and Asha, Iseult and Teagan performed "Photograph". We had items from the theatre, like Ashley and Elizabeth's performance of "For Good" from the hit musical Wicked, and Rebekkah's rendition of "Memories" from Cats, which she performed on the violin.



There was a range of solo performances, such as Elizabeth singing Josh Groban's uplifting song "You Raise Me Up" and Kumar performing "Dear Hearts and Gentle People" by Dinah Shore, as well as groups like Fred, Bryan and Nic, who performed "Annie's Song" by John Denver.

First place went to Ivan, who stole the show with an amazing performance of "City Heat" by Andy Firth on the clarinet. The first runner-up went to Tim, who earned his place with a performance that brought tears to our eyes. Iseult, Teagan and Asha were the second runner-ups, who sang and played piano beautifully.



# Touching Heaven Changing Lives: Church Camp September 2015

By Dawn Pitman Winkler



The last church camp I had been to was in the UK where John Bevere had been the guest speaker and Colin Urguhart the host 15 years ago. We were unsure what to expect this time and were rather nervous as we had just joined the church.

However we discovered we had nothing to be apprehensive of as it was evident people were in a frame of mind where they had come to regroup as a group of people that loved the Lord.

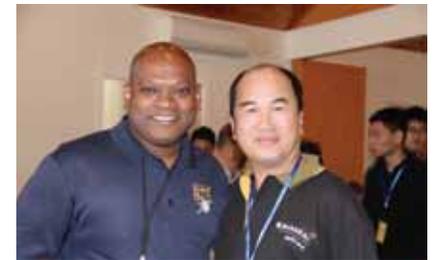
Ed Delph was the speaker and I came away with the knowledge that God wasn't waiting for me or my life to be perfect before He could use me.

Our daughter Rebekkah challenged the literary skills of her betters at Scrabble during the leisure time and according to Pastor Angelina was up to it!

The food was outstanding as my Godkids' eyes widened each mealtime at what awaited them!

The staff at the camp were utterly professional and made basic amenities seem luxurious with their attentiveness to detail.

At the end of it all we came away with the sense that a group of people that wanted to do life together wasn't a bad place to belong to! (By the way, we also acquired a new family).



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