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REFLECTIONS

Because He lives!

Warm greetings to all of you in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior. As I pondered about what to write in this Easter/Resurrection Day edition, this famous English song, Because He Lives, came into my mind. As I began to list down some of my own personal experiences and assurances that I have with Jesus, it began to bring a sense of hope and joy. Here, I have listed out seven specific aspects that I felt were personally tangible for me. This Easter, I humbly suggest that you also do a personal list of your own as well.

Because He lives, all my needs for tomorrow will be met by Him. **Because He lives**, He comes with me wherever I go. **Because He lives**, He fights against those who fight against me. **Because He lives**, I have inner peace. **Because He lives**, death is no more an end or a threat. **Because He lives**, I have eternal life. **Because He lives**, I have a home prepared by Jesus in heaven Psalm 23:1, Matthew 28:20, Exodus 14:14, John 14:27, 1 Corinthians 15:55, John 3:16, John 14:3.

May I end this message by reminding all of us that **our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, is a living God**. We just need to enjoy His presence and walk with Him daily in humble obedience. If we can do that, all else will fall into place in accordance with Matthew 6:33. Blessed Easter wishes to everyone. God Bless You.

By HIS Grace,

Dennis Raj

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அவர் ஜீவிப்பதால்...

அன்பார்ந்த நண்பர்களே,
உயிர்த்தெழுந்த நம்முடைய கர்த்தரும் இரட்சகருமாகிய இயேசு கிறிஸ்துவின் நாமத்தில் உங்கள் யாவருக்கும் வாழ்த்துகள். இந்த ஈஸ்டர் உயிர்த்தெழுந்த நாள் வெளியீட்டிற்கு என்ன எழுதுவது என நான் சிந்தித்துக்கொண்டிருக்கையில், அவர் ஜீவிப்பதால் (டீநஉயரளந ர்ந டு|எநள) என்ற பிரபலமான ஆங்கில பாடல் என் நினைவுக்கு வந்தது. இயேசுவில் எனக்குள்ள நிச்சயத்தையும் எனது தனிப்பட்ட அனுபவத்தில் சிலவற்றையும் நான் பட்டியலிட ஆரம்பித்தபோது, அது நம்பிக்கையையும் சந்தோஷத்தையும் கொண்டு வந்தது. எனக்கு தனிப்பட்ட முறையில், தெளிவாக புலப்படும் ஏழு குறிப்பிட்ட அம்சங்களை இங்கு நான் பட்டியலிட்டிருக்கிறேன். இந்த ஈஸ்டர், நீங்களும் உங்களது தனிப்பட்ட சொந்த பட்டியலை செய்ய நான் தாழ்மையுடன் கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறேன்.

அவர் ஜீவிப்பதால்,

என்னுடைய நாளைய தேவைகள் யாவும் அவரால் சந்திக்கப்படும்.
சங்கீதம் 23:1

அவர் ஜீவிப்பதால்,

நான் எங்கு சென்றாலும் அவர் என்னோடு கூட வருகிறார்.
மத்தேயு 28:20

அவர் ஜீவிப்பதால்,

எனக்கு எதிராக யுத்தம் செய்கிறவர்களோடு அவர் யுத்தம் பண்ணுகிறார்.
யாத்திராகமம் 14:14

அவர் ஜீவிப்பதால்,

எனக்கு உள்ளான சமாதானம் இருக்கிறது.
யோவான் 14:27

அவர் ஜீவிப்பதால்,

மரணம் ஒரு முடிவோ அல்லது ஒரு மிரட்டலோ அல்ல.
1 கொரிந்தியர் 15:55

அவர் ஜீவிப்பதால்,

எனக்கு நித்திய ஜீவன் உண்டு.
யோவான் 3:16

அவர் ஜீவிப்பதால்,

பரலோகத்தில் எனக்கு ஒரு வீட்டை இயேசு ஆயத்தம்பண்ணியிருக்கிறார்.
யோவான் 14:3

உயிர்த்தெழுந்த நம்முடைய இரட்சகர் இயேசு கிறிஸ்து, ஜீவிக்கும் தேவன் என்று நம் யாவருக்கும் நினைவூட்டி இந்த செய்தியை நான் நிறைவுக்கு கொண்டுவருகிறேன். அவரது பிரசன்னத்தில் மகிழ்ந்து, தாழ்மையான கீழ்ப்படிதலோடு அவரோடு கூட நாம் தினமும் நடக்க வேண்டும். இதை நாம் செய்தால், மத்தேயு 6:33ன் படி அனைத்தும் நமக்கு கூடக்கொடுக்கப்படும்.

உங்கள் யாவருக்கும் ஆசீர்வாதமான ஈஸ்டர் வாழ்த்துகள். கர்த்தர் உங்களை ஆசீர்வதிப்பாராக.

அவரது கிருபையில்,

டென்னிஸ் ராஜ்



பிரசுர வாரியத்தால் தொகுக்கப்பட்டது



A Tribute to Our Beloved Daddy

Daddy was many things to many people—a pastor, a mentor, a brother, a friend. But to us, he was our rock, our guiding light, and the greatest teacher on faith and responsibility we could ever ask for.

His Journey of Faith

Daddy didn't begin his career in ministry. Like Jonah in the Bible, **he wrestled with God's calling at first**. I remember bouncing at the back of his motorbike, following him to Templer's Park where he sold doughnuts. He did whatever it took to provide for the family. He was an estate manager, a taxi driver, a limousine driver and an insurance agent. There were even seasons where he had no job at all. But through it all, **God never stopped calling him**.

