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Missions in Action Seminar was held on 30 April 2016 at the Beulah Multi-Purpose Hall from 3-6pm and followed by fellowship dinner. Speakers included Rev Charles Seet, Rev Colin Wong, Rev Daniel Khoo, Sister Chan Pui Meng, Pak Efendi and Dr David Cheong. Apart from their verbal and power-point presentations, the attendees also watched videos of the work at the various churches and outreaches. It was attended by about 150 Lifers and friends.

Some of the presentations are highlighted in this issue.

Up Coming Mission Trips

7 Aug - Rev Seet to minister to Batam churches

4 Sep - Rev Wong to minister to Batam churches

2 Oct - Rev Seet to minister to Batam churches

Nov - Medical-cum-Dental mission (tentative)

19-23 Dec - Mission trip to Ratanakiri by Charlene/Lim Pin (tentative)



“Serving with Love”

by Rev Charles Seet

What makes a person willing to leave his home country to endure the challenges of sharing the gospel in a foreign land? The ultimate motive for Missions in Action is the love that Christ has for us (2 Corinthians 5:14,15). This love enabled the apostle Paul to brave all the difficult conditions of his day in order to preach the gospel and establish thriving churches wherever he went. In Ephesians 3:14-19 Paul revealed his deep understanding of Christ's love in His sacrificial death for unworthy sinners like himself.

As we have been loved so much by Christ, it is only reasonable that we should respond with love for Him and a willingness to serve Him with the utmost of our ability. Our wills, desires and ambitions should be fully surrendered to Him for His use. This must be settled in our hearts in order to be involved in missions. We now live to fulfil Christ's desire for people in every place to hear the Gospel, and we regard missions as our service of love for Him.

“Batam Churches and Beyond”

by Bro Efendi

Life B-P Church supports the work of our three full-time missionaries in Batam. The three missionaries are Bro Efendi, Bro Mikdal and Sis Paola.

Bro Efendi pastors Tanjung Piayu B-P Church. There are 150 adult worshippers and 50 children. He is married with two children.

Bro Mikdal is the pastor at Sagulung Baru B-P Church There are 45 adults and 50 children who regularly attend the worship services and church programmes. He is married with one daughter.

Sis Paola ministers at Batu Aji B-P Church. The attendance at the Sunday Worship Service and Sunday School is 45 adults and 40 children. The new church building was built with financial support from Life B-P Church. Sis Paola is married to Bro Hevzon. They have two children.

The three churches have the following ministries:

- Sunday Worship Service
- Sunday School
- Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting
- Saturday Teens Fellowship
- Family Worship
- Ladies Fellowship

Challenges and prayer requests of the three Batam churches are:

- Missionaries to be faithful in the work of the Lord
- Church members to trust in the Lord and study His Word
- Many church members live in poverty and some live in illegal houses
- Some members are unemployed and seeking jobs
- Hidup Baru Foundation provides monetary support for children studying in schools owned by the Yayasan
- Churches also provide some financial support for the needy families and children



“Ratanakiri – New Frontier”

by Sis Chan Pui Meng

Missionary Chan Pui Meng completed her 6-month Khmer linguistics course in Phnom Penh and thereafter, in Dec 2015, she moved to Le Village, Ratanakiri, Cambodia to co-labour with its local pastor, Bro Bun Theoun. Le Village is situated about an hour’s drive from Ban Lung, the main city of Ratanakiri Province.

The village has a population of about 500 and the villagers are mostly farmers. They grow cashew nut and rubber trees, tapioca and other vegetables for their livelihood. The church has about 30 adult worshippers and 20 children. On special occasions, the number of attendees would increase as villagers from other locations may join in.

Sis Pui Meng focuses on the ladies and children’s ministries and on some Sundays, she would share at Worship Services. She assists Bro Bun Theoun in Bible studies and prayer meetings. She also teaches English at the village primary school.

To support her work, Life B-P Church supported the building of a house for her accommodation and three toilets to benefit the church members. The living environment is harsh but the warm hospitality of the villagers outweigh the difficult conditions.



