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Focus on

Missions



Appointment of Full-Time Missionaries to Cambodia on 8 January 2023

On 8 January 2023, we witnessed the commissioning of brother Lim Kwang Taek and sister Phan Thi Ngoc Anh (Miriam) as Full-Time Missionaries of Life B-P Church who will serve the Lord in Cambodia. Bro Kwang Taek is from South Korea and sis Miriam is from Vietnam. They graduated from Emmanuel Reformed Bible College on 18 November 2022 and were married the next day. They will serve in Cambodia and co-labour with Rev Moses Hahn at the Komponsom Bible School and its ministries.

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“Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.”

John 20:21

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Life B-P Church

Missions Committee

Vision and Mission

Vision:

To glorify God by enabling Life B-P Church to become a missions-oriented and mission-driven church through service (Luke 10:2)

Mission:

To inculcate in Lifers the desire to develop missions awareness and a passion for winning lost souls for Christ (Romans 10:11-15)

Kwang Taek & Miriam's Testimony for the Commissioning Service

We thank God for training us at Emmanuel Reformed Bible College (ERBC) and giving us the opportunity to participate in the mission work in Cambodia as missionaries of Life B-P Church.

We would like to share about the needs of the Lord's work in Cambodia. Cambodia has only a few large churches and small churches scattered throughout the country. This situation signifies the need for ministers to be sent to pastor these small churches. Therefore, KBS trains students and sends them to the local churches. In addition, Komongsom Christian School (KCS) gathers

the poor children in Sihanoukville to teach them language and to preach the gospel to them. There is a need to nurture disciples of our Lord Jesus who will strengthen the small churches that are scattered across Cambodia.

You may be wondering how God led us to the decision to serve in Cambodia. We have been praying together for the first ministry where we can serve God and apply what we have learned at ERBC. In the meantime, we heard about Rev Moses Hahn's need for missionary co-workers in Cambodia. Cambodia was the place where bro Kwang Taek had experienced a call to missions, and it is also the place where the help of ministers is most needed. Based on the timely suggestion from Rev Moses Hahn, the desperate need for co-workers and with the loving support of Life B-P Church, we believe that God has guided us to serve in Cambodia.

Bro Kwang Taek will serve by teaching at KBS. He will also deliver a message at the Sunday worship service once a month and will oversee the morning worship service. In addition, he will regularly visit local churches founded by KBS graduates and help with the prison ministry. Sis Miriam will serve in training KCS's teachers in the fields of English, curriculum development and Bible teaching. Sis Miriam will deliver a message at the Sunday worship once every 5 weeks, and a message for early morning worship once a week. In addition, sis Miriam will oversee the Ladies Fellowship of KBS and evangelize the Vietnamese living there.

As we embark on missions in Cambodia, we may face difficulties in terms of language and cultural differences. We believe that the period of resolving difficulties will be shortened depending on how quickly we can learn the Khmer language and Cambodian culture and adopt their way of life by His grace. Please remember us in your prayers that we can adapt well to all environments and participate in mission work effectively.

