

# Focus on Missions

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Visit to Evangel Tampak B-P Church

Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest?  
behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields;  
for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages,  
and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth  
may rejoice together. (John 4:35-36)

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*Also I heard the voice of the Lord,  
saying, Whom shall I send,  
and who will go for us?*

*Then said I, Here am I; send me."*

*Isaiah 6:8*

This issue of Focus on Missions features reports on the four mission trips to Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Cambodia in September to December 2023. We thank God for His faithfulness in sending forth labourers into his harvest and to shine the blessed gospel light in the countries around Singapore.

As we begin a new year in 2024 with a new Missions Comm, we pray that God will continue to bless and keep our Lifers, missionaries and partners-in-missions, as we continue to serve Jesus Christ, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS together.

*Send the light, the blessed gospel  
light; Let it shine from shore to  
shore!*

*Send the light the blessed gospel  
light; Let it shine forevermore!*

# The Missions Committee

Since its founding in 1950, Life Bible-Presbyterian Church has been involved in missions in order to fulfil the great commission of the Lord Jesus Christ. A Missions Committee was formed for the purpose of providing spiritual oversight of all missionaries of the church, coordinating missions responsibilities, promoting the needs and objectives of the missionaries, administering all funds that are designated for missions, and screening new missions applicants. It consists of Lifers who are appointed by the Board of Elders of Life B-P Church to serve for a term of three years with a renewable membership.

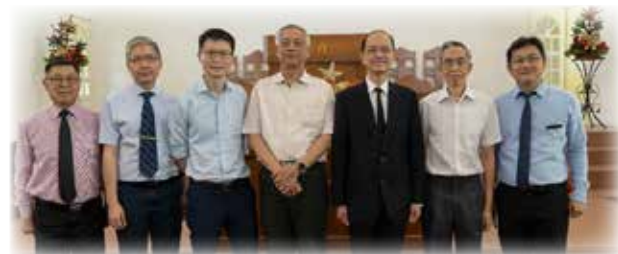
In the previous term (Jan 2021 – Dec 2023) the Missions Committee consisted of:

Chairman: Rev Charles Seet  
 Vice-Chairman: Dr David Cheong  
 Missions Field Representative: Dn Mark Heah  
 Members: Rev Daniel Khoo  
 Bro Tan Soo Kiang  
 Bro Tan Tiong Chin  
 Dn Dr Koh Lip Hoe  
 Dn Surya Kusuma  
 Dn Alvin Chow

With effect from January 2024 and until December 2026, the Missions Committee comprises:

Chairman: Rev Charles Seet  
 Vice-Chairman: Dr David Cheong  
 Missions Field Representative: Dn Surya Kusuma  
 Members: Dn Alvin Chow  
 Bro Tan Tiong Chin  
 Dn Dr Koh Lip Hoe  
 Dn Mark Heah

We wish to thank Rev Daniel Khoo and Bro Tan Soo Kiang who have served for many years in the Missions Committee. They will continue to support God's work and labour in the harvest of souls.



(From L-R) Dn Mark Heah, Dn Surya Kusuma, Dn Koh Lip Hoe, Bro Tan Tiong Chin, Rev Charles Seet, Dr David Cheong and Dn Alvin Chow.

We thank God for the opportunity to co-labour with many of His children who heeded the call to serve Him in missions, including the following:

## Fully Supported Missionaries:

- Rev Efendi Ginting, at Tanjung Piayu B-P Church, Batam, Indonesia
- Sis Paola Simbolon, at Batu Aji B-P Church, Batam, Indonesia
- Bro Mikdal Lisin, at Sagulung Baru B-P Church, Batam Indonesia
- Bro & Mrs Lim Kwang Taek, at Komponentsom Bible School and Komponentsom Christian School, Sihanoukville, Cambodia

## Partners-in-Missions:

- Rev & Mrs Moses Hahn at Komponentsom Bible School and Komponentsom Christian School, Sihanoukville, Cambodia
- Rev & Mrs David Koo, at Life University and School, Komponentsom, Sihanoukville, Cambodia
- Mrs Roska Choi, under Yayasan Hidup Baru in Indonesia
- Rev & Mrs Nirand Tamee, at Eternal Life Church, Chiangmai, Thailand

## Associated Missions:

- Malaysia: Evangel B-P Churches in Kuala Lumpur, Tangkak and Malacca, under Rev Dr Lim Yew Cheng
- Philippines: Hilltop Christian Ministries, in Antipolo, Rizal, under Rev and Mrs Bill Ebert
- Taiwan: The Hearing-impaired Ministry at Liu Bao Church, under Rev & Mrs Daniel Khoo

The Missions Committee organises mission trips as well as medical and dental missions, to the outreaches of Life B-P Church and associated missions. We encourage Lifers to participate in them, to experience sharing the Gospel outside of Singapore, and to fellowship with and encourage our missionaries on the field. We also organise conferences, seminars and talks by missionaries to help Lifers understand the work of our missionaries in order to support them financially and in prayer. For more information, please visit our webpage at <https://www.lifebpc.com/missions/> or read the latest issue of our publication, 'Focus on Missions'.