Challenges faced:

- The adults are entrenched in their beliefs, especially in ancestor worship
- The Jarai Tribe live for their farms – they work 7 days a week and do not have a New Year’s day of their own.
- The youths are distracted by worldly attractions such as drinking, dancing and playing billiards.

Prayer requests:

- God will empower Life BPC mission teams to minister to the villagers, especially the youths and children
- Zeal and commitment of the church leaders in the Lord’s work
- Wisdom in reaching out to the villagers
- Spiritual growth of the children and youths
- Sis Pui Meng to speak Khmer fluently to interact with the locals



“Medical-Dental Missions – Love in Action”

by Dr David Cheong

“God calls us to serve not so much to change the world but to change us”. This statement is true for Medical and Dental Missions (MAD) that Life Church has mounted since 1994. Serving, with specific objectives, has allowed participants to contribute their unique gifts as well as discover their calling for sustained service and the forming of deep people relationships. One such example – to this day, small pastoral teams return to Vietnam to minister regularly ever since three MAD missions in the late 1990s opened the way for teaching and training ministries there and in Singapore.

Today with ease of travel, we can embrace this saying that “all can pray, and most can give as well as go”. Moreover, there is greater diversity of ways to “put one’s hand to the plough”. Lifers, be equipped, be ready to teach and we can begin to live out the saying by Dr Edward Trudeau, “To cure sometimes, to relieve often, to comfort always”. The underlying motive has always been that others may see and know God.



“Are You Ready?” by Rev Colin Wong

Our God is a God of missions. The Bible says, “...as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you” (Jn 20:21). Therefore, there is no excuse for Christians not to be involved in local and global missions.

Why should I be involved in missions?” Here are 5 reasons why you should be involved in missions.

1. Because Jesus has commanded you to go to preach the Gospel and make disciples of all nations (Matt 28:19; Mark 16:15).
2. Because the need is so great. Jesus said the harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few (Matt 9:37).
3. You should go because so few Christians are obeying the Great Commission, making the need even greater! Will you respond to the call like Isaiah of old, “Here am I; send me?” (Isaiah 6:8) Don't be like Jonah! (Jonah 1:2, 3)
4. You should go because Singapore is literally “over-evangelized” with the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Romans 15:20). Oswald J. Smith aptly said, “No one has the right to hear the Gospel twice, while there remains someone who has not heard it once.”
5. You should go because the time is short. Jesus said, “We must work the works of Him who sent me, as long as it is day; night is coming, when no man can work” (John 9:4).

Lifers, are you ready to obey the Great Commission? Jesus said, “Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest” (Matt 9:38).

Will you be that labourer? Amen.

Mission Trip Report: Ratanakiri, Cambodia (10 -17 May 2016)

by Tabitha, Sarah and June

The Team comprises Dn Mark Heah, Dn Victor Loo, Helen Heah, June Tan, Missionary Chan Pui Meng, Tabitha Lee, Sarah Tan, Chloe Neo, Joyce Loo, and Elizabeth Wun.



By God's grace, the team of 9 Lifers visited Pui Meng's new ministry in Le Village in the province of Ratanakiri, Cambodia. The focus for this mission trip was to teach the children and youth of Le Village the Word of God. A number of youths from neighbouring villages also came.

For the children, the team covered a four-part series on the life of David. The youth programme covered a range of topics: the Light of the World (gospel & evangelism), Godly Living, the Lord's Prayer, Serving God with Love, and Worshipping God.

10th May

Together with Pui Meng, the team departed from Changi Airport at 8.30am and arrived at Siem Reap International Airport at 9.50am local time. We were met by staff from Villa Medamrei, and were conveyed to a mini-van and two tuk-tuks. It took us 20 minutes to reach our place of accommodation. After checking in, we visited the Siem Reap Art Centre Market. This was followed by lunch and some leisure time in the afternoon, during which time the youths prepared for their lessons for the children's program.

At 6pm in the evening, Pastor Bun Theoun of Le Village, and two Singaporean missionaries - Oh Choon Aik and Lye Cheng (who manage the Boys' Brigade Learning Centre in Siem Reap for the past 2 years) joined the team for dinner.