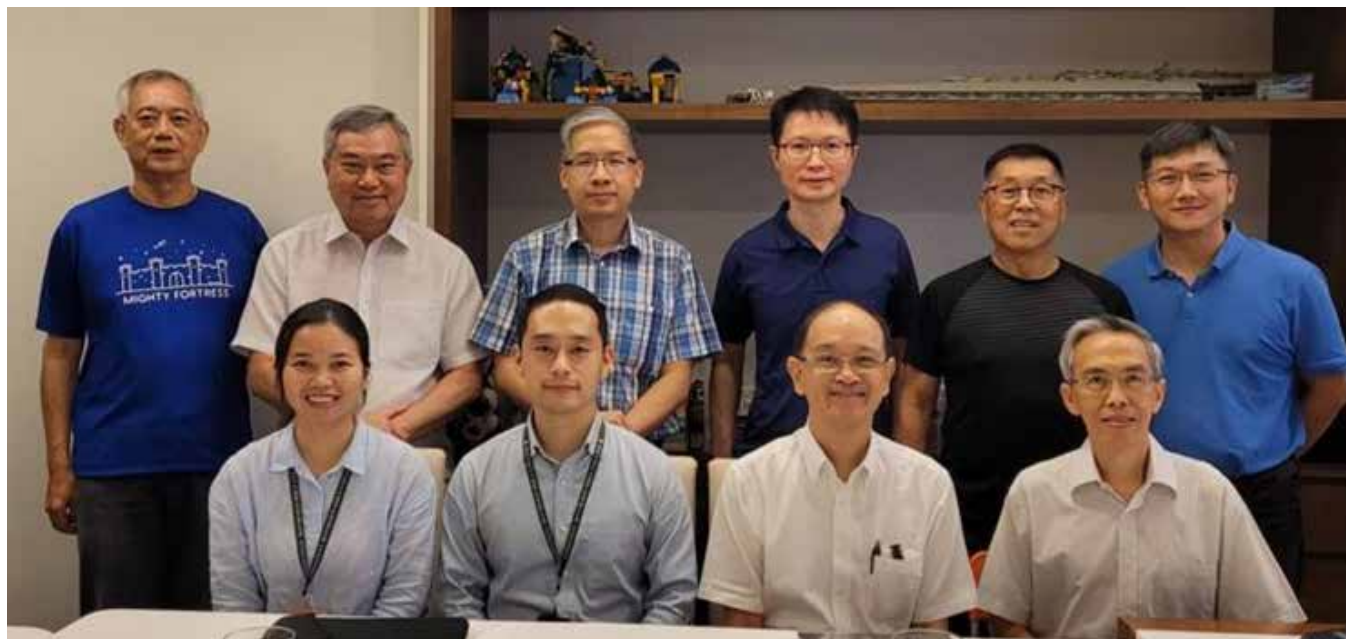


1. Pray for wisdom and strength to prepare well for the ministry given to us.
2. Pray for us to receive long-term visas for the mission in Cambodia and to learn the Khmer language well.
3. Pray for us to choose the right accommodation and transportation for our Sihanoukville needs.

We have the assurance that our God who began a good work in us will complete the mission in Cambodia through the cooperation of those who are submitted and obedient to His call.

We give thanks to our Lord for guiding us every step of the way, for giving us assurance according to His calling, and for sending us to Cambodia. Thank you and may God bless you.

Missions Committee Members Meeting with Bro Lim Kwang Taek and Sis Miriam Phan on 4 January 2023 before their Commissioning on 8 January 2023



Pastor Charles Seet and a few members of the Missions Committee (MC) met with bro Kwang Taek and sis Miriam on 4 January 2023. It was to discuss their preparation to serve the Lord as full-time missionaries in Cambodia. MC members encouraged them and prayed with them.

Rev Khoo shared an encouragement from 1 Corinthians 4:1-5.

¹Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. ²Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. ³But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self. ⁴For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord. ⁵Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

“Christians have challenges and an enemy that wants to distract us, and if we have any fears or doubts, our ministry will be affected. So, we need to clear any doubts before going into the mission field or full-time ministry. We are in the Lord’s business, it is a spiritual battle, not a place for the weak or cowardly. A missionary must be prepared to meet with trials and persecution. We cannot afford to waste time with the mind games of the enemy. Rev. Khoo shared about the issues he has faced regularly in the ministry and thank God for His faithfulness and encouragement where our needs are.

Rev. Khoo mentioned 3 common problems or lies that the devil always tries to hit at us:

The first lie is to make you think you do not have enough to do what God has called you to do. Thank God for Kwang Taek’s sister, who can help, but our help is from God. We must always go in faith, and by faith, not relying on man’s promises. Today we try to understand the hardship missionaries face in the field and will try to help. The devil will try to make you question and doubt whether you have enough support and feel alone when you are by yourself in the mission field. But we have all sufficiency in Christ, and we can reach out for support. Be assured that you have exactly enough to do what God has called you to do. In His providence, God has given us everything we need.