- Pastor

# Dental Ministry in Batam

## 8-10 December 2023

Sis Prudence Lim

*“And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.” Colossians 3:23-24*

### Overview

An 18-person team comprising 6 Young Adults from Life B-P Church and 12 students from the NUS Faculty of Dentistry journeyed once again to Batam to conduct the fourth iteration of dental outreach in Filadelfia Grace School. Overall, God had greater plans for the team to advance His ministry; this trip visited a total of five locations: Filadelfia Grace School and Filadelfia B-P Church, Belakang Padang Island, Batu Aji School, Tanjung Piayu Ministry led by Pr Hana Nababan.

### Day 1: Friday, 8 September

#### Ministry to Filadelfia Grace School

For the first day, the team was focused on conducting the regular dental outreach consisting of three main aspects; (1) oral hygiene education, (2) dental screening and (3) preventive fluoride gel application. The Young Adult Lifers were also



*Dental Screening Ministry*

actively involved in the outreach with crowd control and doing simple bible art and crafts to occupy the students before their dental screening. In the afternoon, Sis Eunice Huang and Ruth Koh led a mass carnival games for all the students of the school while Dr Hendra engaged the parents of the

students with an oral health talk. It was indeed extremely challenging to plan and execute a series of exciting carnival games suitable for all ages from Kindy to Primary 6s! We thank God for His grace in helping the programmes to run smoothly and allowing the children to enjoy themselves thoroughly.



*Gwen Cheng leading the Kindy Students with Station Games.*

### Day 2: Saturday, 9 September

#### Ministry to the Island and Batu Aji School

Early on the second day, the team split into two groups to reach out to Belakang Padang Island and Batu Aji School. This was the first time that the missionaries entered Belakang Padang Island—a predominantly non-believing community. Led by Pr. Ang Liang, the team extended a warm hand of fellowship and charity by giving out daily necessities to the residents of the island while the dental team conducted simple oral health education. The team was grateful to be received and reciprocated with good hospitality and homemade snacks from the residents. It is our prayer that the building of such bridges with the community will be sustained for the eventual advancement of the gospel.

The other team journeyed to Batu Aji School to conduct chapel (supported by Rev Daniel Khoo



*The Island Ministry Team with their life jackets before boarding the Pompong (Top)*



*Impromptu dental talk to the villagers. (left)*

who arrived on that day) and dental screening for the Primary 1 – 6 students in Batu Aji. As compared to the previous day, the number of students in Batu Aji doubled the number of students that were screened in Filadefia. By the grace of God, the team could still complete the dental screening and fluoride gel application for most students.



*Group picture taken with the team and teachers of Batu Aji School*

After the team reunited over lunch, we headed to Pr. Nababan's village, where she has gathered her neighbourhood community for dental treatment ministry. The dental team offered dental services for the villages while the children's ministry team gave a short story session and a craft session with the children. As the children's ministry programme ended much earlier than the occupied dental team, they took the time to mingle with locals and play with the children. We were very touched and blessed with the testimonies that the local mothers shared with us. One of the mothers insisted on paying for us at the convenience store we stopped at, and she told us, "If God blesses me with money, I must bless others with it too." The owner of the convenience store also was Christian, and she shared her testimony with us, and while she kept saying that she was blessed by our ministry and service for coming all the way from Singapore, we felt more blessed by her testimony. We truly could see God working in the people and the area, with everyone constantly praising God and being so kind to us.

In the evening, we organised a Jesmonite workshop with the Youth Fellowship at Filadefia B-P Church. The workshop involved using coloured Jesmonite shards to create a beautiful coaster, signifying how God through His wonderful grace, chooses to use imperfect people to achieve His perfect will for His glory. It was truly an impactful workshop where we enjoyed an intimate and fruitful time sharing about our brokenness and weaknesses with the youths. Some of the youths from the Filadelfia B-P Church were even moved to tears. It truly was amazing to see how despite our different languages, upbringing and socio-economic backgrounds, we share the common struggle with sin and our mortal flesh, and desired towards the same goal of battling sin and pursuing after holiness.