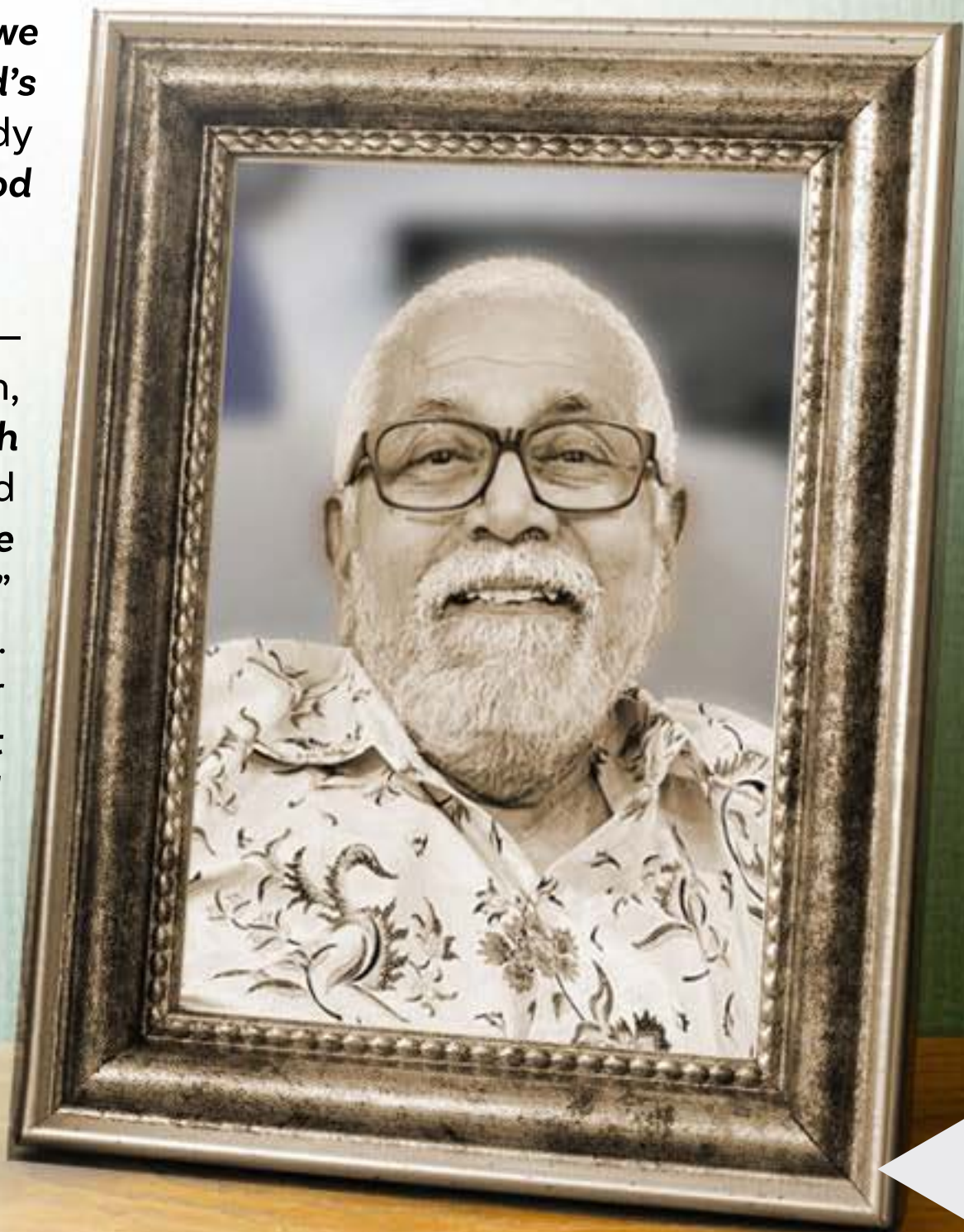
He used to say, **"When God calls you with a net, obey. If you don't, He'll call you with a hook."** That was Daddy—honest and straightforward. **He wanted us to understand the seriousness of God's calling because he didn't want us to face the hardships he went through from running away from it.**

Eventually, **he surrendered**. And when he did, **he never looked back**. In fact, when he started his ministry journey, **he sold the house we were living at in Rawang. That's how fully he gave himself to God's calling. There was no plan B, no safety net—just faith.** But Daddy was never worried. He would always say, **"God will provide. God will take care of everything."** And true enough, God always did.

When he began his ministry, Daddy served in so many places—from TMC Puchong to Kampar, Gopeng, Lahat Baru, Sitiawan, Selayang, KL, Serdang, Kapar and Bukit Rotan. **He served with humility, discipline and unwavering devotion.** When he retired from TMC Selayang, we told him to rest. But he simply said, **"There is no retirement in God's ministry. I will serve until my last breath."** In 2024, Daddy chose to retire, hoping to focus on his health. But hospital visits became more frequent. I remember, after one long hospital stay in October, he told me, **"I just can't wait to be back in ministry next year."** Little did we know, **the Lord had already prepared an even higher ministry for him, one that would be fulfilled in heaven.**

His Love for the Word and Worship

Daddy's love for God's word ran deep. **He never rushed through Scripture.** He would go **word by word, teaching its meaning, encouraging us to meditate—not just read.** He often reminded us that the **Bible isn't something we just finish, but something**



we live out. I am certain that every church he ministered in knows **the meaning of Selah from the book of Psalms** because Daddy made sure of it.

