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Report on Batakland Medical and Dental Missions, August 2018

by Evangelyn Tan

Pre-trip

We had been anticipating for this mission trip for almost a year and for some of us, we were going on our maiden mission trip. We did not know what to expect and were unsure whether we would be able to contribute and during that 1 Corinthians 3:7 reads “So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase”. It was comforting to know that we just had to do our best for God, and He would bless our efforts.

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Day 1

We arrived at Balige at around 4.30pm after a long bus ride and during that night, we attended a Gospel Rally at Huria Kristen Batak Protestan (HKBP) Balige, where Shawn gave his testimony in line with Ibu Roska’s message about being born again Christians.

Unlike the rest of Indonesia, the Bataks are traditionally Christians, thus giving rise to the problem of people being “born Christians” rather than “born again Christians”. Throughout our trip, this was the message we tried our best to get across, of how salvation was by faith alone and not by works.

Day 2

We started the first day of our medical clinic and chapel services at Balige. In the morning, three teams went to conduct chapel services to the different schools.

Team	School Name	(Singapore Equivalent)	Number of Students
Cheng Yeen & Team	SD HKBP 1	Primary School	600
Poh Yok & Team	SMP Negeri 2 Soposurung	Secondary School	700
Elsie & Team	SMK Yapim	ITE	120

The medical team set up their medical clinic at a district office. The number of people that turned up was overwhelming!

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The medical team treated a total of 350 patients, in addition to the 250 people who came for eye checkups and were issued with spectacles. We had tracts on hand which we gave out to the patients. The large crowds were unexpected, and proved to be quite difficult to manage. The police even had to step in and help with crowd control. Unfortunately, due to the lack of time, we had to turn away quite a number of patients towards the end.



We were invited by the Mayor's wife of Balige to their residence for lunch.

In the afternoon, we travelled to Samosir, which was a rather arduous journey. As our driver had to rush back home due to a family emergency, this called for a number of adjustments to our plans. Thankfully, God saw us through everything. We ended up taking a public bus, but due to the delay, we had to navigate the narrow, winding and treacherous paths in the dark. We could hear the brakes screeching at every turn as our bus looked dangerously close to careening off the edge. We thank God for journey mercies, for an experienced driver, sufficient seats, and allowing us to arrive in one piece!

Day 3

It was the second day of our medical and dental clinic, as well as our chapel services at the schools in Samosir.

Four groups from our mission team split up to conduct chapel services at 4 different primary schools.

After the chapel services at the respective schools, everyone joined the medical team who had set up a medical clinic at a secondary school (SMP Negeri 1 Palipi). Before the medical treatment started, Ibu Roska shared the gospel with the 600 students there.

Team	School Name	Number of Students
Cheng Yeen and Team	SDN 19 Palipi	110
Poh Yok and Team	SDN 26 Hatoguan	70
Shawn and Team	SDN 23 Urat II	50
Suminah and Team	SDN 18 Urat II	60

The medical team treated a total of 270 patients. The general practitioners saw 160, the dentists saw 60, and the eye team saw 50 patients. In addition, we managed to prescribe around 250 pairs of spectacles to the locals there.



There were students loitering around while waiting to be treated, hence we made use of this opportunity to share the gospel with them in small groups.

After the medical clinic, we all headed to a secondary school (SMP N 1 Pangururan) as a team, where we conducted a VBS. The VBS consisted of singspiration (led by Ibu Lisdie and Suminah), storytelling (led by Cheng Yeen), craft (led by Surya and Shawn), testimony (by Yong Lin), and games (everyone). Even though many of the children were from Christian families, they had the common misconception that the way to earn a place in heaven was by doing good works. Through our craft (a bracelet with beads featuring the colour of the wordless book), we shared that it is only by God's grace that we can receive salvation. Pray that our sharing will touch their hearts!



Day 4

This was our last day in Batakland. In the early morning, we took the ferry from Samosir to Parapat. God gave some of us the opportunity to share the gospel with people on the ferry as well.

At Parapat, Elder Clement gave a message on Colossians 3:12-14 at Gereja HKI Parapat, with the help of Ibu Roska for translation.

Although it was not planned, we were requested by the church members to do a simple eye checkup session. God provided us with some extra spectacles from the previous day, hence we were able to prescribe spectacles and give out tracts to the local church members. Although it was impromptu, with God's provision and guidance, we were able to set up the equipment swiftly and conducted the session in an organised manner, with the help of translators and volunteers from the church.

The rest of the day was spent travelling to the airport and back to Singapore, where we landed at 10.40pm. We thank God for preserving us and granting us journey mercies throughout the trip.



Future work

The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few (Luke 10:2).

During the trip, we had the opportunity to have lunch with the mayor's wife and upon hearing of our efforts, we thank God that she was willing to help the local missionaries expand their outreach in Balige. With the help of her connections, Ibu Roska has managed to get in touch with MOE and received permission to enter schools and share the Good News. This number amounts to 280 schools with 60 000 students! God indeed works in mysterious and wonderful ways!

Here are some prayer requests we would like to make for the people in Batakland:

1. Pray for their salvation, especially for the youths to understand the true saving grace of Christ; of how salvation is by faith alone.
2. Pray for the Sing Your English team in Samosir: We thank God for providing us with the help of the Sing Your English team. Their roles in translating were instrumental in ensuring that our activities could proceed smoothly. Pray for more people to join their cause to teach English to the schools.
3. Last but not least, pray for ourselves: That more would be excited about the global vision of God in bringing all peoples to Himself and that more would come to help in the work.

Testimonies:

Hannah:

I learned to serve the Lord by giving Apollo pandan cakes and tracts to the patients. I enjoyed sharing about Jesus with the children at VBS. I also liked to talk to the kor-kor and jie-jie in the team and had selfies with the local children. I would like to go for more mission trips in the future.

Abigail:

I learned along with the people as I heard the gospel preached to them during the gospel night. The testimonies that were given at that occasion and during VBS also encouraged me. The mission trip opened an opportunity for me to serve other people. I also got to see how the local children were so enthusiastic as they sang from their hearts, both in the church and in the VBS.



Elsie Lim

"...The joy of the Lord is my strength." (Neh 8:10) Indeed, to reach the destination is not an easy road. I experienced travelling by three modes of transportation: plane, bus and ferry. I thank God for the opportunity to serve in two areas during this mission trip. First was sharing the gospel with the high school students followed by helping in cleaning and sterilizing the dental tools at the clinic. I see the open door for the gospel to be able to preach to the children in rural village schools. Their understanding of gospel message may be misled by the thoughts of being "good" in conduct and deeds. There is a need to share the true gospel with the children and adults there. I would like to encourage brethren to make yourselves available for the Lord to use you in any area He leads.