*Group photo of the mission team mingling with Filadefia B-P Youth Fellowship and posing with their Jesmonite Coasters*

## Day 3: Sunday, 10 September

### Filadelfia B-P Church and Filadelfia Orphanage

On the final day, the dental team attended the Sunday worship service at Filadelfia B-P Church while conducting the children's Sunday school simultaneously. We were very touched by the children as they were able to answer questions about God's love and Jesus dying for them. Many of them also declared their love for God enthusiastically. We ended the session with playing with balloons with the children.



*Group photo of children with their complete bible crafts after Sunday School.*

After service, the team brought the children from Filadelfia Orphanage for Sunday lunch and fellowship. The whole team enjoyed a great time of fellowship, fun and bonding with the children despite the heavy downpour resulting in the unexpected change of plans. It was hard to bid farewell with the children to catch our returning ferry back to Singapore.

Despite the obstacles and unexpected situations in the trip, we saw that God was always in control. While we went there to serve and edify the ministry in Batam, we were in return blessed and strengthened by the love and hospitality they showed us. We were especially inspired by the missionaries serving, like Pr. Ang Liang and family, Pastor Efendi, Sister Paola and Pr. Nababan, who always kept a smile on their faces as they strove to serve God faithfully. This trip also taught the team (both dentally trained and non-dentally trained) that everyone has a part to play in God's ministry.

While the trip ended, there still is much to be done, especially since we planted seed in the fresh soil of Belakang Padang island. Our prayers are for the continued spiritual strength of the Batam locals, missionaries and children, and for the physical and spiritual growth of the churches there. We also hope that Lifers and Dentistry students will continue to return to Batam to maintain the bridges of charity with the locals and to declare the glory of God to all islands.

*“Declare his glory among the heathen; his marvellous works among all nations.”  
1 Chronicles 16:24*

# Chiang Mai Medical Mission Trip

## 21-25 October 2023

Dn Dr Koh Lip Hoe

The Chiang Mai Medical Mission trip took place over the period 21-25 October 2023.

An earlier team of nine persons led by Sister Annie Heng were in Chiang Mai since 18 October 2023 to serve in a Children and Youth camp of Maephon BP Church. Of this team of nine, seven were able to stay on to help out with the Medical Mission trip.

The Medical Mission team consisted of a team of eight, including one doctor. This was the first medical mission trip to Chiang Mai for Life B-P Church and God willing, there will be more of such trips in future after this exploratory trip to assess the needs of the people there.

The team met up with Rev and Mrs Nirand for lunch on 21 October. They have been serving the people in Chiang Mai for over 30 years and it was wonderful to be able to see their work there as Rev Nirand is our Partner in Missions of Life B-P Church. After lunch, we collected the medications that were ordered in advance for the medical mission trip from a local Pharmacy whose owner is a Christian.



*Eternal Life Church Chiang Mai*

On 22 October, Sunday, the team attended the worship service in Eternal Life Church (ELC) Chiang Mai. The Mission team presented 2 song items.

Brother Tan Soo Kiang shared the word from Micah 6:8 and this was interpreted into Thai by sister Jess. We are reminded of what God requires of us; to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God. He shared on the historical context of the minor prophet when there was a time of great material prosperity but yet plagued by moral and spiritual decline. Princes and priests alike were affected by sin. Micah spoke out against idolatry, injustice and oppression of the poor and gave a warning of the impending destruction of Jerusalem.

We had lunch which was lovingly prepared by the church members in Church after the service. Incidentally, one of the church member's amniotic sac burst during service. She was expecting her first child. She declined an offer to send her to the hospital in a car. Rev Nirand prayed for her before she rode her scooter with her mother as pillion passenger to the maternity hospital. She arrived at the hospital safely and subsequently gave birth to a healthy baby 2 days later.

Rev Nirand drove the team in a 12-seater van to Chiang Rai which was 3 hours' journey away. We are glad that Rev Nirand's good friend Pastor Arnond was able to join us on the trip as he is able to speak the Lahu language which most of the villagers in the Mountain churches speak and he can help with the interpretation.

We stopped midway to attend an afternoon service at ELC Hwikheelemai at 4:30pm. After the service, we proceeded on with the journey and stopped by at ELC Pong Mai to distribute gifts consisting of washing powder, soap and cooking oil to members of the mountain churches. We arrived safely at Lao Li resort in the evening to have dinner and rested for the day before the medical mission starts the following day. We thank God for journey mercies and for Rev

Nirand's good driving skills to navigate the windy mountain roads.



*Eternal Life Church Hwikheelekmai*



*Presenting gifts to villagers*

The medical mission trip proper started on 23 Oct morning. Rev Nirand drove the team to ELC Pong Mai after breakfast to start the first day of the medical mission.

The registration table, consult table and dispensary were set up within one of the larger rooms while patients waited while seated under the tentage set up as well as along the corridor.