He also loved hymns—deep, rich, traditional hymnals. At every church he served, he would always teach the congregation to sing and understand them. He would even take the lyrics apart and walk the members through the meaning of the songs line by line. **Baktharudan Paadoven was his favourite**, and he sang it with deep emotion and reverence every single time.

His Daily Rituals and Memories

Daddy lived with me after his retirement and every morning, he would blast the TV with hymns and sing out loud—this was my wake-up call. I used to be so annoyed by it, but now, every single morning, I miss it. I wish I could hear him singing again. Just a few minutes before his passing, he was listening to one of his favourite songs, **Alaganavar** by Benny Joshua. The part of the song that he loved most was:

"**Ungalai paarkkanum
Um paasaththil moolkanum
Ithu thaana aasai aiyaa**"

That was Daddy's favourite part of the song, and it speaks volumes about his deep, undying love for the Lord.

His Character and Values

Responsibility was something Daddy instilled in us early on. **The moment we started working, he made us responsible for household expenses.** This was not meant to burden us but to teach us what it meant to carry the weight of a family with integrity. **He never raised his hand to discipline us, but his stare together with a 'tsk' sound were more than enough.** He was firm, but never unkind. He expected a lot, but he led by example.

He loved providing for his family in both big and small ways. He loved grocery shopping and always took it seriously. I remember waking up early as a child to ride with him on the motorbike to Selayang wet market for weekly groceries. Even then, he would teach me how to choose fresh vegetables and meats. That knowledge has stayed with me till today. As an adult, when I had to do groceries for work and wasn't sure how to pick, I'd immediately call him. Daddy always knew how to choose, even through a phone call.

He believed in breaking things down for us. Whether it was about a car we wanted to buy, a home or a relationship, we'd sit together and he would carefully guide us through the pros and cons, until we saw things clearly. He didn't tell us what to do, but he equipped us to make wise choices.

His Quiet Humor and Loving Discipline

Outside, Daddy was known for his jokes and his playful wit. At home though, we used to say he was a bit like **Hitler- structured, strict and meticulous.** But beneath that tough exterior was **a heart that loved us deeply.**

He never said, "I'm proud of you" out loud, but he said it with his actions. And he said it to others when we weren't around. That was Daddy.



His View on Friendship

Daddy didn't have many close friends. He used to say, "**Show me your friends, and I'll tell you who you are.**" To him, **FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD CAME FIRST**. That was the relationship he prioritized above all. And no matter how hard life got, he always said, "**God will take care of it.**"

His Love for Family

Family meant the world to Daddy. He loved his siblings deeply and enjoyed spending hours catching up with them. He believed in showing up for one another, in being present. Every celebration, every gathering, he wanted everyone together. He reminded us constantly **that family is a blessing and we should never take each other for granted.**

His Love for Cooking and Food

One of Daddy's greatest love languages was cooking. He **took immense joy in preparing meals for others and he would cook for everyone who came over. I bet the pastors who visited our house for pastors' fellowship would be able to attest to his hospitality and his amazing cooking skills.** Daddy was a **true foodie as he loved exploring new foods and flavors.** I'll never forget the time I convinced him to try stinky tofu for the first time. Despite the strong smell he ended up loving it! He was the first person I shared my weird love for this dish with and it became one of our funny, special memories. Together, we would explore street food and try different kinds of food, especially when we spent time together. Night markets were his favorite and we often went there to enjoy the food. Even during times when we had disagreements, Daddy would always bring food as a peace offering, showing that food was his way of bringing people together, of healing and of showing love.