I will end my testimony with the lyrics from the song "Lord, let me serve" stanza 3 : Ready and willing to give You my talent. Show me the task and I'll serve You today. Give me a passion to work for Your glory. Lord where can I be used? Lord, let me serve, Lord let me follow. Give me a place and a purpose to fill. Teach me to serve. Teach me to follow. Use me to do your will.

Ezekiel

I was quite tired and busy from school and wanted a break. However, I felt that it was worthwhile to go for this mission trip where the people there were

touched by acts of kindness. I saw a large number of people waiting to see the doctors and this provides a brilliant opportunity for outreach.

Brandon

The Medical and Dental Mission to Batakland is a new experience for me (apart from Sunday school day trip to Batam). Initially, I did not quite know what to expect for this mission trip. However, looking back, I was glad to have spent my time to serve God with my family. Being part of the medical team allowed me to witness the harsh living conditions and the poor medical care that the people have and this taught me to be grateful for what God has blessed us with. I hope to be able come back some day!



Nicholas

Spending the national day weekend to serve God in the missions might appear like an irrational decision for someone caught up with the busyness of work or studies. However, being part of this Medical and Dental Mission Trip has indeed been refreshing and fulfilling. The dental needs of the communities in Balige and Samosir (especially) were great as the local healthcare support was inconvenient and limited. Apart from caring for the medical needs, we leveraged the opportunity to preach the gospel and share the Word to stir the hearts of the community to know Christ and experience Him as their greatest treasure and physician of souls. Choosing to be on such trips is a definite 'affirmative' to render unto God the skills that He has blessed me with!



Report on Mission Trip to Le Village, Ratanakiri, Cambodia

by Samuel Quek

OBJECTIVES:

1. To support and encourage Sister Pui Meng in her ministry at Le Village
2. To conduct Vacation Bible School for the children
3. To catechize the youths on the Christian faith
4. To correct the leaders on the wrong teachings of baptism/Lord's Supper and to instruct them on spiritual leadership
5. To baptize the youths who professed Christ and to conduct Lord's Supper
6. To visit the new Le Village Chief (May Khoum)
7. To expose Lifers in mission work.

TEAM MEMBERS:

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| 1. Rev Daniel Khoo | 5. Victor Lee | 9. Jane Lee |
| 2. Rev Quek KK | 6. Alvin Chow | 10. Loy Siew Joon |
| 3. Joel Seah | 7. Audrey Seah | 11. Jude Chow |
| 4. Sonny Loe | 8. Lilian Lee | 12. Samuel Quek |

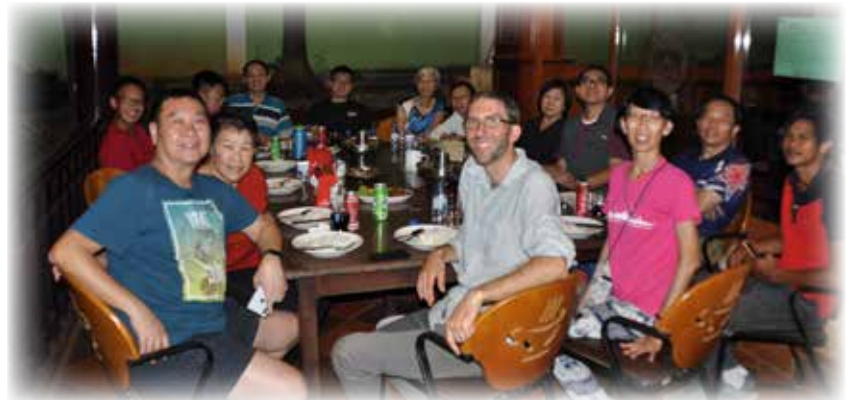
REPORT

A team of 12 Lifers embarked to Le Village, Ratanakiri, from the 21st to 28th of November.

We thank God for His providence in the approval of two permits by the Commune Chief of Le Village and the other from Phnom Penh.

We arrived at Ban Lung at 6pm in the evening on the 22nd, with Sister Pui Meng already waiting anxiously for us at the hotel. Thank God for a smooth customs clearance upon arrival; the customs officer had only asked a few questions before letting us through. Thank God for safety despite the heavy and dangerous traffic in Siem Reap.

On the 22nd, we had dinner with one of Pui Meng's missionary friends who also stayed in Ban Lung: Joshua Jensen. He is very conversant in Khmer. We had a fruitful time learning much about his work translating the Bible into the Jarai language, the language of the people in the province. Sister Pui Meng also updated us on the village and what had been happening recently.



On the 23rd, 24th and 26th, a few of us conducted VBS for the children. Thank God that our permit was approved and we had the whole primary school to ourselves to conduct the sessions. During these three days, we had story sessions of Jonah, Zacchaeus and Saul in the morning and afternoon, and also craft for the children relating to the stories told. These sessions ended off with half an hour of games for the children to have their fun. We used simple materials like old newspapers for the games. Although the team faced difficulties in our first craft session with the children due to the sheer number of them, we are thankful that the subsequent

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sessions had fewer children and hence we were able to improve the procedures for the craft. Thank God for a good turnout for the children, consisting of children from Le Village, and Kung Village, and Per Aal Village. The turnout was around 130 children on the 23rd, 100 children on the 24th, and 80 children on the 26th. Although a few children had to go to town for school on Monday morning, many of them returned to attend the afternoon session. Praise God that the children were enthusiastic in their sessions and were so willing to listen to the stories told and praise God with their songs and loud voices. Thank God for the wonderful weather we had during those few days, where the sky was cloudy, and it was cooling.

Brother Joel conducted 2 sessions for the youth on the 24th and the 26th, touching on topics such as baptism, church life, the Knowledge of God and boy-girl relationships. Thank God for the youth's eagerness in learning more about God, and their desire to grow in His Word. Originally, Brother Joel was supposed to use both Saturday and Monday to finish his topic on baptism, but seeing that half the youths had to go to school on Monday, thank God that he managed to finish his lessons on Saturday. The youth had requested for a second session on Monday, and thank God for allowing Brother Joel to prepare the extra lessons in time. Brother Joel mentioned that the youth were very eager to learn more about God and how to be more like Christ. Pray for the youth as their culture often imposes restrictions and difficulties that are different from that in Singapore; and they may also face persecution.

Rev Quek and Rev Khoo conducted 2 sessions for the church leaders on Saturday and Monday as well, touching on topics such as sacraments of the church, the Lord's Supper, baptism, and spiritual leadership; these 2 sessions were conducted in the small room below Sisterter Pui Meng's house. Thank God for the leaders who were so willing to learn.