Pastor Armond helped with the registration and took down the presenting complaints of the villagers. Rev Nirand helped with the interpretation when the patients were seen by the doctor. The team work together to ensure that everything went smoothly with some helping with the dispensing of medications, crowd control and ministering

to the villagers especially the children who were waiting through songs and ukulele playing. 53 patients were seen on the first day. Most of the patients' complaints were aches and pain in the back, knees and other joints. This was largely work related as most of them are farmers who had to labour in the fields and often carry heavy load. Some of them had gastric problems from irregular meals due to work. They were appreciative of the consult and the medications that were dispensed.

Prior to ending the day, Rev Nirand prayed for Pastor Bora who is suffering from aches and pain as he continues to minister to the members of ELC Pong Mai.



*Preparing the dispensary*



*Villagers waiting for the clinic session*

On 24 October, the medical mission was held at ELC Yanam which was about 30 mins drive from our resort. Some villagers were already seated waiting under a tentage set up when we arrived. At the same time, some other villagers were preparing and cooking food for lunch by the side of the tentage. We heard from Rev Nirand that the



villagers had slaughtered a pig to prepare food for lunch for the guests and the villagers who had come. The team saw about 50 patients before we took a break for lunch. The complaints of the villagers were largely similar to the day before with aches and pains in the joints as the chief complaint. There were a few children with flu symptoms while some had requested for deworming medications.

The team was treated to various pork dishes, fresh vegetables including Lahu cucumber, mountain rice and mountain tea for lunch which we enjoyed together with the villagers. After lunch, we resumed the clinic session and saw another 23 patients.

Two elderly villagers who stayed near ELC Yanam were unable to come for the clinic session as they were frail and physically incapacitated. Rev Nirand went to their houses to visit and pray for them after we completed the clinic session.



*Rev Nirand praying for an elderly patient*

Rev Nirand drove the team back to Chiang Mai where we arrived safely in the evening and had dinner before returning to the hotel for rest before returning to Singapore the following day.

We are thankful for a blessed trip to witness the ministry in Chiang Mai and Chiang Rai and to serve the people there.

This first exploratory medical mission trip allows us to know the needs of the villagers up in the mountains of Chiang Rai such as dental and eye care. We were also privileged to visit the ELC churches and see the work there so that we can support them in prayer and in future mission trips.

We will be in discussion with Rev Nirand for the next trip. We look forward to and welcome more people to join us for future trips.

## Designated Offerings 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 PayNow by scanning the QR code. Alternatively, you may transfer via Internet Banking by entering **UEN S86SS0056D**. May the Lord bless your cheerful giving.



# Visit to Evangel Malacca and Tangkak B-P Churches by South-West NBC 4-5 November 2023

Elder Chia Ah Lak was assigned to speak at the Evangel Malacca and Tangkak B-P Churches on 5 November 2023. In support of his ministry, eleven members from South-West NBC and sister Lilian Lee joined him and Mrs Chia for the speaking engagement.



*Pastor Quek prayed for the team before we left  
Life B-P Church for Malacca*

The team left Life B-P Church at 9am on 4 November, after Pastor Quek prayed for a fruitful ministry and safe journey. We cleared the Malaysian CIQ at 11am and drove directly to Tangkak for late lunch. The team checked into the Malaccan hotel at about 4pm; after circling a few times because of the one-way traffic system and the hotel was rather obscured from the main road. A fellowship dinner was organized at the local restaurant. We had the opportunity to have bro Eddie and sis Swee Lin to join us. They worshipped at Evangel Malacca B-P church.

On Sunday, the team arrived early at Malacca B-P Church for the 10am service. Elder Chia spoke on the topic: "Thou Shall Worship the Lord". The scripture text was Matthew 4:8-10. The sermon was interpreted into Chinese by Dn Lee Leong Kian. Bro Lee Chee Weng chaired the service. It was a blessing for those in attendance, including 8 members of the congregation. The ladies (sisters Lilian, Hazel and Helen, supported by Eleanor and Theodore) conducted Sunday School lesson and arts & craft for two children.



*Members of Southwest NBC*



*Elder Chia giving God's Word with interpretation  
by Dn Lee Leong Kian*



Brother Lee Chee Weng and Dn Mark Heah chairing the worship services



Congregation at Evangel Malacca B-P Church



Sister Hazel, supported by Theodore, telling Bible story to the children in Malacca



Group Photo – Evangel Malacca B-P Church

After the service, there was a “Round-Table Pastoral Chat” led by Elder Chia. Questions pertaining to the sermon was clarified by Elder Chia. It was also a time for sharing and testimonies to edify one other. Bro Eddie and sis Swee Lin gave their testimonies and they were most encouraging.