A Final Word of Thanks

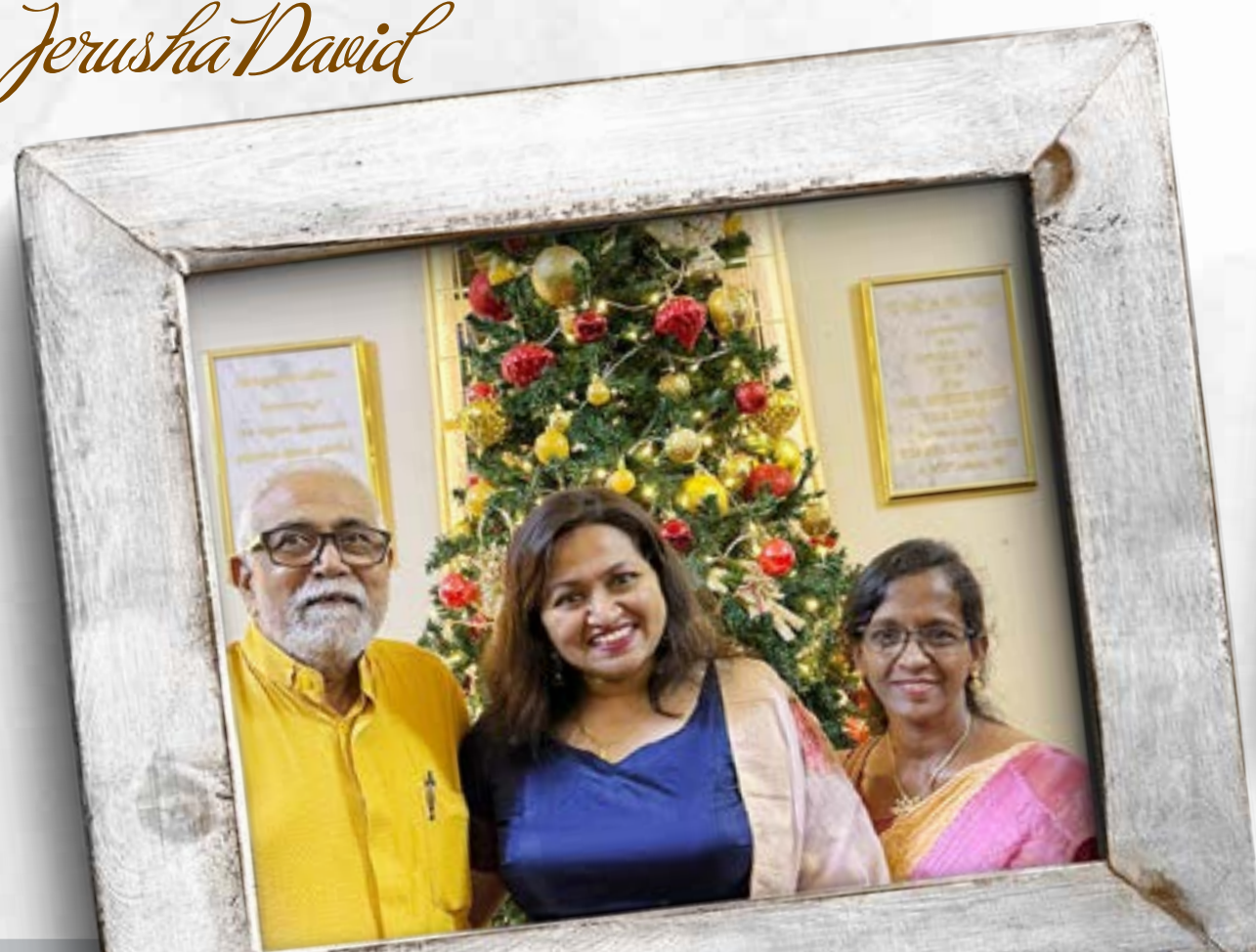
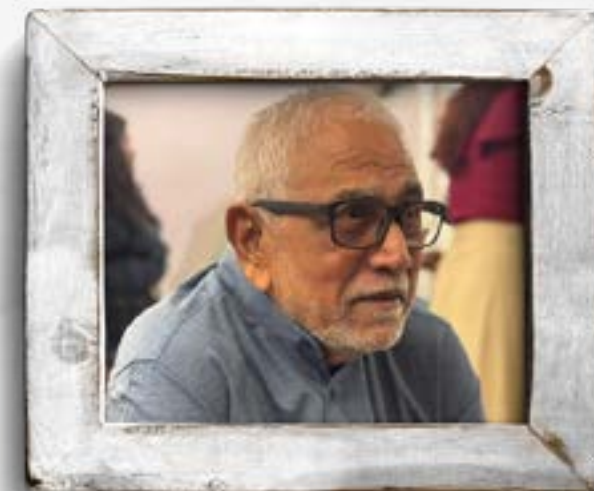
To every friend, family member and church member who has reached out to us- **THANK YOU** for your prayers, your hugs and your presence. **We know that Daddy has left a mark on each of your lives. Some big, some quiet, but all meaningful.**

Thank you for standing with us, for mourning with us and for celebrating the life of a man who gave his all to God, to his family and to every soul he ministered to.

This is our Daddy; this is the legacy he leaves behind- a life poured out in faith, in service, in conviction and in love.

"Well done, good and faithful servant." (Matthew 25:21)

Jerusha David



FIELD REPORT



The Lord Is With You Even When You Go Through Deep Waters

SABAH MISSION TRIP

RAIN poured and a nearby river burst its bank but it did not stop **91 youths** from braving the waters to attend the **MMM-PCS Youth Camp “Ubah Bah”** at PCS Masin from 9th-12th February in the **Kanibongan area in Sabah**.

The youths were from different areas in the northern part of Sabah and mostly are from the **Avasi Hostel in Kanibongan, PCS Liu and PCS Masin**. The hostel houses students from the interiors, who do not have schools in their area.

The programme for these youths was organized by our own mission team comprising **Shobana Chandran, Joshua Raj Krishnan (TMC Ulu Klang); Olivia Grace Denis Johnson, Jachintha Joyce Devasagayam Jayakumar (TMC Tamil Settlement); Jasmitha Jane Dass Rajan, Jerusa Salome Raja (TMC Petaling Jaya) and Rajes Paul (MMM, TMC Kuala Lumpur)**.

It was part of the recent Mission trips to Sabah under Malaysian Missionary Movement (MMM). We rented two cars and **drove about five hours from Kota Kinabalu to the Masin area and brought along many things, including the Pedoman books for the youths (Daily Bread)**.

In Masin, we stayed in a small rented homestay and had to travel daily about 15-20 minutes to the church. Although, the distance was short, we had to drive through the flooded areas and wade through the waters, carefully maneuvering uneven roads even at night without street lights but it did not dampen the spirit of the team.

It was such a joy to see how the Lord used our team to engage, teach, share and be the witness that the Lord has called us to be.