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We believe that God has given us everything, maybe just a talent, but that is what we need to accomplish the work that He has called us to do and to accomplish for His kingdom.

In the parable of talents - though the servants received different numbers of talents, they are accountable for what they do with their talents. We have a responsibility to aggressively multiply what God has given us. The point was not how much they were given, but what they did with what they were given. Never make excuses and refuse to take risks to multiply your impact with the little the Master has entrusted to you. Do not make excuses that “we do not have enough” or we would be in danger of acting like the wicked servant. Do not be like that servant who buried what he had in the dirt (Matthew 25:14–30; Luke 19:12–28).

The second lie is to give us a wrong mentality that in order to be successful, we need to be the biggest or best church or ministry or even the best at everything.

This mentality will cause us to fall into the trap of competition and comparison. God looks for faithfulness, not numbers. Do not fall into comparison with others, or you will have problems. Be faithful and focus on the work and give your utmost for the Lord. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 10:12: “For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.”

So, we do not compare with others because everyone is different and unique in God’s sight. Fear God because He will test our work on the day of judgment, and we must give an account of ourselves. God uses all kinds of churches to reach all types of people, and he has also prepared you to reach out to a special group of people in Cambodia. Give of your best to the Lord. 1 Corinthians 1:26-29 says: *“For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence.”*

The third lie is to make us think that the work that we are doing is not progressing and ineffective.

We can sometimes become very idealistic in our thinking that we work hard and will be able to see great results. It usually does not happen that way. There are many examples of missionaries who served in the field for many years, they laboured and toiled but yet did not see any results or fruits of their labour (e.g., Jim Elliot and four other missionaries were killed trying to evangelize the Auca Indians; Adoniram Judson, a missionary did not see the immediate result of his work in Burma). They continued their service despite disappointment by men. Sometimes, the sending church may not be able to understand your situation in the field, and they cannot appreciate the difficulties. Some may not even offer words of encouragement, but they sounded like a rebuke. “Did you pray hard enough?” “Did you fast?” If you are afraid to go to the mission field, my advice is do not go.

So, what do you do when you do not see fruits and results?

Keep going.

The Bible says: *“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.”* 1 Corinthians 15:58.

Keep sowing.

“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.” Galatians 6:9

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The result of our labour (kingdom impact) here may never be known until you stand before Jesus. I am glad that God in his grace does allow us to see some visible external fruit but many times you do not get to see the result of our work. When this happened, we are often tempted to give up or believe they are in vain. We must not give up, because God has promised us the breakthrough will come when we press on, keep going, and keep sowing.

These lies will unsettle us, but the Holy Spirit helps us to fight off the doubts and fears through God's word. Salvation is of the Lord, trust Him. Jesus told Paul in a dream one night: "For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city." (Acts 18:10). "Your investment in people matters more than you will ever know on the other side of eternity."

Pastor Seet prayed for the couple.



From L to R: Alvin Chow, Rev Daniel Khoo, Pastor Charles Seet, Miriam, Kwang Taek, Dr. David Cheong



Dental Mission to Batam, Filadelfia Bible-Presbyterian Church, on 23-25 September 2022 by Dr Nicholas Lim

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.” Isaiah 55:8-9



The mission team at Filadelfia B-P Church

Overview

On 23 September 2022, a team of 15 young adults and youths headed to the shores of Batam for a dental outreach mission. Despite the short one month's lead-time, it was by God's grace and providence that we managed to assemble a team in time to prepare for the mission. The team consisted of 4 Lifers, 3 dentists from other churches and 8 dental students. Led by brother Nicholas Lim, they gathered with one mind and heart to serve the children of Sekolah Dasar Filadelfia Gracia (primary and kindergarten), orphanage, Pulau Semukit village and the church goers of Filadelfia B-P Church in Batam. Despite being a short weekend, it was heartening to see how wondrous the Lord has been to enable us to accomplish His work.