Before retiring for the night, the team had a short time of thanksgiving and prayer. We were thankful to God for good health, strength, smooth flight and immigration and customs clearances. Dn Victor thanked God that the cut he sustained on his hand was not serious, and Elizabeth thanked God that she did not experience serious motion sickness on the flight. Dn Mark Heah closed this time with a short exhortation from Matthew 6:25, encouraging the team to lay aside our anxiety, and to trust in God's provision as we serve Him.

11th May

The team had a tour of Angkor Wat in the morning and visit the Boys' Brigade Learning Centre run by Choon Aik and Lye Cheng.



Mission Trip Report: Ratanakiri, Cambodia

12th May

The team met at 7am for devotion led by June from Lam 3:22-23 reminding us of the faithfulness and goodness of God that is new every morning, which we can always rely on in any situation. This was followed by breakfast. After checking out of the hotel at 8am, we began the 7-hour long drive to Ratanakiri. The drive was scenic as well as educational for a number of us who witnessed the life of the local people there. We are thankful for a good time of bonding and fellowshiping with one another.

We stopped for lunch mid-way at a village and finally arrived safely at Banlung at 4:30pm. Ratanak City Hotel became our abode for the next 4 nights. Dinner was at 6pm and we retired early to be well rested for the ministry in the village the next day.

13th May

The team left the hotel at 7am for breakfast, followed by a 1-hour van ride to Le Village. Along the way, Dn Victor Loo gave a devotion from Nehemiah 6:9, exhorting us to call upon God to strengthen the work of our hands.

Upon arrival at Le Village, Pui Meng orientated the team and introduced the interpreters, who were mostly students from the Komponentsom Bible School (KBS). The team then began preparing the place, and although we started the program proper about 1.5 hours late because the classrooms were locked. We thank God that we managed to recover some time and stayed on schedule eventually. At about 9.45am, both the children and youth programmes began.

The children's program was held in the village school, in



one of the classrooms that the church had permission to use. Helen led 75 children in singspiration. The children were taught the Wordless Book song. They were introduced to the gospel as Helen explained the lyrics of the song, and the state of our heart before and after Jesus' death. They were quick to pick up the tune and lyrics, even though English is an unfamiliar language to most of them. At 9.55am, Sarah shared the story of David's anointing, stressing that God is pleased with a heart that obeys Him and explained how we can enjoy eternal life only by accepting Jesus as our Lord and Savior. After the story, Pui Meng led the children in memorising the

first half of John 3:16 in Khmer. When tea break was delayed, Chloe initiated the game 'Simon Says' at 11am giving the team opportunity to familiarise with the children. The game was aimed at teaching the children the importance of listening to instructions carefully. When the games ended, the children were given refreshments - a baguette and ovaltine. The ovaltine was made on the spot by a few ladies present.

More games resumed after tea break. It went on for a further 40 minutes as lunch was delayed till 12:15pm. The first game, Pictionary, incorporate the gospel, teaching the children the significance of the cross.



We also reiterated what Jesus did for us. In closing, Sarah taught the children another new song, "He's Able". The lyrics were explained to teach what God can do for us. The entire morning session was interpreted by Smey, a student from KBS.

Concurrently, the youth programme began with a time of singspiration led by one of the Bible College students from KBS. Dn Mark Heah kickstarted the 8-part series with the first session on "The Light of the World", with a focus on the gospel. After a short break, June continued with Session 2 on "Godly Living (I)". This was followed by a testimony from Tabitha, who challenged the youth to rethink what this phase of youth means to them.

Both the children and youths took lunch together at 12.15pm. Lunch was lovingly cooked by the team of women from Le Village church.

After lunch, we started the second part of the program at 2pm. For the children's session, Sarah led the 65 children in singspiration. The two new songs from the morning session were repeated. At 2.20pm, Chloe told the story of David and Goliath, emphasising the need to trust in God's power to save us. Thereafter, Pui Meng led the children in memorising the second half of John 3:16 in Khmer.