Round-Table Pastoral Chat led by Elder Chia

After a fellowship lunch of packed chicken rice and home-grown fruits, the team departed for Tangkak. As we arrived early for the 5pm service, the team had a coffee-break at a local air-conditioned kopi-tiam. As the sky started to darken and rain was inevitable, we decided to rest and prepare early at Tangkak church.



Fellowship lunch after Sunday Service at Malacca

Before the start of the service, there was a heavy downpour. As such, only about 20 congregation members attended the service. Preacher Yap Kim Chuan, who is recovering from a stroke, apologized for not able to attend due to the heavy rain.

Elder Chia gave the same sermon with interpretation to Chinese by Dn Lee Leong Kian. With much grace from God and prayers from team members, Dn Mark chaired the service even though he was nursing a hoarse voice on that day. The ladies, together with Eleanor and Theodore, conducted Sunday School lesson for four children. As it was an evening service, many returned home for dinner as soon as the service was over. Therefore, the team members had little time to fellowship with the worshippers.



*Worshippers at Evangel Tangkak B-P Church*



*Ladies, Eleanor and Theodore, with the 4 children at Tangkak Church*

After dinner at the coffee shop behind the church, the team headed for home. The CIQ on both sides were smooth and the bus arrived Life B-P Church at 11pm.

We praise and thank God for giving us the opportunity to fellowship with our brethren in Malacca and Tangkak. Although the contact time was short, the Christian fellowship was warm and sweet. The testimonies from brethren have encouraged us. May God bless the Gospel Highway, consisting of Evangel KL, Malacca and Tangkak B-P Churches.

## Testimonies

Thank you, Elder Chia and all for this Malacca and Tangkak trip. Thank you for the fellowship and all the safe journey. All praise and thanks to the Lord - the last time we were there, bro Eddie accepted Jesus as his Lord and Saviour, and his wife (sister Swee Lin) was searching. This time, she too became part of God's family. Thanks also to the Lord for our grandchildren who readily joined us as their first mission trip. We pray and hope that they will be participating in more mission work as they grow. The folks in Malacca are hungry for God's word, but do not have contacts beyond themselves. Pray that able members can organise some zoom sessions to help them.

*- Bro Leong Wai Hoe & Sis Hazel Leong*

Thank God for another fruitful trip to the Malacca-Tangkak churches. This would be the fourth trip that Eld Chia Ah Lak has organised since July this year (2023). The team this time was very big, and the mini-bus taking us was fully loaded with 14 of us!

I was especially blessed on this trip because Bro Wai Hoe and Sis Hazel brought their grandchildren Eleanor (Sec 2) and Theodore (P6). They were a great help in the Sunday School. Theodore read the Bible for the young children. Eleanor closed the class in prayer. Both were helpful during the craft sessions. The best is that the Sunday School children were looking up to Eleanor Jie Jie and Theodore Kor Kor! I hope more young people will join in future trips.

Malacca and Tangkak are very small churches. Lifers who come in such numbers are a great encouragement to them.

*- Sis Lilian Lee*

# Mission Trip to Kampongsum

## 13-19 December 2023

### Introduction

The mission team of eight Lifers visited Cambodia on 13-19 December 2023. This was Life B-P Church's second mission trip to Cambodia in 2023, following the first visit to Banlung and Le Village in April 2023. This visit was timely as we had not been able to visit Kampongsum in the past few years because of the COVID-19 pandemic. While six of the eight members had been to Cambodia before, two Lifers were participating in a mission trip for the first time.

During this trip, the team went to Sihanoukville to visit our missionaries Bro Lim KwangTaek and Sis Miriam Phan, and Rev Moses Hahn, and conducted Bible lessons for the Kampongsum Bible School (KBS) and Kampongsum Christian School (KCS) students and Vacation Bible School (VBS) for around 77 children. The team also visited Rev David Koo and conducted morning chapel for the students in Life School and visited Sihanoukville Port village. The team brought with us many Christian books, Bible correspondence courses, art and craft materials and toothbrushes that had been contributed by Lifers.

### Arrival in Phnom Penh

We landed in Phnom Penh on 13 December and travelled around 190km by minibus to Sihanoukville on the new Phnom Penh-Sihanoukville Expressway in around two hours. Thank God for the smooth journey all the way to our accommodation at Tulip Guesthouse near KBS where we met KwangTaek and Miriam who brought us for a delicious dinner and warm fellowship at their apartment over refreshing plates of local fruits.