Our team attended the worship service conducted on 26th, Sunday. Thank God for the baptismal candidates. Originally, there were only supposed to be 12 members (10 youths and 2 adults) of the church to be baptized, but thank God for the 2 youths who came forward on the day before to profess their faith to the entire church, to make a total of 14 catechumens. Rev Quek conducted the baptism for the members. The children, youth, and church leaders came forward to present items of praise to God, and our team of 12 also presented a song item to the church – 'Come Thou Almighty King'. Rev Khoo spoke about Jonah and God's sovereignty in our lives. Rev Khoo also conducted the Lord's Supper for the first time in the church, where the new baptized members also partook of the elements.



We visited Yeoun, a grandfather with Parkinson's Disease. Rev Quek and Rev Khoo encouraged him to continue praying and living for God as he had thoughts of suicide. Rev Khoo, Rev Quek, Sonny, Pui Meng, Bun Theoun, Somnang, Sen Hong visited the commune chief, the May Khom on Monday. The atmosphere was initially icy but thank God as Rev Khoo explained to him our presence and what could be done for the villagers, the May Khom became more friendly, opened to us and appreciative of our efforts. We also explained our work at the village, including: teaching English to the villagers, imparting moral values, and in the future, perhaps send a medical/dental mission team. Later, he requested for 2 toilets to be built at the cost of US\$2000 for his new office building. He explained that he has to follow the regulations in the granting of permits. Nevertheless, he welcomed us and the future teams that are visiting in the near future. We presented a gift –Goldlion belt--to him on behalf of Pui Meng and Life BPC and concluded the meeting with a prayer for him and his family.

Testimony by Joel Seah

I thank GOD for giving me the opportunity to teach His children in Le Village. It was a great privilege and blessing to be on this mission trip and be a part of this team led by Pastor Quek.

As a team, there was unity and harmony. In the few moments of tensions and differences, I saw Christian charity, submission and patience. This was Christlikeness in action. It was very obvious to all there was a simple love for Jesus and working together was so wonderful.

On my teaching in Le Village, I never had the intention to go on a mission trip. It was Sister Pui Meng, when she was back for our 2018 church camp, who asked if I could go and teach the youth. After praying for a few weeks, I agreed to go, and it was such a blessing to be there.

Firstly, the youths were most eager to learn. They were hungry and seeing them feast and revived by the word of GOD was a special experience! I remember Pui Meng saying there were 6 youths seeking baptism and that dropped to 4 as we got closer to 21st Nov. On the first day of the youth program, I asked the youths who planned to be baptized and I counted 8. As the youths opened their Bibles, read about who GOD is, what is man in the eyes of GOD, the Gospel, baptism, faith, repentance, sanctification and as ambassadors of Christ, I was pleasantly surprised the next day when 14 came forward to be baptized! Oh..the power of the word of GOD and the Holy Spirit in Le Village. I rejoiced with these new brethren in Christ on their public declaration of faith in our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ.

I left Le Village with the conviction that our LORD is doing a great work there. The village population is around 500 and when we were there, we had 80 children and almost 30 youths and adults attending our children and youth programs respectively. This



We thank God for the church leaders and youth, who were earnest in helping the team in their programmes and interpretation of the various sessions that were conducted. We had 4 students from Kompong Som Bible School accompany us from the 24th onwards, who served as efficient translators. Brother Sen Hong and Bun Theoun also interpreted English to Jarai for the village people.

Some of the children drew thank you cards for us and we presented to them chocolates and colour markers sponsored by some Lifers. We headed back to Siem Reap on the 27th. Thank God for Sister Pui Meng who also took the opportunity to share the gospel with our driver on the way back. Thank God that it did not rain during our 4 days at the village, but only on our way back! Truly God is merciful. We flew back to Singapore the following day, and thank God for journey mercies.

Thank God for the Lord's grace and mercy as we completed this trip. It has been a blessed experience interacting with God's people from Le Village.

PRAYER ITEMS

1. Pray for the salvation of the children.
2. Pray for the youths that they would have the courage to make a stand for the Lord.
3. Pray for the youths who were baptized that they may consecrate their lives to the Lord. Pray for the leaders that they will have the wisdom and understanding of God's word to lead the church.
4. Pray for Sister Pui Meng that the Lord will grant her wisdom and grace to serve the people at Le Village.
5. Pray for the May Khom that he will come to know Christ. Pray that he will give his support to the church.

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number does not include those attending the leadership program by Pastor Quek and Pastor Daniel.

On top of the impressive attendance, we have Sister Pui Meng, sent by the LORD. She is such a faithful instrument of the LORD in His work in Le Village. The LORD has made the church, young & old very receptive and appreciative of Sister Pui Meng and they gave our Church a very warm welcome. No man could have done this but the Holy Spirit.

The LORD has laid the ground work for Le Village to receive Jesus Christ and there are many similarities between the Le

Village church and us, so that we could easily minister to them. I found that we share many hymns and songs, have the same true gospel, believed in the Bible and the same LORD Jesus Christ. As for differences in doctrines where for example they believe baptism saves, yet the Le Village church leadership was still open to our teachings. I believe that was why Pastor Quek was able to baptize their first batch of 14 catechumens and served them the LORD's Supper.

The LORD also paved the way for us to have a good initial rapport with the Muslim commune Chief when our team leaders were able to finally visit him on the 4th, our last day in Le Village. The commune Chief's request for a toilet is another opportunity to further build on this good rapport.

Most importantly, the Holy Spirit is already working in the people of Le Village and they are receptive to the word of God and us. I think we should take hold of this opportunity and go up regularly to continue this Gospel work and encourage Sister Pui Meng. We do have a place where we can freely sow the gospel seed in their children and build up the church members by equipping them for the ministries to the glory of Jesus Christ. It will be our blessing and joy to seize this opportunity and continue to serve the flock in Le Village and help establish them in our common LORD and savior Jesus Christ.

Testimony by Audrey Lui

This was my first mission trip and the experience of serving the LORD in the mission field was a very blessed one. This blessedness was something I did not expect because of my concerns over hygiene and the anticipated inconvenience in Cambodia and Le Village.

The experience was a blessing because I got to serve in the children's program. I was able to produce the 6 crafts planned by Sonny Loe for the 6 lessons in the children's program. With help from Jane Koh and Siew Joon, we produced a total of 120 x 6 sets of craft work. Unfortunately, Lilian was having her ERBC exams and was unable to help. Running around to get the material was also a test of faith as we were on a very tight schedule due to the late approval of the 5 permits. I thank GOD for bringing the craft work together and working with these lovely sisters in Christ.