From 2.40-3.30pm, Elizabeth demonstrated how to do the "Bridge of Life" craft, and explained the significance behind it. The craft drew a few other children from the Jarai tribe into the classroom to join in the activities; they were afraid to go in previously as they do not understand Khmer. Thank God that one of the older children in



the village was able to help with translating the gospel message into Jarai, when Smey presented it in Khmer. Crayons were given out to children for the craft and the children did well in sharing them with each other. At the end of the craft, the crayons were collected and given to Pui Meng for future use in the church.

For the concurrent youth session, June continued Session 3 on "Godly Living (II)". This was followed by Session 4 on "Worshipping God in Spirit and in Truth" by Dn Victor Loo. Joyce gave her testimony on worship and music, sharing some practical guidelines to follow, and also sharing from

her own experiences. This was followed by 2 games conducted by June, after which the youth session ended for that day.

The entire program for Day 1 ended at about 3.30pm, and after a session of debrief that Pui Meng had with the student helpers, the team left the village at 5pm. We had dinner at 6pm in a restaurant near the hotel. After dinner, the team in charge of the children's programme gathered for a time of reflections and to run through the next day's activities, before retiring for the night.

14th May

The team left the hotel at 7am for breakfast and thereafter to Le Village. Along the way, Helen



gave a devotion from Matthew 11:28-30, exhorting us to lay our burdens of sin, service, and trials down, and take instead the Lord's burden which is light. The team was encouraged to refresh ourselves in the Lord, and to rest in Him.

At the village, the children's program started at 9.40am with 65 children. Chloe started the session with singspiration, and revised those songs that were taught the day before, explaining the lyrics again. After which, at 10am Joyce shared the story of David and Jonathan, ending with a plea to make Jesus our best friend. Tea break followed with baguette and ovaltine.

At 10.45am, Tabitha and Smey led in games which ended at 11.30am for lunch.

Unfortunately, the youth program had not ended, and we were told that lunch will be at 12.15pm. The children were gathered again in the classroom and Helen and Sarah taught them more songs and their meanings. After which, Joyce taught the children how to brush their teeth the right way in anticipation that every child would be presented with a toothbrush set at the end of the day. The afternoon session was

interpreted by Jenny, another KBS student.

The concurrent youth session in the morning started with Session 5 on "The Lord's Prayer" by Dn Mark Heah. After tea break, Session 6 on "Serving God with love (I)" was done by Dn Victor Loo followed by a testimony from Elizabeth who shared on how she began serving in Life B-P church as a pianist in JWS. Lunch was served at 12:15pm.

After lunch, the youths continued with Session 7 on "Serving God with love (II)" by June followed by a testimony from Chloe who shared how the Lord challenged her faithfulness in service and her joy serving in the current YF Ex-co. Session 8 on "Light of the World - Evangelism" was done by Dn Mark Heah who adapted the Bridge of Life illustration as a tool. Sarah shared her testimony on her conversion to Christianity and the things that she had to give up from her life before. She then assisted in the 'Bridge of Life' craft. The youths were then challenged to share the gospel with each other using the craft for about 10 minutes. June closed the time with some games to help bond the local youths and the Singaporean youths.

At the school after lunch, the children's session resumed with singing led by Elizabeth, who revised one of the new songs taught, and sang a few songs that the children were already familiar with. Tabitha then presented the last part of the series on David, relating how David spared Saul's life twice, and finally became king: just as David spared Saul's life, God also spares ours through His Son, Jesus Christ. This was followed by a short quiz on the story. Thereafter, Pui Meng led in the final session

of memorising John 3:16. The children who answered the quiz questions correctly and who were able to memorise the verse were given some prizes as an encouragement.

Following this, Helen led in a session of Art and Craft. The craft was a paper cup (which the children decorated by colouring) with 5 pom-pom balls attached by a string to its base. The pom-pom balls were ordered after the colours of the Wordless Book song: black, red, white, yellow, and green. Helen went through the significance of each colour, and in so doing, presented the gospel to the children again. Apart from serving as a physical reminder of the gospel that the children could bring home with them, the Pom-Pom Cup also doubled up as a fun game. The children had fun swinging the pom-pom balls and trying to catch them in the cup all at once.

Just before the day's programme ended, the team distributed gift packs to the children. This consisted of stationery and toothbrushes. We thank God for the Assistant Pastor from a neighbouring village, Ratha, who served as the translator for the afternoon session.