Day 1, 23 Sep: Leaving Singapore to Sekolah Dasar Filadelfia Gracia

Upon arrival in Batam, the team purchased the gift items needed from the local supermarket and hastened to the school to pack them into goodie bags. The goodie bag consisted of basic dental care supplies and snacks for the children. The team was then split into two teams - those in charge of dental screenings, and those involved in children's ministry. Once the children were dismissed from class, they were ushered to head for their dental check-ups first, before proceeding to the children's ministry room to receive the gospel and partake in a time of craft. At the dental screening station, the children's dentition was screened and had fluoride applied to their teeth. Midway, there was an unexpected blackout. This left the team working in hot and stuffy conditions for the next 45 minutes.

However, by the grace of God, the team continued to labour tirelessly (even the dentists wearing full personal protective equipment (PPE)), appreciating every occasional gust of wind, and receiving the smiles on the children's faces as an encouragement despite their discomfort. Meanwhile, the children's ministry team prepared beads and thread for the children to make gospel bracelets while waiting for their turn to get their teeth checked. The children beaded their personal gospel bracelets in a colour sequence - black, red, white, yellow, green. With the help of coloured posters, the team shared the gospel with the children, getting them to read and understand what each colour of the gospel bracelet truly represents.

In the evening, bro Nicholas Lim gave a dental talk to 50-60 members from Filadelfia Gracia Church, on the topic "How can I have nice lasting teeth?". Bro Hendra Loy also stepped in to help with the Questions and Answers (Q&A). Thereafter, oral health goodie bags were distributed to the attendees.

The team also had the privilege of seeing the Lord's faithfulness to both the school and the church. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic that threatened the economy and livelihoods of the locals, the school continued to flourish with sufficient intake of school children each year. One of the church deacons also painted an attractive sea-animals themed mural in the main assembly area of the school to liven up school compound. Furthermore, Elder Ady shared his latest school expansion project - to build another wing with a larger common toilet (Level 1) and chapel hall (Level 2) to meet the growing student population. It is our prayer that God can continue to supply all their needs and allow Filadelfia Grace school to grow in strength and size, by God's grace and in His good time.



Children brushing their teeth before the dental checks



Dental team at the dental check-up station



'Buka mulut', or 'open mouth', in Bahasa Indonesia



At the children's ministry station, with the gospel poster in the background

Children's ministry team preparing the gospel bracelets



Dr Nicholas giving the dental talk at Filadelfia B-P Church



Children gathering in front of the aqua-theme mural painted by one of the deacons





[Under construction] Additional block to accommodate the growing school population

Day 2, 24 Sep: Journey to Pulau Semukit Village

The island-ministry outreach was another key objective of this mission trip. Sis Ang Liang shared with the team on how the Lord has led her to the more rural island-parts of Batam to preach the gospel. The locals dwell in less developed areas and are not as affluent as those living in the city. One of the islands, which we were going this trip, is a fishing village at Pulau Semukit.

The team arose early to a morning of heavy downpour. We were worried about the rain because the rain would prevent us from getting to the island safely by boat. The rain only seemed to get heavier, along with our hearts. With fervent prayers made, the team embarked on an hour's drive to the pier in faith, trusting that the Lord will hold back the rain when the time came to make the river crossing. Thanks be to God, who was indeed sovereign - He cleared the skies well before our arrival! As such, the team was able to safely make their way to Pulau Semukit over water via pompong, akin to a sampan.

As we went about preparing the dental screening and children's ministry stations, sis Ang Liang rose up and preached to the villagers with fervour and conviction. It was indeed encouraging to see the Holy Spirit's work in action. The activities with the children at the village went smoothly, with them learning how to brush teeth and getting dental check-ups, receiving a balloon sculpture and a goodie bag, and lastly, getting their bookmarks and gospel bracelets. Toothbrushing was taught in the open area beside the communal well, which is where the villagers draw water for their daily uses. While registering the children for the dental screening, we realised that most of them were illiterate and could not even spell their own names. It then occurred to us that these children do not go to school. As the general dental health of the village adults and children was also poorer as compared to the city school, we attempted to collect some leaf samples that belonged to the plants grown in their village to bring back to Singapore to research on their fluoride mineral content; an attempt to create

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a recipe to produce “organic” fluoride mouthrinses as protection against cavities!