Each of our team members had their responsibilities and they went out of their ways to work together as a united team to **share the love of Christ to the Rungus people**.

The daily interactive, engaging and fun lessons were taken from Romans 12:1-2, **“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”**



Using the word change, we chose the theme as 'Ubah Bah', (Change lah). We focused on areas that the Lord wanted us to grow, - our character, heart, attitude and mindset. We also organised a musical night (with focus on evangelism) where 10 youth teams performed and even sang Segala Puji Syukur in Tamil in an amazing way. Our team performed a Tamil dance together with the volunteers, and later, all the youths joined us as well. It was a wonderful time worshipping the Lord in a cross-cultural setting.

We also were involved in house visits and delivered groceries to the poor people in the community. MMM sponsored the goods for 25 families. These visits also gave our team and the youths an opportunity to share the gospel to those who are not believers.

In our final segment, where a call of commitment was made by Shobana, many youths were in tears as they experienced the touch from the Lord. As a team, we ministered to these youths.

On the final day it was a joy to have the head of the Protestant Church of Sabah (PCS) Bishop Christopher Ogodong together with us. He shared the Word and presented the certificates to the youths.

We want to thank Pastor Evania, the camp commandant of the Avasi hostel; Pastor Kristina from the PCS Liu and PCS Masin's Pastor Owen and wife Pastor Esther Veni for their excellent partnership and hard work and not forgetting all the mothers who cooked all the meals throughout the four-day camp.

We want to thank God for giving us the privilege and opportunity to be part of this mission trip - for His protection and for teaching us to serve Him with love and humility. We went with the intent of giving but we came back having received much and enriched by the experience.

Thank you, Lord!



SUMMARY

Central District

חיה 'Chayah' Revival Prayer Camp

22nd-23rd MARCH 2025, PDMC

TO LIVE
TO RESTORE TO LIFE
TO REVIVE



The Lord laid in the hearts of the pastors to organise a Prayer Revival Camp. Hours were spent in prayer, Rev. James Ravindaren encouraged and motivated us. Rev. Roland David with his able team, spearheaded the logistics with assigned responsibilities to the pastors. 318 persons from all the churches, including children, participated. Notably a large portion were young people. It was an atmosphere of excitement and expectation on both days.

In his opening address, Rev. James Ravindaren spoke on Joshua 7. Achan's sin – sin blocks revival. We need to renounce, repent from secret and hidden sins. True repentance leads to victory and revival. **II Chronicles 7:14, Psalm 139 – examine our hearts, be humble and remove obstacles. His emphasis: Revival Begins with you!**

INSPIRATIONAL CHALLENGES

Rev. Herbert John spoke in two sessions on revival. His unique presentation style captured the attention of the people.

SESSION I

Habakkuk 2:14 For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

- The Holy Spirit will reveal the identity of God and His glory.
- Historical reflection – John Wesley's revival fire.
- Biblical revelation – role of Elisha and Jehoshaphat – God as ultimate victor over enemies.
- Nation prayed – God revealed His strategy for victory.
- Application: How to restore this revival experience in our churches?

SESSION II

Billy Graham's prayer in John Wesley's room (**Do it again, Lord... use me**).

PROPHETIC PROMISES

Amos 9:11-15:

- **God will rebuild your worship – we will stand between the dead and the living.**
- **Numbers 16:48 – an overturning of natural order for our favour.**
- Song of Solomon 2:11-13
 - Bondage of barrenness is over.
 - Land will be filled with fragrance of flowers – cooing of birds.



- There will be a season of returning of those who left – hurting and wounded will return.
- You will be established in your God-given land.
From natural to supernatural, ordinary to extraordinary.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. Ronald Rao shared from **Luke 19:5** (Zacchaeus).

- Jesus sees you when others overlook you.
- God calls us by name, not by our past mistakes.
- Jesus doesn't wait for us to be ready; He invites himself in to change us.
Grace doesn't knock – it walks into your life and transforms you.

WORSHIP

Led by our multi-talented pastors, accompanied by committed musicians, all the worship sessions were heartwarming – a mighty move by a Spirit of worship in celebrating God.

Attendance was almost 100% for all sessions, despite the tight schedule, including elderly participants who were part of the excitement. Special arrangements were made to minister to children separately.

MINISTRY SESSIONS

The pastors specially prayed over individuals, as led by the Holy Spirit. There were fresh anointings and a powerful move of the Holy Spirit with manifestations. Prophetic utterances to individuals and churches were challenges to take back to their churches. A few made commitments to ministry and will need follow up.

It was an overwhelming experience – nobody looked tired.

The Prayer Camp left us with two distinct challenges:

- **This Prayer Revival Movement should move to all the other districts.**
- **Do it one more time, Lord (...through me).**

APPRECIATION

Glory to God for His personal involvement and presence throughout the Camp. We extend our deepest appreciation to all our pastors and lay people for their roles, major or minor, in achieving our dream for the district.

Looking forward to the follow up Chayah on 16th September.
Chayah – Jesus – Jesus – Chayah!