The team left the church at 5pm, accompanied by Ratha, to pay respects to the mayor of Le Village. After exchanging greetings and thanking him for hosting Pui Meng and the team, we headed back to Banlung for dinner with Assistant Pastor Ratha. After dinner, the team met again at 8pm to prepare for the song item "Seek Ye First" that will be presented at Sunday Worship the next day. Thereafter, the youths stayed on for a time of debrief with Pui Meng and June before retiring for the night at 10pm.

15th May

The team left the hotel at 6:55am for Le Village for Sunday Worship. During the 1-hour journey, Sarah shared the morning devotion about how we can give thanks in all circumstances, taking the example from Jesus where He gave thanks before breaking the bread, in Luke 22:19. Breakfast was eaten on the bus, as we had bought cakes the night before. We arrived at Le Village Church at 7.45am.

About 30+ villagers attended the service, which started at 8am. Dn Mark preached on “Serving God Gladly” based on Psalm 100:2b. The Singaporean team presenting the song, “Seek Ye First” and the church’s youths and children presented some songs as well. Instruments used during the worship were the guitar as well as the recorder played by the local Pastor’s father. The service ended at 9.30am.

After the service, Pui Meng requested the 6 KBS students to remain in the sanctuary and the team presented a token of appreciation to each student. A loved gift was also presented to Pastor Bun Theoun’s family.

The day ended with a tour to the rubber and cashew plantations. The tour ended at 12 noon, and we travelled back to Banlung for lunch with 10 other local youths.

At 2.45pm after lunch, we visited a beautiful volcanic lake, Lake Yeak Laom with the local youths. We trekked around the lake to a pier where the local youths swam in the lake. It was an enjoyable time of fellowship between Singaporeans and Cambodians. We learned more about each other’s cultures and lives. At 4.30pm, we parted ways sadly, and the team went back to the hotel to pack and prepare to leave Ratanakiri the following morning. Back at the hotel, we said our goodbyes to Pui Meng, who was to remain in Le Village.



At 5.30pm, the team walked out to the nearby town center for a simple dinner. After dinner, we retired to the hotel to rest for the long journey back to Siem Reap the next day.

16th May

The team loaded all luggages into the van and left the hotel at 7am for breakfast. After breakfast at 8am, we began our 7-hour journey back to Siem Reap. Elizabeth shared the devotion from Ephesians 6:18, exhorting us on the importance of prayer in communing with God, and reminding us to pray for those outside our immediate community, such as for our missionary Pui Meng, and the people of Le Village. The team was reminded that prayer should be the perpetual bringing of our petitions before God, and that we should be persistent and purposeful in praying.

With God’s journey mercies, the team reached Siem Reap at about 3.30pm in the afternoon. After checking in again at the Villa Medamrei, we made a trip to the Art Centre Night Market, had dinner and retired for the night.

17th May

Victor Loo left in the morning while the rest of the team (without Mark and Helen) left in the afternoon. Mark and Helen departed the next day.

The team is extremely thankful to many people for making this trip possible. First and foremost to our Heavenly Father for His grace and mercy in watching over us and enabling us to serve in the mission station of Ratanakiri. We also would like to thank Pui Meng and the Le Village Church for graciously hosting us and for the weeks of preparation prior to our arrival. Finally, the team wishes to thank the Missions Committee and Life Church for their prayers and support.



Medical and Dental Mission Trip to Batakland

26-30 May 2016



For this Medical and Dental Mission, the team comprised Drs Koh Lip Hoe, Ann Toh (with toddler daughter Elianna), Yeo Tye Cheh, David Cheong, Dn Victor Loo, Bobby Toh and Christina Toh, Gladys Sng, Kim Chan, Daisy Tan and Hannah Choi.

For the 4 days / 4 nights trip, they provided medical and dental treatment in churches at Tarutung, Porsea and Parapat (see map).



26 May 2016 (Thursday) – Day 1 of travelling to Batam

The team of 12 members (11 adults and 1 child) met at Harbourfront at 7.45 pm to catch the 8.45pm last ferry to Batam Centre. Thank God that no one was held back by work commitments and was able to meet on time. The team gathered for prayer before boarding the ferry.