The team returned to the guest house in Batam after spending the day with the villagers, thankful and humbled by the child-like faith we saw amongst the children for the past 2 days.

In the evening, the team brought the Filadelfia orphans out for a fellowship dinner, to spend time getting to know the children better.



Collecting native leaf samples to detect fluoride mineral content

Making gospel bracelets with the kids at Pulau Semukit



The mission team on the pompong to Pulau Semukit

Posing with their gospel bracelets and balloon swords



Day 3, 25 Sep: Church service in Filadelfia B-P Church

On the final day of the trip, the team attended the morning church service at Filadelfia B-P Church. Ibu Roska, who just arrived in Batam earlier that morning, delivered the message on Isaiah 6, exhorting the congregation to marvel at the magnificence of God and respond to His call to serve and carry His Word. It was a blessed time for the team singing familiar hymns, albeit in Bahasa, with the church goers. The team presented 2 song items, 'Hari Ini Kurasa Bahagia (Today I feel happy)' and 'In Christ Alone'; the children from the Filadelfia B-P Church in turn gave a beautiful rendition of 'A Gift to You'.

In the afternoon, the team made their way back to Singapore and bade farewell to sis Ang Liang and her family, as well as the faithful Filadelfia B-P Church members, who had been lovingly ferrying the team around. It was a trip that truly testified of God's wonderful work and blessings to bring His gospel across borders, and an experience to the team, where some having their first taste to missions. Indeed, the trip would not have happened without the faithfulness of God, the joyful and God-loving hearts of the Filadelfia B-P Church members and the children's willingness to hear the gospel. The experience taught the team of God's sovereignty and how he could use each and every one of us, regardless of our differences and weaknesses as unworthy servants. May this spur us all to continue in the Lord's work of spreading the gospel and His word to the people around us and across our local shores.

As a quote from George Muller goes: *"Money is really worth no more than as it can be used to accomplish the Lord's work. Life is worth as much as it is spent for the Lord's service."*

May God help us to give our lives selflessly to Him!

Life B-P Church Missions Committee

BATAM MEDICAL & DENTAL MISSION

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How you can contribute?

- Medical, dental, physio, eye
- Medical & Dental Assisting
- Registration
- Dispensary
- Children's Ministry
- Logs
- Offerings (\$, clothes, toys...)

31 Mar – 2 Apr 23

<p style="text-align: center;">Day 1</p> <p><i>Arrival of Mission Team</i> Dental Outreach to Filadelfia Grace School and Efata Christian School</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Day 2</p> <p><i>Arrival of Medical Team</i> AM Island Ministry to Todak Island (1H drive + 15min boatride) Clinics Session 1 PM Combined Church Missions Night</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Day 3</p> <p>Worship Service Clinics Session 2 (Two different churches) <i>Departure of Missions Team</i></p>
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Combined Christmas Celebration for GAPPI Church (Bible Presbyterian Church) in Batam by Brother Efendi Ginting

The COVID pandemic that hit the world in 2020-2022 had restricted church activities. We wanted to do many works in the ministry but were limited by government regulations and also fear from within the congregation itself so that ministry activities were less effective. But thanks be to the Lord Jesus who reigns over the universe, and reigns over life and death, and reigns over sickness and disease and in 2022 the COVID outbreak had subsided and church activities could be carried out again.

On that basis, we who are God's servants sat down together and planned a church activity to unite the congregations of five churches - Tanjung Piayu B-P Church, Batu Aji B-P Church, Sagulung Baru B-P Church, Petra B-P Church and Filadelfia B-P Church as a thanksgiving to God for taking care of His congregation and as an event for fellowship among God's people because we have not seen each other for three years.

Praise God, the Combined Christmas was held on 25 December 2022 and we were able to carry it out well and all of God's people could rejoice together. On this occasion, Rev. Tan Eng Boo delivered the word of God with the theme "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (John 1:1-14). God's word that was conveyed truly strengthened the congregation. Jesus came to save His people and God is with His people, paying attention and caring for humans.