Rev. A.E. Joseph



சுருக்கம்

Eastern District Evangelism Seminar

கிழக்கு மாகாண சுவிசேஷ
கருத்தரங்கு

15th MARCH 2025, TMC MENTAKAB

Speaker Rev. Paul Mani Sabrail

கிழக்கு மாகாணத்தில் நடைபெற்ற இக்கூட்டம் மிகவும் ஆசிர்வாதமாக இருந்தது. இக்கூட்டத்தின் வழி இயேசுவை பிறருக்கு எவ்வாறு சரியான விதத்தில் பகிர்ந்து கொள்வது என்று துல்லியமாக விளக்கப்பட்டது. அருள்திரு. போல் மணி சப்ரில் அவர்கள் மிகவும் உற்சாகத்துடன் செய்தியை பகிர்ந்து கொண்டார். கர்த்தருக்கே எல்லா துதி கன மகிமையும் உண்டாவதாக.

கிழக்கு மாகாண சுவிசேஷ குழு தலைவர் : திரு. தேவதாஸ்
ஆலோசகர் : அருள்திரு. எசேக்கியேல் ராஜ்



Methodist Women Spiritual Retreat

"SPIRITUAL HEALING"

கிழக்கு மாகாண மெதடிஸ்ட்
பெண்கள் ஆவிக்குரிய கூட்டம்

23rd MARCH 2025, TMC RAUB

Speaker Mrs. Alice Dennis Raj

கிழக்கு மாகாணத்தில் நடைபெற்ற ஒரு நாள் ஆவிக்குரிய கூட்டம் மிக சிறப்பாக திருமதி. தனுஜா மற்றும் செயற்குழுவினர் மூலம் நடைபெற்றது. இதில் விசேஷ பேச்சாளராக அழைக்கப்பட்ட திருமதி. எலிஸ் டென்னிஸ் ராஜ் அவர்கள் நடைமுறை வாழ்க்கையில் பெண்கள் சந்திக்கும் சவால்களை எவ்வாறு மேற்கொள்வது என்பதை விவரித்து காட்டினார். இக்கூட்டம் அநேக பெண்களுக்கு ஆசீர்வாதமாகவும் உற்சாகத்தை தரக் கூடியதாகவும் இருந்தது. எல்லா துதி கன மகிமையும் இயேசு ஒருவருக்கே.

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TESTIMONY

Divinely Inspired, Academically Inclined



I have always wondered what it would be like to study under the divine inspiration of the Lord. **By the time I accepted Christ, I had completed my master's and pursuing my PhD was never my desire.** While many had persuaded me to do so for my career growth, I declined, for I knew what it would require of me. I had (still do) a comfortable job, which I am very passionate about, and that was sufficient for me. **However, things changed in 2020 when my dear husband left his corporate job to heed God's calling into a full-time ministry.** As I was forced out of my comfort zone, I began looking into my career growth options, but I had no clue about the next course of action. It was about the same time a scholarship scheme was introduced at my workplace (in 2021) where the academic staff were given an opportunity to pursue their doctorate studies. Both my then dean and my immediate superior urged me to take up the opportunity and do my PhD. However, I refused to do so as I was not keen on enduring rigorous 3 years (or more). During this period was when **I clearly heard the gentle voice of the Lord on an early morning saying, "Do your PhD."** Of course, being as adamant as I can be, I contemplated with the Lord, pouring out all of my concerns in tears as if He would change His mind! He reminded me of all the times He led me on unknown paths and how it was a fruitful journey for me and others around me. So, I obeyed, signed up, and looked forward to an exciting postgraduate (PG) journey with my husband's approval and support.

The bacteria that took 5 months to grow



However, my husband had to relocate to TMC Bahau to serve as a pastor in 2022. With his physical absence, I had to juggle work, studies, and the family, and the multitasking stretched me too thin. In addition, the lab work was equally challenging, as I will be running in between my classes to get the experiments done. **It took me 5 months since I started the benchwork to get my bacterial samples to grow, and on the day they grew, the Lord reminded me of His sovereignty over my studies and the bacteria!** That is when I accepted the fact on how He wants my PG journey to be— with Him being in control. Henceforth, I committed the research, the needs, the pain, and the distress into His hands. **Being obedient to God's calling isn't a walk in the park. When we say yes to Him, we have to accept and win over the challenges that will come our way. I was overwhelmed with the tasks that I had to do or think about simultaneously.** There were no days when my eyes were dry due to the sheer physical and mental exhaustion. Often, I would shed silent tears in the lab with my mind wandering off. Those were the moments when I almost gave up on everything and everyone. However, the Lord was faithful (He still is). He comforted me by bringing forth a team of colleagues who kept motivating me to move forward and strengthened me through the worship ministry. Gradually, my thirst for His presence increased through worship and His word. He healed my brokenness and kept ministering to me in every possible way. No matter what I faced and how I felt, I

The benchwork



never stopped entering my prayer chamber every morning. I gained my supernatural strength to face the odds, and without me realizing it, the Lord used my deepest, darkest moments to mould me and to humble me. The lab work progressed well by the grace of God despite the usual research hiccups and finally ended in December 2023. Furthermore, the news of my husband's transfer to serve in Klang Valley in 2024 came as a huge relief to me (Praise be to God), as I thought I could now focus on my writing, or so I thought.