The other thing I was very blessed with was to witness the gospel being sowed to over 130 kids on the first day, 23rd Nov. Even though we did not have enough craft, as we only produced 120 sets; together, the team scrambled to solve the problem. The team work was marvellous and seeing the children sing gospel songs with gusto was even more uplifting. The children were so keen to learn, very well behaved and had such broad smiles; this made the day very special.

On the second day, 24th Nov, I moved to help in the youth program where there was Joel as the teacher and the KBS interpreter. There were 27 youths at the youth program and they were so hungry for the word of GOD. I think what helped to fuel their hunger was the practicality of the lesson and the sword drill. The lesson was engaging as it was interactive, getting the students to find the many Bible verses and see that the lesson was coming right out of the word of GOD. It was also practical because it was brought out in such a way they could understand.

The third day was Sunday worship and the church was full! We had their first baptismal service of 14 souls by Pastor Quek. It was such a joy to see people, so different from me, believing in Jesus Christ and getting baptized. We had Holy Communion together too! After lunch, the team went for visitation but I did not join them as I slipped on the slope to the toilet and twisted my left ankle. Thank GOD my ankle recovered very quickly, and I had little problem for the rest of the trip.

The fourth day of the youth program was an ad-hoc one. Joel found out from the youths they had class on Monday – the 4th day or part 2 of the youth program. After some discussion with Sonmang, Joel crammed the 2 days worth of lessons into one and surprisingly, the youths sat through it very well. The most difficult part was the last 15 minutes as some of the youths started to get restless. Thank GOD that the lesson ended just in time.

My final testimony and thanksgiving is I got to see Sister Pui Meng in action. I saw how the entire village welcomed her. She is well loved in the village and is very special to be able to win their trust. I thank GOD our church has someone like her in the mission field – trustworthy, loves the LORD and loves the villagers.

Testimony by Siew Joon

When Sister Pui Meng decided to start her work in Cambodia by first learning to speak the Khmer language, I told her that I would visit her mission station one day. That day came when I responded in October to Brother Sonny Loe's Whatsapp message to join the mission team (MT) to Cambodia scheduled for November 2018.

I thank God that I was able to join the MT. My contribution was a small part of the Art and Craft under the leadership of Sister Audrey.

EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED: During the briefing, we were told to expect the unexpected and thus, be prepared to be flexible in accommodating changes to programs and plans. With this attitude in mind, each of us in the team was willing to fill in the gaps to ensure that VBS was carried out as smoothly as possible. Everyone pitched in, including the two teens in the MT, Samuel and Jude. Pressing for immediate answers to “why like that and not like that” when unexpected issues surfaced would have posed a hindrance to the progress of God’s work. Thank God, we worked as a team and all glory be to Him.

Unpredictability here in terms of student turnout seemed to be the norm. The VBS turnout on the first day far exceeded the number of 120 art and craft materials our team prepared for as it was a public holiday and more students were available to attend. While we were pleased with the high turnout on the first day, we faced disappointed young faces when we ran out of the art and craft materials. The school in Le Village could close



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without following a common calendar and this enabled Sister Pui Meng to request for the school to close for the MT so that we were able to use the school premises to conduct VBS for 3 days.

As I was used to working in an aircon environment, it was a challenge to work and stay productive in a raging temperature of 34°C without aircon in a wooden four-wall and zinc roof school building. I was dogged with fatigue with my shoes covered with dust from the ground but the smiling and welcoming faces of students and the locals was a balm to my physical weariness, sore throat and headache. The children were generally

well-behaved, receptive, teachable and enjoyed simple pleasures like climbing trees, playing catching and tossing ball games. They were taught English and were not inhibited in using them on visitors. A few of the youths I interacted with were able to respond to my questions such as “What is your name?”, “How are you?” and “How old are you?” in English confidently. They were very warm and happy when I was able to recall most of their names. The children sang very well even in English, and with Christmas round the corner, I heard them singing Christmas carols. The children responded to our presence with gratitude. I was given peeled pomelo and green orange.

I sighted a boy playing with a balloon obtained from the VBS class. He blew it big and then enjoyed releasing the air into his ear unlike our Singaporean kids of his age who would most probably be myopic, preferring to indulge in games on electronic devices. Throughout my visit, I did not spot any villager with spectacles in Le Village. The village brought back my memory of Singapore kampongs in the 60s where pigs and chickens were a part of every family. Farming was the main source of income for the villagers. It was picturesque to watch a herd of buffaloes being led home by the caretaker after a day’s work in the field. I thank God for giving my eyes a break from the concrete jungle back home. It was also a treat to watch native mother and daughters collecting natural spring water from the underground aquifer through two boreholes. A few meters away, spring water fed a small pool which was used by the locals for swimming or dipping. All these were located within walking distance from Sister Pui Meng’s house. When the cool spring water ran through my hands, I could not help but echoed Singapore’s “shioh”.

The future of Singapore evolves around words like AI, Algorithm, Fintech and Blockchain. Such abstract words do not fit in the rural lifestyle of Le Village; just like not all items the MT carried to Le Village were practical for use and distribution to the students though they were transported there with all good intention. Practicality of given items is in the eye of the recipient just as beauty is in the eye of the beholder. I almost brought a mini portable lamp powered with AA batteries thinking that it should be of good use. I was wrong. I was glad to have first checked with Sister Pui Meng by sending her a photo and product specification, otherwise I would be bringing her ‘rubbish’ and she then had to spend time and resources to ‘dump’, especially if the item was bulky. If not disposed of, such items might be cluttering her wooden home. She flatly replied that it was not practical because while the poor had no access to electricity for lighting, they were too poor to buy batteries. The villagers burnt rubbish in the open like what Singaporeans did in yesteryears.



It crossed my mind that if discarded batteries were treated in such manner, unwittingly, I would be indirectly adding pollutants to the village. I had indeed taken for granted the convenience of rubbish chutes and incinerators in Singapore.

Littering is an issue in the village, which the village chief is making attempts to eradicate such habits through education. The MT had this opportunity when Cleanliness and Hygiene were included in the VBS.

The demographic composition of the Le Village is predominately teenagers and very young children. God has used Sister Pui Meng to reach out to these tribal people. Lord willing, may the laid connection become a frequent conduit for more young adults from our church to join future mission work, yielding and paring their energy with the local young people: a springboard for sharing the Gospel and Christian Living.

ALL GLORY BE TO GOD: I see God using Sister Pui Meng mightily as a channel of blessings to the tribal people in the far remote north-eastern Cambodia, Ratanakiri. She saw it as a privilege to serve Him and to be able to serve Him even in living amongst and immersing in the rural Jarai tribe, and taking the next step to acquire the written Khmer language. Through her, I see God's grace, His glory and a true, powerful and living God. The least I can do is to remember her in my prayers that she remains strong in the Lord, always drawing strength from Him as He leads her. Amen.