In this combined Christmas service, each church offered praise to glorify God's name through choir. We praise God that the number of participants who attended was around 500 people including adults and children. In this combined Christmas service, we rented two rooms, one for the adults, and one for the children, so that the Christmas service could run well. Especially for the children's service, Paola and Fransina from the Filadelfia church led the service.

We are very grateful to Life B-P Church for supporting us financially to make this combined Christmas a success, and thank you also for supporting us in every prayer. May the Lord Jesus bless Life B-P Church in its ministry of reaching souls for the glory of the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

Thus was the Combined Christmas Service Report that we had carried out in 2022. May the name of the Lord Jesus be glorified.

In Christ

Efendi Ginting

Chairman of the Organising Committee



(From L-R) Members of the Combined Christmas Committee with Rev. Tan Eng Boo: Efendi Ginting, Ibu Ang Liang, Ibu Roska, Ibu Paudur, Ibu Hana, Saudari Maria, Bapak Mikdal and Bapak Rudi



Batu Aji B-P Church Congregation



Sagulung Baru B-P Church Congregation



Filadelfia B-P Church Congregation



Petra B-P Church Congregation



Children's Choir



Tanjung Piayu B-P Church Congregation



Children praising God



Children listening to the Christmas story

Cambodia Mission Update by Sister Chan Pui Meng

*We praise Thee, O God, for the Son of Thy love,
For Jesus who died and is now gone above.*

Hallelujah, Thine the glory!

Hallelujah, amen! Hallelujah,

Thine the glory! Revive us again.

Revive us again- fill each heart with Thy love;

May each soul be rekindled with fire from above.

Ratanakiri Love Church

I thank the Lord for making the way for me to Ban Lung, a provincial town in Ratanakiri, after I left Chengko Village in June 2022. Although we may retire from our vocation, we should never retire from serving God and the way we serve Him may change.

After retirement, I was unsure how I could serve the Lord in Ban Lung but I had thought of continuing to reach out to the Le Village students who were studying in Ban Lung and kept trusting that the Lord would lead and guide me to do His will.

When I was in Ban Lung, I got in touch with some Le Village students and together we visited a few churches. I also visited two other churches on my own. Some church worship services were very noisy, accompanied with drums and electric guitar, and the pulpit was like a concert stage. We prayed that the Lord would lead us to a church where there was sound preaching and teaching of His Word, as well as a place where we could serve Him.

After a month, the Lord led us to a small church, Ratanakiri Love Church, which was pastored by an ex-KBS graduate, brother Ratha. On our first visit to the church, we were surprised to see only four worshippers - an elderly couple, a middle-aged brother and bro Ratha's wife, Sok Kane. Bro Ratha was the preacher. According to bro Ratha, before the COVID-19 pandemic, the church had a congregation of about 20 plus worshippers, mainly High School students but after the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown, most of the young worshippers did not return but left a remnant of about three faithful worshippers. After attending the church a few times and seeking the Lord's will, we decided to settle in this church.

The current worship place – on the second level of one of the shop houses



Worship Service – with the Le Village students

Bro Ratha is supported by a Baptist Church in Hong Kong. He graduated from Kampongsom Bible School in 2013. The current worship place is at a rented shop house, while waiting for the government's approval to build a new church at the old church location. In May 2019, he was an interpreter for the Leaders' training program led by Rev Daniel Khoo and Rev Quek Keng Khwang.

The church's only activity is the Worship Service on Sunday. Bro Ratha, Sis Sok Kane and I came together to pray and seek God's will on how we could start a Sunday school class. The Sunday school is an important ministry in the church by planting the seed of faith and creating an environment for the children to know and grow in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Bro Ratha teaching Sunday school



Sis Sok Kane teaching craftwork



On 4 September 2022, we started our first Sunday school lesson for the children at the old church location, under an old pavilion. The good Lord brought about 5 children to us. We taught them on God's creation. Gradually, the Lord brought more children, about 10-12, to Sunday school. Bro Ratha, sis Sok Kane, sis Sarim (a student from Le Village), and I took up roles either in leading songs, teaching Bible lesson or craftworks.