My dear colleagues



That was when my dear mother had to be hospitalized in December 2023 and needed constant nursing for a couple of months. Hence, I put the writing on hold and prioritized her recovery. When she finally recovered, I commenced the writing only to be immensely demotivated by the changes that occurred at the workplace. Despite all this, I kept mustering the strength and was focused on writing the thesis. While I was busy writing between April and May 2024, the Lord opened up many opportunities for my career development; I was invited as a speaker at international seminars and workshops, and I received my professional certification as a trainer from HRDCorp. It seemed like a crazy feat to do when one is writing up a PhD thesis, but my God, do things that no one can comprehend! I just knew that I had to grab hold of all those opportunities, for it was His timing and not mine to do all this. Despite these additional tasks, the thesis writing or the journal article submission was not disrupted. In fact, I submitted the thesis exactly within the stipulated dateline with no further extension. The viva- which is the most dreaded examination for any PG student- was scheduled in September 2024. I was prepared yet nervous, as I had a high expectation of myself; I must confidently address all the questions because *I have a victorious God who will not shame anyone who trusts in Him. Moments before entering the viva session, I kept walking around the room asking the Lord to give me a revelation that would calm me down. The Lord is my Banner- was the word that came to my mind, but I was so nervous that I couldn't recall what it meant until I read Exodus 17:15! Yegova Nissi- He is my victory. I knew instantly that the viva would be a success, and it sure was! My Lord alone took the entire credit for every praise that came my way on that day!* The doctorate title that I now hold is a powerful reminder of the Lord's faithfulness, grace, strength, wisdom, and power over my life, and I do not take an inch of that praise or credit! My dear colleagues, the successful viva session Speaker at an international seminar on antibiotic resistance.

The successful viva session



Speaker at an International seminar on Antibiotic Resistance

As I reflect upon my PhD journey, I am humbly reminded of 2 Corinthians 12:9. I too will gladly boast of all my infirmities and my shortcomings because I have experienced His grace, love, and strength towards me. No matter how many times I have stumbled, *He never once failed to reach out to me and get me walking again.* The perseverance I had in completing my studies is a mere glimpse of His nature. He endured the cross for the joy that was set before Him, and now, as the song goes, to this I hold, my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to Him. When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat. *"Yet not I, but through Christ in me." Yet not I but Christ in me. Praise be to Jesus Christ forever!*

Dalita Ambigai Jayaprakash

TMC Kayu Ara Damansara



WRITE - UP

God's Resurrection Power & Sufficient Grace

Death has always been a familiar voice to me. Since I was 8 years old, I have experienced *the intense nagging feeling of wanting to die*. I remember one night, as I struggled to sleep and could only cry out to God, is *when I first heard God's voice*. He said to me, *"I love you, please go back to sleep."* It calmed and comforted me enough to sleep. *This was only the beginning of the next 20 years of on and off mental health challenges. They kept getting worse until my symptoms escalated to the point where I could barely function at work and sought help from a psychiatrist.*

In 2021, I first found out I had Bipolar 2 disorder- a lifelong mood disorder with no known cure, needing daily medication to manage the symptoms, which do not prevent them but lessen the intensity of the symptoms and delay the episodes. Then, in 2022, I found out that I also had Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)- another lifelong neurodevelopmental disorder which began in childhood and has silently been affecting me my entire life. My whole life as I knew it shattered. My future became completely uncertain and I had so many questions: *How could I work? Who would accept me? Will I be discriminated against? How would I do ministry? Who would marry me? Would I pass this on to my future children? How will I die? All questions with no definitive answers and I wrestled with them alone, with no one who could understand or support me.*

But in that darkness, God found me and pursued me. As loudly as the voice of death tormented my mind and body, the voice of God called me just as fiercely. It took me 20 years to find out why I had struggled in many areas of my life, but during those 20 years, my faith in God developed deep roots. By the time I discovered my diagnosis, even amid questions and uncertainties, God reminded me of His resurrection power. According to Ephesians 1:19-20, *the same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead is the same power in me as a follower of Christ*. I quickly realised that this was not a death sentence. Instead, it was an opportunity to be a living testimony of the resurrection power in my own flesh.

The answers to all my questions were encapsulated in 2 Corinthians 12:9, reminding me that His grace is sufficient for me, His power is made perfect in weakness and that the power of Christ can rest upon me as I live in Him, through Him and for Him. It was through this verse that I personally made this request to the Lord: If there is more glory to God if I remained with this illness than if I were to be healed, I will accept this reality, live my life relying upon this sufficient grace that is promised and share my weakness, testifying of who God is in my flesh. Since then, in the past almost 4 years, Philippians 3:10 has become real to me. *I have grown to know Christ everyday in my flesh, knowing the power of His resurrection and participating in His sufferings. Though it is painful and requires a lot of work to manage, I now consider it a blessing to have this mental health challenge because it has brought me closer to*

God and keeps me reliant upon His Spirit and empowers me through the power of His resurrection.

May I encourage you, wherever you are in your walk with the Lord and in your daily living, to remember that His resurrection power lives in you and that His grace is sufficient for you. God does not need you to be strong in order to be used by Him; He can take weakness and use it to highlight and display His strength in a way your own strength will never accomplish. It is better to be weak and have Christ than to be strong without Him. As for me, I am grateful that God allowed this in my life, for without it, I would not have known Christ so intimately for so many years nor have the enduring faith to stand firm in this world. My prayer for you is that you know the joy that comes even through suffering when you rely upon God as your strength. May you know and live in His resurrection power and sufficient grace.

Ariane Nisha Rabindran
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From Suffering to Glory

Upon the cross, He felt the pain,
In silence deep, He bore our stain.
The thorns, the nails, the heavy load,
For love, He walked the painful road.

The darkest hour, His soul did bleed,
Yet in His heart, He took our need.
Through all the suffering, He did not fall,
For in His death, He answered the call.