Testimony by Lilian Lee

It is always a privilege to serve the Lord. Every mission trip is different even though it involves going to the same place. Preparation for this trip began way ahead despite much uncertainty. At first there seemed to be not enough people on the team. There was also a long hard chase as Sister Pui Meng worked together with Somnang, the church leader at Le Village to get the necessary permits for the team to do the work at the village. I believe this trip was very much undergirded by prayer – perhaps more than others because the trip's primary objective was to baptise some youths and adults in the church. Satan would not let this pass without disturbances: two elderly sisters, on the initial baptismal list in the end, missed out because of family objections. However, everything else slowly fell into place and the team set out on our journey.

It was wonderful to revisit Le Village and there is a simple contentment that you can sense immediately as you enter the kampong where you will see pigs and dogs and chickens running around freely. I sensed also that this village is blessed because there were a lot more piglets this time around. The children were smiling and the people were also warm and welcoming. I was happy to see the many youths and children that I met during the previous trip – the Lord is faithful to have kept them in their Christian walk.

Very quickly, the first VBS was underway with Rev Quek taking the first lesson on Jonah. It was heart-warming to see our very tall pastor putting his soul into connecting with the little children. This set the tone for the rest of us who were assigned to teach in the VBS; everyone – including first-timer, Sister Jane – taught with much earnestness and prayer that the Word of God would speak to the hearts of the little children. There were so many children on the first day that it got a bit chaotic when it came to doing the craft. Thankfully we learned from our mistakes with the advice from Brother Sonny who stressed that we should do everything step by step and in tandem. That worked really well for the rest of the VBS.

The sessions for the catechism classes taught by Brother Joel and the leaders' training taken by the two pastors ran concurrently with the VBS. There was no opportunity to observe these sessions. However our hearts sang with praise to the Lord on the Sunday when twelve youths and two adults were baptised. It was a historic moment for the church to have seen its first baptism and that was the first time the church partook in the Holy Communion. What a wonderful day that was!



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At this point I wish to encourage our youths to make a commitment to visit Sister Pui Meng. From the experience of Brother Samuel and young Jude, we see it is good for the children to meet with youths from Singapore. Let them know that you love the Lord and would serve Him. Encourage them to live for the Lord and to seek Him. It was easy for Samuel and Jude with their action songs and their games to make inroads for a lasting friendship with the young people there. Samuel even climbed a tree with the children. When there is free time, they were chatting with the youths who wanted to practise their English. Every time we saw the big crowd with Samuel, we were amused and we all teased Samuel about his growing fan club.

There is much work to be done and may the Lord continue to lead and guide Sister Pui Meng and the church at Le Village.

Testimony by Jane Koh

This is my first time joining a church mission trip. The team of 12 were led by Pastor Daniel Khoo, Pastor Quek Keng Khwang, Brother Joel Seah, and Brother Sonny Loe. Thank God for the opportunity to join this trip, experiencing a first hand account of the mission ground in Ratanakiri.

I was assigned to teach one lesson (total 4) in the VBS on the story of Jonah where God instructed Jonah to preach God's impending judgment and destruction to the Ninevites. With totally no prior Sunday School teaching experience, I felt great apprehension on the lesson preparation to teach the 100+ village children. I prayed that the Lord would help me to deliver His message of love and hope to the children in simplicity.

My lesson contained simple essential bible truths, drawing lessons from the Story of Jonah :- God loves us, Believe in God, Repent of our sins, Accept Jesus as our Saviour and Lord, God forgives, Trust and Obey God.

We flew in to Siem Reap on 21/11/18. The next morning, we travelled in bus for 10 hours and reached BanLung in late evening, where Sister Pui Meng was waiting for us at the hotel.



We arrived at Le Village on 23/11/18 (Day 1) for VBS. The children of about 130+ from Le Village and neighbouring villages, settled into the primary school classroom. Though the living conditions and amenities are very basic, the children were very excited with our visit. We started to warm up with them, though some shy ones just smiled at us. My heart was deeply touched by the village surroundings and the children's simple joy of playing around happily in the village, some even bare-footed! The villagers live in great harmony with the many pigs, chicken, dogs, freely roaming around the school and homes.



VBS was conducted on Day 1, 2 and 4 (Monday), teaching Bible lessons on Jonah, Zacchaeus, Saul (Paul). During singspiration time, we worshipped God with hymns and choruses, which the children sang very loud with great enthusiasm, in English, Khmer & Jerai language.

Before the lessons on Jonah, we always sang together with them, the simple Jonah song with action. This was done to reinforce the learning on the children. *"Hey Jonah Jonah, Hey Jonah Jonah (2x), you must obey the Lord"* using tune of *"Yes Jesus loves me"*. The children sang with great gusto.

Thank God that we have excellent interpreters for the lessons, bringing forth God's Word to the language of the children. The children enjoyed the Craft sessions, to reinforce on the lessons taught and they also got to bring home the crafts they completed in class.

The outdoor games in the afternoon brought much laughter and delight, from both children and adults like us. We watched their excited shouts and running around during team competition, where they used simple materials like newspapers. The teaching on the youths and leaders were conducted concurrently on Day 2 and 4, by Brother Joel and Pastor Khoo and Pastor Quek. On Day 3 (Sunday), we joined them for the Sunday worship service. Pastor Quek conducted water baptism on 14 believers. A sermon was delivered by Pastor Khoo. Praise God.

My Takeaway on this Trip:

- Thank God that I am very richly blessed, seeing God's Hand touching the lives of Le Village folks and the young boys and girls with their simple faith in Christ. My prayer is that the Lord will continue to strengthen their faith especially the youths, that they will grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus.
- May the Lord continue to work in the lives of these children. With the gospel seed sown in their hearts, I pray that each of them will one day accept Jesus as their personal Saviour and Lord.
- Thank God for Sister Pui Meng who has been reaching out so effectively to Le Village folks, sharing the gospel and teaching the youths and children on the Word of God. She has lovingly ministered to the villagers and they connect very well with her, especially the little ones.
- With much material comfort and blessing we enjoy back home, which many of us take for granted especially the younger generation, we ought to love God greatly with a heart of thanksgiving and gratitude. Pray that the Lord will keep us diligent in our study of God's Word, that our hearts be sanctified and be equipped for His service.
- May God continue to lay the burden in our hearts, that more Lifers especially the younger generation, will go forth to the mission field to share the gospel of salvation, that Only Jesus Saves.
- Soli Deo Gloria (Rom. 11:36)

Testimony by Victor Lee



I thank God that my wife was able to travel together with me for this mission trip to Le Village, Cambodia. What better way to describe mission trips than allowing her to see for herself what it was like. I thank God for protecting every team member for the duration of our stay in Cambodia. Thank God for Rev Quek, Rev Khoo, Brothers Joel and Sonny for leading the team. We had a wonderful time of fellowship.