*Safely arrived in Phnom Penh*



*Fellowship with KwangTaek and Miriam*

### Sharing the gospel in Life School and KCS and teaching on Purity of Life at KBS

The team had earlier divided our teaching duties among ourselves, so that we could teach concurrently at Life School and KBS on 14-15 December and better utilise the available time.

At Life School, Bro Benjamin Heng conducted three evangelistic sessions on two mornings for 400 secondary school students, 500 primary school students and 500 high school students to share the gospel at the morning chapel. Thank God for around 500 students who responded to the gospel and we pray that their teachers can follow up with these students.

At KBS, Dn Mark Heah, Bro Victor Lee and Dn Alvin Chow taught the older youths who were between 15-25 years old on The Purity of Life by Rev. Dan Ebert III. We exhorted them to hold fast to the Word of God during these perilous last days and endeavour to live a holy and pure life in the sight of God.

Thank God that KwangTaek and the teachers Sareth and Daniel were able to lead the KBS students in singing praises to God and to interpret the lessons clearly, and we enjoyed a good time of fellowship with the students. We also learned from Sareth and Daniel that they hoped to serve in full-time ministry and we pray that God will

help them to do his will.

The mission team also taught the KCS students who we had divided into two groups. The younger group of students (primary 1-3) were taught by Sis Helen Heah, Sis Jane Koh and Bro Peter Sam Chow that God saves, loves and helps me through the familiar bible stories and songs on Noah, Jonah and David. Benjamin taught the older students (primary 4-6) four lessons on Man's Quest for Answers: Creation and the Fall, The Birth of Christ, The Work of Christ and New Life in Christ. We were glad to see that the children were attentive and could understand the lessons.



*Primary School Students at Life School responding to the gospel message*



*Group photo with Kampongsom B-P Church members*

## Saturday Vacation Bible School

Although there was no school on Saturday, the KCS teachers specially invited the primary 3-6 students to come for VBS and thank God that around 77 children showed up, which was more than we had expected.



*KCS students attending Saturday VBS responding to the gospel message*



*Group photo with KCS students and teachers*

After the bible lesson on the work of Christ by Benjamin, Helen, Jane and Karen showed the children how to make the gospel bracelet with coloured beads. Helen told the children of the significance of the five colours: black depicting sinful man, red for the blood of Jesus that was shed for us, white to show that when we believe in Jesus, He has made us clean from sin and we now have a relationship with God, yellow reminds us of the promise of heaven to those who believed in the Lord Jesus, and green to grow in our knowledge and relationship with Christ. To end off the morning on a fun note, Peter Sam taught the children to play two games "Simon Says" and "Human Knot." The team had wonderful fellowship with the children and their teachers over lunch.



*A group of KCS students attending the afternoon bible lessons*



The students learned how to make gospel bracelets



Children playing games at VBS

### Sunday School and Worship Service

On Sunday morning, we had Sunday school at Kamongsom B-P Church with the youths, and Dn Mark Heah gave the message on “How Should We Live As Christians”. He shared four points with the acronym “KNOW”:

- Know Christ and Believe and Accept Him as Lord and Saviour
- New Creature – New Life in Christ
- Obey God’s Word and His Commandments
- Worship God and Love Him with all your heart, soul, mind and strength.



Dn Mark Heah teaching Sunday School to the youths in Kamongsom B-P Church

On Saturday afternoon, the team had some free time and we went to Outres Beach and watched the beautiful sunset before having dinner together.



Fellowship meals with Rev and Mrs David Koo and Rev and Mrs Moses Hahn

After Sunday School, we had the main worship service. Rev Hahn preached the sermon on Jeremiah 4:19-22. He spoke on the impact of COVID, which precedes the worldwide domination of the Antichrist, heralding the second coming of Christ, and what we can do to prepare for the tribulations: we must lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and run our race with patience (Hebrews 12:1), we must follow Christ, and prepare to follow the Holy Spirit’s guidance every day.



Rev Moses Hahn speaking on Jeremiah 4:19-22 with Daniel interpreting into Khmer



## Visit to Sihanoukville Port Village

It was an eye opener for the mission team to visit Sihanoukville Port Village on Sunday afternoon. The village was built on stilts in the shallow sea around a narrow strip of land and we could see rubbish strewn everywhere. We understood from KwangTaek and Miriam that this Ministry was started by Rev Moses Hahn but the work had stopped during COVID. KwangTaek and Miriam restarted the work in July.

KwangTaek and Miriam were able to engage the children well and the children were eager to learn. There were around 12 children attending. They sang songs, listened to a Bible story in Khmer. After a 10-minute break, Miriam taught them Vietnamese. The children were each given a gift pack which included a snack, drink and toothbrush.