Thank the Lord for enabling us to work together joyfully for His glory. We also thank God that the Le Village students had comfortably settled down in this church and serving the Lord in small areas.



Visit to Kachanh Waterfall at Ban Lung (left) and went fishing (above).

The Christmas Service at the church's old site



Prayer before we set off to invite the church's neighbourhood to the Christmas Service

Bro Micah (Nagaland missionary) – the Lord's messenger. Bro Ratha – the interpreter



Children's parents sitting behind



Sunday school children's song presentation



Le Village students' song presentation

Prayer Requests:

1. The gospel seed sown on the Christmas Worship Service will bear fruit in the hearts of those adults and children who attended it.
2. The Sunday school children will know and grow in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
3. The Le Village students who are attending this church will learn to serve God.
4. The church leaders will serve God with zealous and commitment.

“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”

Proverbs 3:5,6

Taiwan Ministry Update (26 October – 18 November 2022) by Rev and Mrs Daniel Khoo

God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:9

Dear brethren

Greetings to you in Jesus' name.

We were delighted that Taiwan had lifted its quarantine requirements on 13 October 2022. Thank God for allowing us to be back in Taiwan after being away for about ten months.

Our plane landed safely at Taoyuan International Airport at 5.10 pm, and we cleared immigration smoothly and uneventfully.

The objectives of our visit were to:

1. Minister and to encourage our hearing-impaired brethren in the faith; and
2. Fellowship with the members of Liu Bao Church.



*Teaching the word of God to the hearing-impaired brethren
@Liu Bao Church.*

Introduction

We thank God for this opportunity and privilege to serve the Lord among the hearing-impaired brethren. My wife and I served as missionaries in Taichung from 1986-1992. During that time, the Lord led us to know some hearing-impaired students, and by God's grace, we ministered to them, and they professed salvation in Jesus.

It was truly amazing that almost thirty-four years later, the Lord has led us back to meet these hearing-impaired converts. In His own timing and special providence, the Lord called us back to Taiwan to minister to them. The Lord enabled us to obtain our resident visa, and we stayed three years in Taichung to build up the deaf ministry at Liu Bao Church. The Lord is good to us, and he answered our prayers by calling some brethren in Liu Bao Church to take over this special ministry.



The hearing-impaired service.

Hearing-impaired brethren

The brethren were pleased to see us back. We resumed our daily evening Bible Study (Monday to Thursday). While in Taiwan, I preached two Sundays (30 Oct, 13 Nov) at the hearing-impaired service and one Sunday (6 Nov) at the main service of Liu Bao Church and conducted the Lord's Supper.

We thank God for the salvation of Mr Wang Ming Shen. He has been very regular in our church service and joined us in our evening bible study via LINE, a virtual meeting platform. He is also seeking baptism to confirm his faith. His wife suffered a mental breakdown many years ago. He has retired and become her caregiver. They have two children who will help to care for the mother over the weekend so that he can go to church on Sunday.

We also thank God for preserving brother Tai Ming. He had a heart bypass surgery about seven years ago. Early this month, he had this excruciating pain in his right abdomen, and the doctors were initially unable to find its cause. After many medical tests, they found internal bleeding in his abdomen and performed urgent surgery to remove the blood clots. He is recovering well after the surgery but needs plenty of rest. Thank God that he can attend our Sunday service regularly.

Bro De Ming is grateful to the Lord for helping him in his rental apartment. The landlord informed him early this year that his rental lease would not be renewed, and he had to move out by December. Due to his age (71 years old) and physical disabilities, he has many problems finding a place to rent. Liu Bao Church has tried to help him get into a government-run old folks' home, but he is on a long waiting list. We were informed that he needs to wait for at least three years to get a chance for an



The hearing-impaired service.

admission to an old folks' home. We prayed earnestly for him, and the Lord heard the cries of His children. Sister Su Ping accompanied De Ming to see the landlord to ask him to reconsider allowing De Ming to rent the apartment until his admission to an old folk's home. God is good. He heard the cries of his children, and the landlord agreed to renew the lease of De Ming's flat.