I was only involved in the children VBS. The story telling theme was on the story of Jonah spreading over the two-day period on 23rd and 24th Nov. Brother Alvin covered the lessons on Jesus meeting

Zacchaeus and Jesus meeting Paul on the 3rd day. The story telling lessons were focusing particularly on, the power of God, obedience to God, God's wrath, God's love, repentance of sins, prayers, salvation through Jesus Christ. The crafts after each lesson were planned to build upon their learning. In addition to teaching Bible stories, Sister Pui Meng taught hygiene to the children as part of the request by the local authority. I thank God for His provision, allowing us to use the school premise; even closing the primary school on the following Monday for the VBS. Thank God that all went well despite the fact that the team was unable to meet the demands of craft materials on the first day due to the unexpected higher number of children. Nevertheless, thank God for the higher turnout on day 1 that more children can be blessed by the program. I also thank God for giving us this good challenge, to learn to deal with unexpected situations.

What impressed me on the first day of VBS was that the children were generally well behaved. They were already waiting for the team in the classroom when we arrived in Le Village. Though they were noisy at times, all I saw was their happy faces, awaiting us in expectation to start our program. Rev Quek started with ice-breaking the children with the various forms of handshaking and followed by the singing of songs. They loved singing and especially the songs that come with actions. Even though they knew some of those songs we introduced, they did not mind singing them over and over again. They were also encouraged to sing songs in Khmer and Jerai languages which they sang the loudest. I was very much blessed by their joyful singing.

The boys and girls all loved the outdoor paper ball games. They had a whale of time with all the paper ball games. In one of the games, we noticed that they were not following the rules taught to them. We let them be, and what surprised me was that they were quick to re-orientate to the rules quite seamlessly. I thought it was chaotic initially but I was wrong. For they knew the game better than I do, as to when was the default done for the two teams to switch roles between the defense and attack. It was a very fast game with many players in the field. They fell and tumbled and had good fun. In watching them play, I saw the joy and happiness they had. This simple form of living taught me about contentment with life that God has given.

I thank God for the 14 souls baptized on that Sunday. The new believers need the feeding of God's Word. My prayer is that God will continue to watch over the people of Le Village; that the Church leaders be firmly grounded in sound teachings according to the scriptures; that the leaders be focused upon building their members in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ; that the children are very precious in the sight of the Lord, requiring our careful nurturing. And finally, I pray that the Lord of the harvest will send forth labourers into the mission fields.

Testimony by Alvin Chow



When Rev Quek Keng Khwang invited me to join the Cambodia mission trip, I was in the midst of a busy period at work. I did not know if I could go but God made it possible for me to take leave. Moreover, I was glad that my son Jude readily agreed to go on his first mission trip (with my wife's blessing). Jude's task was to help Samuel Quek to plan the games for Vacation Bible School (VBS); I was to teach two lessons for VBS.

Two days before we left for Cambodia, I started to fall sick. However, I managed to complete my remaining work assignments. After taking medicine and resting, I was

tired physically but well enough to travel with the team. Thank God for answered prayer!

When we arrived in Le Village on Friday, I was moved when I saw how some children wore ill-fitting jerseys; several ran about barefoot on the stony ground, their feet covered in dust and mud. For VBS, we had more children on the first day, which was a school holiday. They were so precious and well-behaved, despite the heat and cramped conditions. Three or four children squeezed together at each table in the classroom. They sat patiently and listened to the Bible stories on Jonah. Some of them could speak good English and quickly picked up the new songs and actions. They sang "O happy day" and "I have decided to follow Jesus" from their hearts to the Lord. Even after the VBS lessons, I heard them singing to themselves outside the classroom. Although rain was forecasted for the weekend, the weather turned out to be perfect. So the children could play the outdoor games each afternoon.

During the worship service on Sunday, I marveled as one of the teens recited the parable of the tares (Matt 13:25-30, 36-43), which took her several days to memorise. How precious is God's word! "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." (Psalm 119:11)

On Monday, I taught two lessons for VBS: Jesus saving Zacchaeus in Jericho (Luke 19:1-10) and Jesus saving Saul on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-25). The lesson was that Jesus is our Saviour who loves us and saves us from our sins. Truly, these children are "an heritage of the LORD" (Psalm 127:3). I pray that they will grow up to love the Lord fervently and serve Him faithfully.

Arriving back in Singapore, Jude asked me when we could go back to Cambodia again. I am thankful that God gave Jude and I the opportunity to go to Cambodia with the mission team. Looking back, we can see how the Holy Spirit had guided us throughout the trip, and gave the team the physical strength and spiritual gifts to work well together for His glory.

My experience on this mission trip was quite different from what I had expected. God showed me the beauty of his creation – the scenic landscape on the road from Siem Reap to Ban Lung, pretty flowers and butterflies, lovely sunsets, good hearty meals and warm fellowship with the brethren. All praise and thanks to God for opening this door to our neighboring country. We pray for Sister Pui Meng as she sows the gospel seed and for the church in Cambodia to grow.

Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds: Colossians 4:2-3



Report on Mission Trip to Batam, 7 October 2018

by Ladies SS Class

New participants

1. Batam has been our class' annual mission trip for several years. This year's group is the largest so far, with 20 ladies accompanying Pastor Seet. About half of the ladies were newcomers; they were not from our class but heard about the trip by word of mouth. We were blessed with three pairs of mother-daughter teams, a mother-son team, and four trained in early childhood.