At Batam centre, we were greeted by 2 of Ibu Roska's contacts who ferried us to Hotel Venesia to stay for 1 night.

27 May 2016 (Friday) – Day 2 at Tarutung

On Friday morning, we had breakfast at 6am before setting off for the airport at 7am. Despite the heavy morning traffic, we managed to reach the Hang Nadium airport in time and

met 3 of Roska's friends who were helping us as interpreters during the medical and dental sessions. We boarded Wings Air at 8.30am and landed at Silangit Airport, Tarutung, Batakland at about 10.15am.

We were given a warm welcome by Ibu Irba, who is the coordinator for the travels to the churches within Batakland. Ibu Roska and Dr Paul Choo were also there to meet us. We left in 4 MPVs to the first church of the Batak people built by Missionary Nomensen, some 152 years ago. To our surprise, we saw many church buildings in Batakland on our way to the church.

We met Eugene and his wife Daphne (daughter of Lifer Chan N K), and another Filipino missionary, Trina, who are staff workers of GLCC mission ministry. Dr Paul Choo gave us an official welcome and provided us with more background about Christian Churches in Batak. While Batakland is filled with churches, the churches have become organisations that advocate good works and many of the Christians are dead spiritually. Therefore, there is a great need to share the gospel so that the people will acknowledge that their Saviour is Jesus Christ. Ibu Roska also encouraged us to show our Christian love by serving the Batak people with our smiles!





After the short welcome speech, we adjourned to a meeting room where we had delicious lunch lovingly prepared by the ladies of the church.

Immediately after lunch, the team sprang into action setting up the dental and medical stations. By 2pm, a crowd was formed to register for consultations. The dental station was manned by David Cheong, Yeo Tye Cheh and assisted by Bobby Toh, Victor Loo and Daisy Tan. At the medical stations, the doctors were Koh Lip Hoe and Ann Toh. Gladys Sng handled the registration and Chan Kim Siu was taking the blood pressure for the patients. While some of us could speak simple Malay, we thank God for the interpretation help provided by Roska's friends. Though it started raining in the late afternoon, people were still queueing for registration. By 6.30pm, the medical and dental team had attended to 97 and 37 patients respectively.

After packing up, we rehearsed the song item "May the Lord find us faithful" to be presented at that evening's Gospel night service. Sister Kim took the time to share a devotion from John 17:20-21 before we had our dinner.

At 7:15pm, the team proceeded to the nearby sanctuary to attend the Gospel night service. Not only were there many singing of hymns, three men and women choirs presented an item each. The Sunday School children also sang and recited Bible verses with actions. Our team presented our song item before Dr Paul Choo preached the gospel message in English with Ibu Roska interpreting.

We proceeded to Hotel Hineni after the service ended by 10pm. There was some miscommunication with the drivers and the car which was carrying our luggage arrived much later at 11pm. Nevertheless, we were thankful for a night's rest after a long day.

28 May 2016 (Saturday) – Day 3 at Porsea

After breakfast, we left for a Government Junior High School which was a 15 minute journey from the hotel. We reached the church premises at 8.30am.



Dr Victor spoke at the Chapel hour which was attended by about 500 Junior High students. He shared from Matthew 6:33 on "Don't worry, Be Happy" while Ibu Roska interpreted. The students were encouraged by the message. We shook hands with each and every student as a form of greeting before we bade them farewell. At 9.45am, we left Tarutung and journeyed towards Porsea, along the eastern bank of Lake Toba. We stopped to have lunch at Café Vivi Lumban Silington (Balige), which was located at the banks of Lake Toba. We were blessed with a good view of the lake as we were enjoying our lunch fellowship. After lunch, we set off for the church at Porsea Village.

Medical & Dental Mission Trip to Batakland

The church compound was smaller than the one yesterday. The medical and dental teams decided to set up outdoor clinics as there is better lighting and more waiting area for the patients streaming in.