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Liu Bao Church needs our prayer support. They are still looking for a resident pastor. Please pray that God sends a godly man to take up this important role in the church. They need godly spiritual leadership and teachings to continue to bear a witness to the gospel and Christ.

In Taiwan, there are also many false teachers trying to infiltrate the churches with their false teachings, especially the prosperity gospel, tongue-speaking, miracles and healings, and other liberal theology. We must pray for God to preserve Liu Bao Church from falling into the devil's trap.



Giving thanks to the Lord for our lunch fellowship before our next session of Bible study.

Our Future Plan

We will continue to minister to the hearing-impaired brethren in Liu Bao Church via ZOOM every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. They still need our help, and we thank God for this privilege to participate in this special work of God. We pray that God will continue to bless and strengthen the brethren at Liu Bao Church to serve in the hearing-impaired ministry. We also plan to visit them at least once a year, God willing.

Conclusion



Members (including the hearing-impaired brethren) at Liu Bao Church.

We are grateful to the Lord that we were able to spend these precious 23 days with the brethren in Taiwan. It was a joy to see them growing in the Lord and serving Him. Thank God for helping us to fulfill our mission objectives during this trip.

We want to thank the Chinese Congregation of Life B-P Church, which has financially supported us on this trip. We are also grateful to the brethren for their many prayers.

Prayer requests:

- Thank God for keeping the brethren at Liu Bao Church safe from covid, and the health authority has abolished the quarantine order in recent weeks.
- Pray for the hearing-impaired brethren to grow in faith and in the likeness of Christ.
- Pray for wisdom and grace to minister to the hearing-impaired brethren in Taichung.
- Pray for God's keeping of Liu Bao Church and its members.
- We need God's leading and blessings in our gospel ministry.

Announcements

Participating in upcoming Mission Trips in 2023

We would like to encourage Life B-P Church members to participate actively in missions both in support and involvement (short-term or otherwise), including medical and dental (MaD) missions, with the hope that some may be called to be full-time missionaries. If you are interested to participate in the upcoming mission trips being planned for 2023, please register your interest by filling in this form: <https://forms.gle/Cc4Q22b8csiFmqEY6>

Mission	Group	Dates (tentative)
Batam Dental Mission	Dentists, Young Lifers	31 March – 2 April
Batam Medical and Dental Mission	Doctors and dentists	2 April
Cambodia, Ban Lung Youth Ministry with sis Pui Meng	Open to all Lifers	12-19 April
Batam Ladies fellowship combined service with sis Paola	Ladies	13 May
Medan Vacation Bible School with sis Roska	Young Lifers	June
Batam Vacation Bible School with sis Paola	Young Lifers	29 June - 1 July
Malacca & Tangkak Sunday Worship services	Open to all Lifers	1-2 July 5-6 Aug 30 Sep – 1 Oct 4-5 Nov
Siantar, Lake Toba Ladies Ministry with sis Roska	Ladies	9 August
Pekan Baru Medical and Dental Mission	Doctors and dentists, open to all Lifers	September
Chiangmai Medical and Dental Mission	Doctors and dentists, open to all Lifers	December
East Nusa Tenggara, Evangelistic Rally with sis Roska	Open to all Lifers	To be confirmed

Announcement on Designated Offering for Missions

We thank God that Lifers are very generous in their offerings towards missions. In terms of support, the church gives priority to our fully-supported missionaries and we would like you to be aligned with the church's position when giving towards missions. Rather than giving offerings that are designated to specific individuals or mission stations, you are encouraged to give to the Missions Fund and let the Missions Committee disburse them as it sees fit. Your understanding on this will facilitate an informed stewardship of resources for the Lord's work in missions. If you wish to contribute financially to missionaries, please indicate "DO Missions" in the reference field in your e-Offering via the Life Church PayNow QR Code or **UEN S86SS0056D**. May the Lord bless your cheerful giving.



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