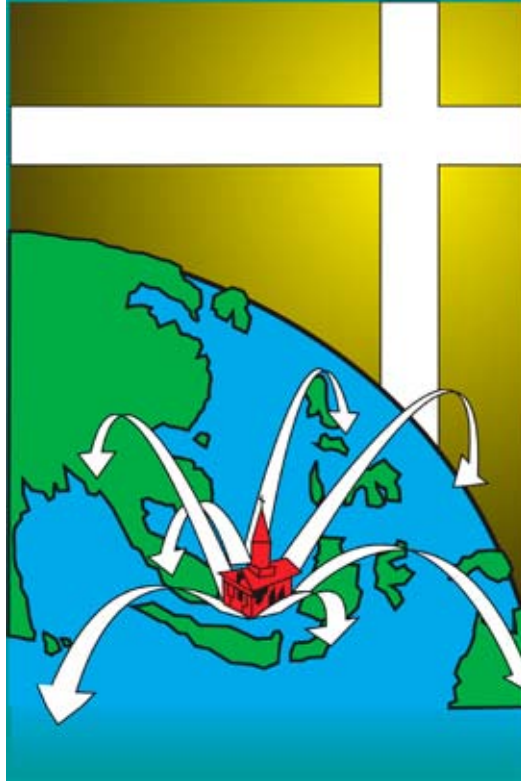


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It is heartening and encouraging to see more members of Life Church going on mission trips as highlighted in the two reports in this issue. Besides gaining a first hand perspective on the happenings in the various fields, your visits will also be a great encouragement to the missionaries.

It is our prayer that even more members would consider going on such trips to support the programs that are planned for each trip and also to encourage our missionaries. Please check on the schedules of coming mission trips and pray for your involvement.

Myanmar Missions Trip - 19 May to 25 May 2012

As we descended down the escalator of the Yangon International Airport, not knowing what to expect as Rev Andrew Kam was an unfamiliar figure, we saw unmistakably the sign "Life B-P Church" and a smiling Rev Kam waiting for us. After the usual welcoming and introduction, Rev Kam and his wife, Ruth, brought us to a Myanmar ethnic village. By and large, the culture and the houses of the different ethnic groups are similar. Although Rev Kam could tell them apart from their looks, I was none the wiser.

The next day, we attended Sunday Worship Service in the Yangon B-P Church situated on the 5th storey of a shop house, a short walk from our hotel. There were 80 to 100 worshippers, some from the provincial churches under the charge of Rev Kam. There were many song items from the children and youth and we thoroughly enjoyed the Worship. Lunch was served to the congregation and we ate heartily.

The next day, Rev Kam brought us to Dahla Village. It was an interesting journey by ferry crossing the Yangon River, followed by a 10-minute motorcycle-taxi ride. We were huddled into a small,



bamboo-constructed hut. There were about 30 people including children in our gathering. We sang and Bro Soo Kiang shared from Proverbs 3: 5, 6. What amazed me was the participation of the villagers. Not only did they sing, they also asked many questions, showing their search for knowledge in their faith. There was rapt attention as doubts were cleared and questions answered. The people here have so little. They survive by selling water to the people in the village. There were twenty thousand people living in the village of Dahla, not a small village of folks living from hand to mouth. Yet, these people gathered and praised God for delivering them from trouble and illness. Not once did they ask for

supplies or funds for they know that the Lord their God is their deliverer.

We visited the village church of Sweepitha, which took 7 years to build. As funds grew gradually, the walls were erected slowly but surely. We also visited Tingun Kyone Kyi Church, which was funded by Life B-P Church. These two churches are similar in Church size and congregation of between 60 and 80 (including children). At each church, we were requested to speak to the gathering. But no one got as much attention as Bro Vincent Leong. He was a natural with children and we thank God for his talent. In the midst of a Bible story, he broke out into song and animation delighting the children.

Our visit to the Impala Village was another treat. The van took us as far as one and a half hour from

the hotel into a remote rural area. From there, we took motor-cycle taxis, past large padi fields and buddhist monuments, to an even remoter village. At Impala, it was just a few timber huts in the middle of nowhere. We gathered with the villagers, sang and Bro Soo Kiang gave a gospel message to stir the hearts of the unbelieving motorcycle-taxi drivers. Many of them were hearing the gospel for the first time and the gathering prayed for their salvation.



On the last day, we gathered at Rev & Mrs Kam's home. There was a large gathering including children. After message and sharing, dinner was served and we were thankful for a blessed trip. Not only have we seen the work in Myanmar, we have also bonded with Rev & Mrs Kam and the church members.

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When we were there, Rev & Mrs Kam had only one request, and that is to go regularly to teach the flock. And the LORD said in Isaiah 6:8:

“Who shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.”