2. As testified by those who went regularly to Batam, the new participants and group strength was an unexpected blessing and made the trip different from previous years.

a. Sister Chiew Ping wrote, "What started as a mission trip by our Ladies' Sunday School ended up with about half the participants not being from the Class itself. This was a wonderful blessing as it enabled the group to minister to the children at two churches instead of the usual one in the previous two years and hence we had the opportunity to fellowship with more church members. I was encouraged that four mother-child pairs joined us for this trip. Prayerfully, those not in our Sunday School and those of other age groups will consider joining us for the next trip; with more hands, we may be able to minister to all 3 churches."

b. Rosalind, a new participant in the group testified, "I am thankful to have this opportunity to join the Ladies Sunday School team to serve the Children's ministry in Tanjung Piayu and Sagulung Baru B-P churches. It was a great joy to witness the children at Tanjung Piayu church rejoicing and singing praises to The Lord whole heartedly. They were very attentive during story telling time as well as when learning the memory verse in English. They also showed eagerness doing craft work and colouring for the younger ones. I was reminded of Mark 10:14: "Suffer the little children to come into me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God". Truly glad and blessed to be able to serve in this ministry."

c. Sharon Koh said, "This is the first time my son followed me to this mission trip which I have done for three consecutive years. Each time I came back with new perspectives and faith renewed. I thank the Lord that more ladies joined this year such that we can minister to two different churches. I really enjoyed the close fellowship with the ladies as we chatted along the way."

d. Sow Mun wrote, "Thank God for so amazingly bringing us altogether. Through the preparation before the trip, God helped us to get to know each other and we worked in love and unity of mind and purpose to serve Him and reach out to the children in the 2 churches with His Word."

e. Joanna Chua observed, "I saw God blessing not only our ladies bible study group in terms of its growing strength, but also in our annual mission trip to Batam. This time round, we had 20 people including their children. It's a good sign of continual reaching out. I can only thank God for looking out for us all the time."

Program

3. The sizeable group strength enabled us to organise ourselves into two groups to teach about 70 children altogether from two instead of just one church, viz., Tanjung Piayu and Segulung Baru BP Church. Sow Mun and Joanna Chua were the story tellers and the key bible verse taught was John 13:17, "If he know these things, happy are ye to do them." We thank God for Sister Roska who assisted actively, helping to buy and packed presents for the children, arranging transport and lunch and being interpreter at Segulung Baru. Besides teaching the children we also joined the local congregation at Segulung Baru in their worship service where Pastor Seet was preaching and presented a song item in English and Bahasa "Over the sunset mountain."



4. The children's response made an impact on all who testified:

a. Sharon: "I was very encouraged by the gentle and sweet nature of the kids as they participated in the activities spontaneously. By faith I believe, some truths about God's Word has been implanted in the young minds by our short but sincere visit. The local adults were also equally hospitable. I especially enjoyed the local kuehs they prepared at the end of the service."



b. Chiew Ping: "As with the previous trip, I was encouraged by how attentive and engaged the children were with the lesson. Their singing is always with gusto, whether it is their Sunday School songs in Bahasa or the chorus taught to them in English."

c. Sow Mun: "On the 7th October Sunday, we were all so excited to go and serve Him in the two churches in Batam. As in 1 Peter 4:10, we used the gifts that God has given us to serve Him with joy and gladness...It was heartwarming and encouraging to see the children so attentive to God's Word and eager to learn the memory verse."



Report on Mission Trip to Batam, 8-10 December 2018

by Francis Leong

For the first time, SW NBC embarked on a mission trip to Batam between December 8 – 10 in support of the VBS program led by Sisterter Poh Yok to 600 students from the 3 schools of Tg Piayu, Batu Aji and Sagulung Baru. We want to thank God that with the exception of 2 members, the entire SW NBC team of 13 plus Choon Wai, Kwee Mui and Joshua were able to make the trip. Some members of the SW NBC were on a mission trip for the first time.

The initial plan was for the team to arrive on Sunday the 9th to minister to the 3 churches and followed by the VBS on Monday the 10th. However, the team decided to arrive one day earlier in order to do things at a leisure pace and not stress the team of senior citizens. Lo and behold, the idea of “leisurely” really sank in when some of us were made to zig-zag slowly for more than an hour to clear immigration in Singapore before boarding the ferry for Batam. Had the ferry left on schedule, we would have missed our ferry. But God was in control and we all made it to the ferry albeit half an hour behind schedule.

To our dismay, the queue at Batam side was even worse and to add to the confusion, some of us were made to change queue mid-way and some people totally by-passed us (which we later learned that these people paid their way through the express lane in order to avoid the hassle of queuing). After almost 1.5 hours, we finally cleared customs and immigration and were ushered into two 7-seaters and arrived at the hotel at around 2.30pm. By then, tired and hungry, the team was happy to settle down for lunch at the shopping mall just across the hotel.



SW NBC + Choon Wai, Kwee Mui and Joshua

On Sunday, the team was divided into 3 groups, each heading to the 3 different churches respectively to speak at the Sunday Worship Services and to conduct the Sunday School Christmas Programs. The teams were back at the hotel at around 4pm and were briefed by Poh Yok on Monday’s VBS program.

At Tanjong Piayu

The team to Tg Piayu was led by Francis and supported by Lit Miah, Chee Weng, Tino and Lynda. Missionary Efendi came to fetch us at the hotel at 9.00am and we arrived at the church well before the worship service. Francis delivered the message entitled: “The Blessings of Christmas” with Efendi assisting in the translation to about 60 worshippers. The worship service ended at around 11.40 and packet lunch was served at around 12 noon.

The Christmas Program started at 1.30pm with one hour of singspiration led by Efendi. This is the church's Christmas Program which ended around 6.00pm.

The Singapore team took over at 2.30pm and began with a short introduction of the team to about 40 children. This was followed by the Christmas story on the birth of Christ by Lit Miah/Lynda. The evangelistic focus of the story was that Joseph and Mary could not find a room for the birth of Jesus and had to finally settle for the stable meant for animals. The children were then asked if they have room for Jesus in their hearts.

The next activity was for the children to piece together a jigsaw puzzle of the memory verse based on Matthew 1:21 in Bahasa led by Chee Weng. The program ended with the making of the "Christmas Star".

As the church's Christmas Program had not ended, we decided to leave the presents for every child to Efendi for distribution at the end of their program. We then bid them farewell at around 3.30pm and returned to the hotel.



Mission Trip to Batam

At Batu Aji

Missionary Paola received the first group of 5 Lifers at Batu Aji B-P church. The team comprised of Dn Mark Heah, Helen Heah, Leong Wai Hoe, Hazel Leong and Joshua Wee. The Worship Service commenced with Dn Mark Heah sharing God's Word from John 8:12 entitled "Light of the World". Brother Hevzon provided the Bahasa interpretation. After Sunday Worship Service, lunch was served to 50 members and children.



The Christmas Thanksgiving Children program commenced after more children arrived at 1pm. All the 40 children were dressed in their best! Sister Paola led the children in the singspiration with much vigour and enthusiasm. We thank God that all children participated actively! The children also presented a song item and a skit!

Sister Helen shared the Bible story on the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Brother Joshua followed by conducting the scripture memory session covering Luke 2:11 which is aligned with the Bible story. Some of the older kids already knew how to recite the verse from memory. Praise the Lord!