We also handed out toothbrushes and toothpaste to adults and children who were delighted to receive them! Meanwhile, a worship service was taking place in the sanctuary for those patients who had received the treatments. It started to rain late afternoon and the medical team had to move into the sanctuary to see to the remaining patients. The medical and dental team had attended to 150 general cases and 32 dental patients from 2.30pm to 5.30pm.

We finished packing up the medical supplies and dental equipment and set off for Parapat at about 7pm. Due to the heavy rain, the roads were muddy. We also had to take a longer route due to a roadblock because of an accident. Therefore, we had dinner along the main road at 8.30pm as the restaurant at the hotel might be closed when we reached. By 10pm, we reached Atsari Hotel Parapat safely where we would stay for two nights.



29 May 2016 (Sunday) – Day 4 at Parapat

On the fourth day, Sisters Kim, Daisy and Hannah left at 7am to share at Sunday School. They shared the story of “Zacchaeus” and the Gospel to about 600 people, mainly children and their accompanying parents. The children sang whole-heartedly during the service and listened attentively to the story.

The three sisters then headed back to the hotel to join the rest of the team. Koh Lip Hoe shared a morning devotion before all of us went for a short tour of Parapat.

At 11am, we arrived at another church to setup the afternoon clinics at the multi-purpose hall. We were expecting more patients as compared to the previous days.

We had packet lunches and took to our roles quickly, excited to see the crowd building up after the worship service ended.

By 6.15pm, the medical and dental teams had attended to 190 and 62 patients respectively. We were then treated to dinner at the pastor's house, which was within the church compound.

After dinner, we attended the Gospel rally which was attended by about 300 young people. Sister Christina Toh shared her testimony on "Trusting and walking with God as our partner in life" before Dr Paul Choo delivered his message. At 10pm, we returned to Hotel Astari.



30 May 2016 (Monday) – Day 5 of travelling to Kualanamu Airport Medan

There were no clinics on the fifth day. However, the team had to set off early at 7.30am to reach Kualanamu Medan Airport which was about 5 hours away from Parapat. On the way to airport, we stopped for nasi padang lunch. At about 1.15pm, we reached the airport. The Jetstar plane took off at 4.20pm and the team reached Changi airport at 6.40pm.

The Team gives all praise and thanks to Almighty God and our Indonesian (Filipino and even other Singaporean) brethren who served alongside us in this medical outreach. Although we did not have a dedicated teaching component, everyone shared and worked diligently to the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. The zeal to reach out to fellow nominal Bataks is clearly seen in Ibu Roska and her co-workers who aim to bring the Gospel message to at least 100,000 this year.

Prayer Items

1. Pray for the gospel ministry in Indonesia led by Dr Paul Choo.
2. Pray for the genuine conversion of the Batak Christians.
3. Pray for the ministry of Ibu Roska in her many Gospel outreaches.
4. Life B-P Church to send out more mission teams to co-labour with the churches in Batak Land, Indonesia.
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Batam Mission Trip: Young Teens Sunday School, 5 June 2016

Thanksgiving Testimonies

On 5 June 2016, a team 19 teens (from the Young Teens Sunday School) and 8 adults traveled to Batam to visit 2 of the churches supported by Life B-P Church, namely Batu Aji and Sagulung Baru. We ran a Sunday School program at each church, and attended a worship service where Rev Patrick Tan preached and conducted Holy Communion.



Following are testimonies from some of the teens:

Evangelyn Tan (Sec 1G)

I feel grateful to have had the opportunity to go to Batam to serve God. It was very fulfilling to know that the contributions we made helped the churches in Batam. I hope to participate in this again in future, to serve God even more. I may not have been able to do much this year, but I hope that in the years to come, I will be able to do and contribute much more. Once again, I thank God for this chance to give back a little of what He has given me, and I also hope that more people will take part next time.

Loh Xin Yi (Sec 1G)

This was my first mission trip to another country. It was interesting to attend a church service in a different language. The food was nice, and I now have a greater respect for the people who put in the effort to teach Sunday School.