*In the rented house where the gospel is taught to the Port village children*



*The narrow road that leads to the boat jetty.*



*Group photo at the entrance to the Port Village with two of the students*

## Return to Phnom Penh

The team had our farewell lunch with Kwang Taek and Miriam, before taking a minibus from Sihanoukville to Phnom Penh. The journey on the road was smooth and we managed to arrive early at the airport. We departed Phnom Penh International Airport and arrived in Singapore. We praise God for His grace and mercy that the mission team could complete our full programme, and for the gracious hospitality and good work of our missionaries. All glory to God!



*Farewell meal with Kwang Taek and Miriam*

## Personal Testimonies

Praise and thank God for making it possible for me to be part of the 8-person team in this 7-day mission trip to Sihanoukville, Cambodia. It is a privilege to see with my own eyes and hear from the missionaries on their works, namely, Rev and Mrs David Koo in Life University and Rev and Mrs Moses Hahn, Kwang Taek and Miriam in KBS and KCS. The team taught the children during chapel hours and conducted VBS. We also visited Kwang Taek and Miriam's work at the Port Village. Thank God for their love and burden for the children staying in the slum. It was an eye opener for me to get a glimpse of what Singapore was like 50-60 years ago before flats were built.



Cambodia is hotter and more humid than Singapore, and though the basic amenities are there, it is such a blessing for us to be living in clean and green Singapore. From being a part of this mission trip, I realised mission trips are a good way that Lifers can fulfil the Great Commission whilst encouraging missionaries who are serving in the field. The mission trip also encouraged us to see how God works to spread the gospel to the ends of the earth, to as far as Cambodia. All praise and thanks be to God!

-Karen Heng

Praise and thanks be to God who gives us opportunities to do His Will; and it is an utmost privilege to serve the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Hence each opportunity is to be treasured, and we should try out best for the Lord, at the same time acknowledging that without the Lord's blessings it will be all be in vain (Psalms 127:1-2).

In each Mission trip, I find that the Lord has something new to teach me. For this trip in particular, the Lord was teaching me that His strength is made perfect in my weakness. How so? For some unexpected reason, I started this trip, not being in very good health. I had not fallen sick for many years, so this came as a surprise. On top of that, it was a rather "intense" schedule of 4 speaking engagements, especially for the first two days and the space seemed too large for the 400-500 listeners to be engaged. The required time of 7 days was reduced to 2 days, and I told the team leader Dn Mark, that I would almost certainly have to come back to conduct evangelistic sessions again, as these 2 sessions for each of the 3 groups in Life School would only be an introduction to the Gospel.

Nevertheless, as seed-sowing commenced amongst the Life School students, I could sense the Spirit influencing me, giving me the right words to say and probing the students' hearts to respond to Him. Though I had prepared what to say, the words He gave me were more powerful in convicting the students of their sin, and turning their hearts to the Lord Jesus.

It is an immense privilege to be under the Spirit's influence, and I recall the tune, "Let the lower lights be burning, send a gleam across the wave. Some poor fainting, struggling seaman, you may rescue, you may save". To cut a long story short, the Gospel message penetrated the hearts of the listeners and the primary school group responded to it by inviting the Lord into their hearts, while prompting the older students to think seriously about the destiny of their souls.

For Kampongsom Christian School (KCS), it was a smaller group and the 4 sessions provided allowed me to evangelize more effectively, as I had done on previous occasions to the village children. However, we encountered technical problems, but this was eventually overcome and we could eventually connect to the sound system for VBS (day 3), and the 77 Primary School students responded by accepting the Lord into their hearts.

Praise the Lord, who doeth all things well; we are just His unprofitable servants doing His will, and sharing His immeasurable joy and peace when we submit to Him. All Praise be to God!

- Benjamin Heng

This was my first mission trip. Over the duration of the mission trip, I learned much about the life that missionaries lead. Adapting to the country quickly is necessary. Transport to and from places was tedious at times, which made it more convenient to stay closer to the school. Language barriers doubled the durations of messages and made interpreters necessary. These were bilingual and musically talented youths from the school. The KBS/KCS students enjoyed singing praises and were always receptive to the speakers. Overall, I understood the need for missions to find willing hearts among Cambodian youths.

- Peter Sam Chow

### **Thanksgiving Testimony from Lim Kwang Taek & Miriam Phan**

*Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. (2 Timothy 4:2)*

We thank God for guiding the mission team to visit KBS and Port Village in Sihanoukville from December 13-19 to conduct biblical class, VBS, and youth & Sunday school combined services. Morning lectures based on 'The Purity of Life' targeting KBS students were held for three days from Thursday to Monday. Dn. Mark, Dn. Alvin and Mr. Victor Lee taught the students biblical principles on a variety of topics, and through interpretation, the students were able to understand the lessons. We thank God for giving them access to classes appropriate for their youth. We pray that may the Lord help them apply the lectures to their lives and commit themselves to a pure and holy life.