The children were excited doing the handicraft and games led by Brother Wai Hoe and Sister Hazel, and supported by the other members of the team. Using beads and pipe cleaners, the kids had to create a star which could be hung as a decoration. The star represented the "Star of the World" – our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the next activity, the kids were divided into teams and using plasticine, they were tasked to create a mold of Mary sitting atop a donkey. They did so with enthusiasm and with some really interesting results too! Stationery were the prizes of the day!

The Christmas Thanksgiving Children program concluded with a closing prayer. All the children were given additional stationery and snacks.



We thank the Lord, who guided and provided for us throughout the Worship Service and Christmas Thanksgiving Children program. We committed everything to God. Everything went smoothly as we shared the First Christmas with the congregation and children. The team members were exhausted by the end of the day but the trip was all worth it! All praise and glory to God.

At Sagulung Baru

On 9 December 2018, a team of six Lifers set out to minister to the church at Sagulung Baru. We were part of a larger group of sixteen brethren ministering to three churches in Batam. Of the six of us going to Sagulung Baru, four were from Southwest NBC. Among us, there were some who were new to missions.

The theme for this mission trip was on Christmas. During the morning Worship Service, Choon Wai shared a gospel message entitled, "What Is Christmas To You?"

In the afternoon, the team conducted the Sunday School Christmas Program for about 40 children. Sister Ai Lin with the assistance of Sister Jenny, told the children a Bible Story, entitled, "The Christmas Story".

She also taught the children a Bible memory verse based on Luke 2:11 in Bahasa and was assisted by Sister Kwee Mui.

After this, Sister Kwee Mui taught the children how to do the craftwork.



Mission Trip to Batam

Testimonies By Some Members of The Team

Jenny Chan: Thank God for giving me the opportunity to do something for Him. I was actually quite reluctant to join this mission trip when I was approached by Mark Heah. I always have the thinking that I cannot be of any help but realised that I was wrong. Instead I was encouraged by the children's behaviour in showing their appreciation. Praise to the Lord!

Ricky Lum: Firstly, I wish to thank the Lord our Heavenly Father for giving me this opportunity to follow one of our mission leaders Brother Choon Wai to Sagulung Baru B-P church to learn from him the goodness of sharing God's words with the brethren there. Although I did not contribute much, I noticed that the children attending the Sunday school program were so enthusiastic in their singing and also memorising the Bible verse that it has encouraged me to consider joining future mission trips. Praise to the Lord!

Kwee Mui: Although I had joined mission trips in the past, I had been more of an observer. This was the first time in which I played a role in teaching art & craft. I thank God that I am now more encouraged to participate in future mission trips.

Choon Wai: I would like to praise the Lord for leading all of us to this mission trip and for His protection of the team members. I could see His guiding hand during the time when we were preparing for this mission trip and right during the time when we were ministering in the Sagulung church. Despite all our shortcomings, God filled in the gaps to make all things work out smoothly. The Lord Himself made it possible for us to bring His Word to the adults and children who came to the Sagulung Baru church that day. May the Name of the Lord be praised.

VBS Program

The VBS Program conducted on Monday, December 10 was held in the premise of Tg Piayu School/Church.



The combined Mission Team

When the team arrived in 2 mini buses at around 8.45am, the compound was already brimming with children. A total of 650 children came; 50 from Philadelphia school and orphanage while the rest from the 3 schools of Tg Piayu, Batu Aji and Sagulung Baru. Also, the 650 comprised of 250 from lower primary and 400 from upper primary.

It took us quite some time to get the children organised and settled down. It was also decided to split the 650 children into two groups; the lower primary children would go into the church sanctuary for the story

and craft work while the upper primary children would play games in the open ground. At the end of each program, the two groups will be switched around. However, in order to accommodate the 400 children inside the sanctuary, all the pews were removed and placed outside around the church building at the end of the session with the lower primary children.



The story of the “Crippled Lamb” was given by Poh Yok in Bahasa and the two games masters were Daniel Tan and Mark Heah. The respective team members assisted to provide orderly formation and execution of the game. Due to the extremely hot weather and also in the interest of time, only two games instead of the original three were played. The first game was for the children to pass green beans using a spoon and filling them into a cup. The evangelistic focus for this game is to teach the children that as God’s children, they can enjoy the constant care of God in providing for their needs just as God took care of the prophet Elijah through the widow by ensuring that the oil and flour did not run out. On the completion of the first game, the two groups were switched. The upper primary children were moved into the sanctuary for the story and craft works while the lower primary children were moved into various classrooms for the game of passing the beans.



At the end of the first session of story, craft work and Game #1, the VBS program went into recess and the children were sent to the various classrooms where they had their lunches at 12.00pm.

The VBS program resumed at 1.00pm with Game #2 which is the piecing together of a jigsaw puzzle based on the story of the “Crippled Lamb”. This game came in two versions:

the one for the lower primary children had 15 pieces while the one for the upper primary children had 30 pieces. All the 650 children played this game together in various locations.

The second session ended just before 2.00pm and all the children were made to sit by their respective groups and gifts were distributed to all the children and helpers. After a group photo with some of the children and helpers, the team bid farewell to them and left for the ferry terminal at around 2.30pm.

At the ferry terminal, the team bid farewell to Roska and boarded the ferry for our return to Singapore. The return leg was much smoother without the long queues experienced during our arrival. We reached Harbour Front just before 7.00pm. That concluded the first mission trip by the SW NBC. May more NBC groups be challenged to serve our Lord in missions.



Testimony by Joshua Wee

Whenever it comes to Mission Trips abroad, I have to admit somehow I always found myself “busy” and “have got no time”. However, when the excuses ran out, I finally decided to sign myself up for the Batam Mission trip. I thank the Lord for giving me this opportunity for I have not regretted a single moment during my time serving in Batam.

While it is easy to read about our church missionaries from the comfort of our homes, the reality is far from comfort. From conducting games, to memory verses and even distributing presents, I found myself running about setting up the game stations and being actively involved in helping the children with their handicraft in the most basic of environments. There is something wrong if one does not break a sweat.



Having been given the task of leading the children at Batu Aji Church in a scripture memory verse, I was actually surprised that the children have already memorized it themselves! The enthusiasm that the children have shown was extremely heart-warming and from this trip, it certainly bodes true that “The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few”.

I definitely have a newfound respect for our Missionaries and this will definitely not be my last Mission trip.

Missions Schedule – January to August 2019

Every 1st Sun - Pastor to minister of Batam churches

May - Tentative mission trip to Ratanakiri

**Mission trip to Life International School by
graduating students (dates to be confirmed)**

2 Jun - Tentative Batam mission trip by SS students

22 Jun - Missions Seminar – Only One Life

8-12 Aug - Medical-Dental Mission to Batakland