Jotham Lim (Sec 1B)

I found the Batam trip very meaningful. From this trip, I learn what it meant to be blessed through serving God. As my first mission trip even though it was short, I found the experience enriching and eye-opening. In that short time, I finally understood how tough it is for the missionaries and if not for God's matchless grace they wouldn't be able to sustain the missionary work there. This missionary trip helped me to understand what Jesus meant in Matthew 9:37-38: "Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

Ezekiel Tan (Sec 3B)

I thank God for the great opportunity to serve him and experience being on a mission trip. One thing that spoke to me the most was the children's enthusiasm in learning God's word. Despite not having the best and most comfortable facilities, they still eagerly participated in worshipping God. We should learn not to take the ability to worship God in comfort for granted and worship him with all our hearts no matter the situation

Justus Seow (Sec 3B)

I really enjoyed this mission trip as I got to serve the Lord. The churches there were very different compared to our church and even though they do not have the luxuries that we have, the children there still love the Lord and I can see that they are very interested in knowing the Lord more. I do hope that I will be able to go to more of these mission trips as I would like to serve more often and I also think that we are very privileged as we get all these luxuries compared to them.

Samuel Quek (Sec 3B)

This Batam mission trip wasn't the first, but I thank God for the chance again to help out at the Sunday School at Sagulung Baru B-P Church. It was indeed a joy to see the Batam children participating in the program and doing the art & craft. I want to thank God for the opportunity to witness to the little children as well as the chance to know more about the missionaries in Batam.

***Batch Reflection* (Sec 4G & Sec 4B)**

The Batam Mission trip was indeed a fruitful experience. We would like to thank God for preserving us and keeping us safe during the entire trip. It was a great learning experience and a real eye opener for all of us as we interacted with the Sunday School students and the missionaries in Batam.

Despite the language barrier many experienced, we managed to foster teamwork and worked together to deliver an organised and effective Sunday School. Stepping out of our comfort zones, it was truly shocking to witness the ordeal many had to face on a daily basis, at such a tender age. Experiencing the facilities there really made us learn how to count our blessings, and taught us a lesson on contentment. Despite the eye opening encounter, it was truly delightful to see how Jehovah Jireh still provides and sustains the church with its structure and weekly congregation.

We also felt very inspired by the missionaries, by the warmth and kindness they displayed towards the children. Their actions made us also want to show love to the children and try our best to help them in whatever way we could. One of the things we truly admired was the conviction that they must have had to dedicate their entire lives to serve God in this way. To want to work in such undeveloped areas, risking rejection for their hard work while not being paid much must have taken a great deal of dedication. As we asked one of the missionaries, Sister Paola, what makes her want to become a missionary, she said "I have loved serving God since I was young and I had always wanted to serve God, hence deciding to serve Him." It made us want to be like them and to be willing to give our lives to God, even from a young age, and to live for Christ. To be the salt of the earth and the light of the world is something that we learnt we should all strive towards for God's glory.



Lastly, we must reflect and be reminded to give of our best to the Master. The church goes there were indeed in their Sunday best and as we compared ourselves to them, we ought to be ashamed. Perhaps going to church has become such a weekly routine that we no longer revere the importance and significance of the Church and its head, the omnipotent LORD, the alpha and omega of our faith. Yet, when we look back at our own attitudes and dressings, are we really worthy to do so?



Wong Mei Li (YT Sec 1G Teacher) & Chua Tze Wei

Thank God for the blessed opportunity to serve with the Sunday School young teens at Batam Church (Sagulung Baru) and the many blessings that came with it. The trip made us realised the tremendous amount of coordination and planning that are needed behind the scene of a mission trip, which we were blessed to have Sharon see to the details. We were also blessed with two sessions of training by June and Sharon to equip us with the understanding of the background and the skills needed for the trip. Throughout the trip, God blessed us with very fine weather and smooth journeys. There were many willing hands to help with logistics, singspiration, story-telling and crafts. We were amazed to see the Batam children singing enthusiastically, participate during story-telling and learn the scripture memory quickly. It was also a privilege to witness four young people dedicating their lives to God before the congregation. This trip had afforded us the opportunities to interact with the Batam missionaries and to get to know them better. Thank God for the freedom to worship in this part of Indonesia and the missionaries who are still faithful in labouring in preaching and practising God's Word. We see the need to continue to uphold the work before the throne of grace while opportunities are still open for the Gospel.

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