Biblical classes for KCS students were held in the afternoon during the same period. Mrs. Helen, Mrs. Jane, Mr. Benjamin, and Peter Sam divided KCS students into two groups by age and told Bible stories for one hour each. On Saturday, about 77 students in grades 3 to 6 of KCS gathered to participate in the VBS program. The children were very happy with the lessons, crafts, and gifts prepared by the team. We thank God for allowing us to praise, listen to Bible stories, and fellowship with children together.

The first morning worship service on Sunday was a combination of youth service and Sunday school, with a message delivered by Dn. Mark. Next, the team was introduced to Kamongsom B-P Church through the main worship service and had time to fellowship and took pictures. In the afternoon, the mission team stopped by Port Village to observe classes on Bible story, English, and Vietnamese.

I and Miriam praise God for allowing us a blessed time of fellowship through the mission team's visit. We believe that their visit brought encouragement and comfort to the students, teachers, and missionaries in the Sihanoukville. We believe and pray that the seeds of the gospel sown through cooperation in accordance with our calling will bear good fruit in God's time.

### Testimony of KBS Students

Hello all dear teachers. It was a blessed and joy-filled time with all the teachers within 5 days. First, I learned that we should first prepare for and serve His kingdom. I believe that if we are ready for Him, He will use us for His kingdom and His plan. Second, I was taught that we must know God's purpose for our salvation. That is, we must confess our sins, believe in Jesus, and practice holiness. Third, teacher teach me that all of God's commandments are summarized in the word 'love.' Therefore, I was reminded to use His Holy Name reverently, keep the Sabbath, honor our parents and superiors, build a family of faith in Christ, and use the time given to us faithfully.

-Sareth



I learned that God is spirit, perfect in power, perfect in wisdom, and perfect in knowledge. I will remember the importance of fellowship with God and His people. I came to understand what it means to keep the Sabbath, which means 'rest.' In other words, I learned that the Sabbath is a command that all Christians must remember and keep. I am glad that I was able to learn many lessons from Singapore teachers.

-Sothea



I learned that we have only one God and that we need Jesus. It reminded me that we must put to death our sin because it has no place in the Christian life. From the Ten Commandments, I remembered the lesson that God is the Lord and how we should live in God. We should be prepared to be holy for God. I learned that churches should observe the Lord's Supper and Baptism. I will only listen to God's word and not hurt others.

-Monika



Through all the classes, I have changed a lot and learned what to do and what not to do. I thank God for sending the mission team to teach us to better understand the Word of God. We were deeply moved and were taught to move from a wrong life to a right life by God's Word. We thank God for the teachers and their service for Him.

-Rebecca



# ANNOUNCEMENT

## Participating in upcoming Mission Trips in 2024

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. You may prayerfully consider participating in a Mission trip as an individual, a family, a fellowship group or a NBC. If you are interested to participate in the upcoming mission trips being planned for 2024, please register your interest by filling in the form. All participants who are attending mission trips organised by Life B-P Church are required to sign the letter of undertaking for the mission trip at <https://forms.gle/VbEqWJ2XvYvdRKP4A>

Date	Mission	Remarks
5-7 Apr 2024	Batam - GAPPI Sagulung Baru Anniversary combined with MaD* trip to Filadelfia and Sagulung Baru"	Pastor Charles Seet, Dr Nicholas Lim
Between 8-13 May 2024 (3 days)	Gedong Village, Getasan sub-district, Salatiga, Central Java - MaD* and Children's Ministry Trip with sis Roska	
31 May -2 Jun 2024	Children Ministry at Tanjung Piayu New Life school Batam - GAPPI Tanjung Piayu Anniversary	Ps Quek KK and Woodlands NBC
end Jun - early Jul 2024	Batam - GAPPI Batu Aji VBS	
July 2024	Chiangmai - Children's Ministry Trip	
4 Aug 2024	Batam - Ladies Sunday School Trip	
6-10 Aug 2024	Hilltop, Philippines - MaD trip with Calvary Jurong B-P Church to Palawan / Coron, serving Tagbanua tribe	National Day holiday
19-22 Sep 24	Pekanbaru - MaD* and Children's Ministry Trip	September school holiday
4-6 Oct 2024	Children Ministr at Batu Aji New Life School Batam -GAPPI Batu Aji Anniversary	Ps Quek KK
Oct/Nov 2024	Chiangmai - MaD* to mountain churches	
13-16 Dec 2024	Cambodia - Kampongsom	December school holiday

\*MaD – Medical and Dental