By grace

Lim Pin



Libo Medical Mission May 2012

On 26th May 2012, a 7-men team comprising 2 doctors, 2 dentists, 2 clinical administrators and 1 dental assistant embarked on a 3-day Medical Mission Trip to Libo, Indonesia. Those from Life BP Church included Dr David Cheong, Dr Clement Tan, Gladys Sng and myself. Along with us we had Dr Patrina Wong, Florence Teo, and Dr Wong Sue Lin from different churches who were willing to accompany us for this Mission.

Our Medical Mission aimed not only to provide free healthcare treatment but also



to show Christ's love through our acts of love. We were soberly reminded that we are not serving as men pleasers but rather rendering our talents to serve our God.

The team arrived late at Pekan Bahru Airport that morning as we were affected by the foggy weather. The delay was further aggravated by the interruption of the Indonesian Customs Officers who were "disturbed" by the seemingly suspicious dental equipments and several types of vitamins and medications that we brought from Singapore.

At the airport, the team linked up with Sister Roska, Hannah and Myrel before travelling overland from Pekan Bahru city to Libo.



After an arduous journey travelling on winding uphill roads, we arrived at our makeshift clinic, Sekolah Libo Ceria (Libo Primary School). We were greeted with a warm welcome by over 80 Primary school students who sweetly sang a few songs and thanked us for our visit.

Our clinics were set up in 2 classrooms; one for the doctors and the other for the dentists. After a hasty preparation, our team eagerly treated the endless stream of patients the whole afternoon. We faced numerous challenges, one of which was the language barrier. At times, there was difficulty in explaining the treatment procedures to patients (especially

myself, who could barely speak a comprehensible sentence in Bahasa Indonesia). In addition, working conditions were tough; we faced the immense heat that baked the classroom at noon, and the lack of sunlight at dusk. Our equipment was limited, so doctors and dentists had to share certain items.

We were severely short-handed, but through God's strength we laboured on and managed to treat approximately 90 patients on the first day.

On day 2, we attended one of the services in the Libo Church (Gappi, Libo), which was literally planted in the middle of an Oil Palm Plantation. Unfortunately, our vehicles were stuck in the soft mud as we drove into the plantation. Thankfully, some villagers saw our predicament and kindly helped us out.



Gappi Libo church has a small congregation of about 50-60 people including children.

I was touched by the song items that the children presented; it was sung beautifully, sincerely and meaningfully. They were passionate about praising God. After service, there was lunch fellowship, prepared by one of the villagers. No doubt it was a simple meal, but it reflected the church's unity. Indeed, the unity of the church does not lie in the physical food that we eat, but rather it is built on the ties that bind us together in the Lord.

Soon after lunch, we headed back to the school where we resumed another day of treatments.

Overall, we treated approximately 60 dental patients and 120 general cases. We praised God for this achievement and thank Him that none of these cases grew complicated that required evacuation and hospitalisation.

Although the mission trip was short, as a first timer involved in a medical mission whilst being medically untrained, I was exposed to the Lord's mighty hand in the Mission fields. It served as a humble reminder for me to appreciate the high levels of healthcare, education and freedom of worship that we often take for granted back home.



Some prayer requests specific to this mission includes:

School

- Pray for wisdom for the Principal Dewi, and her team of teachers to nurture the children and to bring them up to love God.

Church

– Pray for the start of a literacy class for children in the church who do not have education

– Pray for more willing hearts to serve God in the mission fields (Matt 9:37-38)

In retrospect, the team would like to thank God and the church in supporting the Mission work. I was greatly impressed by the joy we obtained from serving God and I encourage and urge all that we offer our all to serve Him – our wealth, prayers and even our lives to be used by Him.

Isaiah 6:8 “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.”

May we heed His calling.

Nicholas Lim



Missions Events in the Coming Months

July 1

Rev Quek Keng Khwang
visiting churches
in Batam
to administer the
Holy Communion

July 2-10

Rev Colin Wong
leading a team
to Cambodia
for teaching
assignments.

July 29

Rev Charles Seet
visiting
Tanjung Piyau
Church in Batam
to preach at her
anniversary
commemoration.

August 5

Rev Colin Wong
visiting churches
in Batam
to administer the
Holy Communion.

September 2

Rev Colin Wong
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in Batam
to administer the
Holy Communion.

October 7

Rev Quek Keng
Khwang
visiting churches
in Batam
to administer the
Holy Communion.

**Oct 22 -
Nov 3**

Dn Lee Hock Chin
visiting Myanmar
for teaching
assignments.

November 4

Rev Colin Wong
visiting churches in
Batam to administer
the Holy Communion.

December 2

Rev Quek Keng
Khwang
visiting churches
in Batam
to administer the
Holy Communion.

December

Dn Lim Pin
visiting Cambodia
for teaching
assignments.

If you would like to participate in any of these mission trips please contact the Missions Committee at missionscom@lifebpc.com for more information.