Then, on the third day, light broke free,
The stone was rolled, the tomb did see,
A risen Savior, conquering all,
From death to life, He answered the call.

Now we stand in glory's light,
He rose again, our strength, our might.
Through suffering's path, we too can rise,
In His glory, we touch the skies.

From death to life, He paves the way,
For all who trust in Him today.
Through His great grace, our souls are freed,
In His resurrection, we find our need.

Now hearts rejoice, and voices sing,
For Christ has risen, our Savior, King!
In victory, His love does reign,
We are reborn, no longer slain.

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FIELD REPORT

A Tea-rrific time to tell story of hope to 'forgotten people' of Sri Lanka

The drive from Colombo to 'upcountry' Nuwaraeliya via Hatton went on and on through winding roads, but at every turn, lush tea estates greeted us. This did not come as a surprise, as hundreds of tea plantations are nestled in the heart of Sri Lanka's hill country.

The land is predominately occupied by Tamils from India who have shed blood, sweat, and tears over the years as workers – from planters to pluckers and producers of tea. There are others too in this area from different backgrounds, races and religions, which makes this place a thriving harvest field for the Lord.

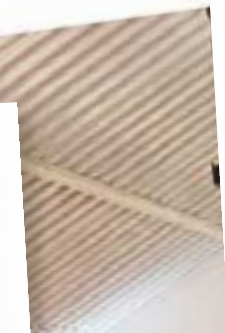
It was at this place that MMM's mission team, comprising Rev. Justin Clarence, Bro. Jesuthason, Bro. James Jerna, and sisters Rebecca Jeyanthi and Rajes Paul, spent their time for the first time from 3rd-4th April, where we met up with different leaders, visited several estates, and **conducted various programmes for women and children.** Rev. Justin also conducted a Lent service at the Tillyrie Estate, and with just a short notice, 65 children from this place gathered, and most of them were non-believers. We thank God for connecting us with Rev. Devadasan from the Hutton Tamil Methodist Church. He is responsible for three circuits in the area. "First of all, we are thrilled with this partnership between Methodist churches from Malaysia and Sri Lanka. This relationship is valuable to us, especially as we focus on the 'forgotten people of Sri Lanka' at the tea plantation area here," said Rev. Devadasan. "**Our blood is tea,**" added Rev. Devadasan, amplifying the hardships of the people there. He highlighted the many ills and struggles faced by the people and the churches in this region, including social and economic problems. The basic salary for a tea plucker is RM20 per day. There are many children and youths. **Education is one of the best ways to break from the cycle of poverty, but finance is still a huge struggle.** Church workers are scarce in this area too. Besides Hutton and Tillyrie, the other places with needs are Talawakelle, Kudaoya, and Dayagama. **Some new believers are meeting in house churches as cash-strapped churches are trying their best to reach out.**

Among the ministries that we can do and partner with are the Vacation Bible School (VBS), Children Minister's training, women empowerment through upgrading of skill training, restoring the role of men and fathers at home, reviving youths as many struggle with unemployment and loss of dignity through cheap labour, elders ministry, and financial support for tea plantation students who make it to universities.



The team also met up with the Sri Lanka Methodist Church President Rev. Kingsley Weerasinghe to further consolidate the partnership as we looked and discussed different ways on how we can be the bearer of Good News in this land and place our missionary at this base.

We thank God for a blessed and fruitful time. Luke 14:8 says, "The Spirit of the Lord is on me because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free..." and Proverbs 31:8-9 "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. SPEAK UP AND JUDGE FAIRLY; DEFEND THE RIGHTS OF THE POOR AND NEEDY."



SUMMARY

Bridging Cultures Through Football

On 5th April 2025, Tamil Methodist Church Kayu Ara Damansara organized a friendly football match in an Orang Asli settlement located at Pos Tenau, Slim River. This event marked a unique and meaningful moment as it brought together two distinct cultures—our Indian community and the local Semai community—through the universal language of sports.

The football match, which can be considered a cross-cultural initiative, saw our church youths join forces with the local natives to form a diverse squad. This collaboration not only showcased teamwork across cultural lines but also emphasized unity in faith and purpose. The blending of the two communities on the football field was a testament to the power of shared experiences and the bond that sports can create. We had around thirty people from our side, including both players and helpers, while the other side had more than thirty players and seventy villagers, both male and female.

The main goal of this event was to reach out to the male youths in the area who have been drifting away from spirituality. Lack of youth participation has become a theme in churches this era. While we try to understand what can be done, TMC Kayu Ara Damansara tries to redefine mission work among youngsters using the interest of the youngsters. We also redefine by prioritizing building relationships and building trust among the youths there.

In a world where distractions abound, the football match served as a catalyst to re-engage these young individuals with the faith. By organizing a fun, inclusive, and community-oriented event, the church aimed to bring these youths back to the spiritual fold and remind them of the importance of faith and community. After the match, we were served their traditional food, cooked by the villagers themselves.

In the end, the event was more than just a football match—it was a celebration of unity, spirituality, and the strength of community. It was a reminder that even in rural settings, with the right outreach, we can make a lasting impact on the lives of young people, bringing them closer to God and to each other.

Caleb John

TMC Kayu Ara Damansara

சுருக்கம்

விளையாட்டின் வாயிலாக கலாச்சாரங்களை இணைத்தல்

கடந்த 2025 ஏப்ரல் 5 ஆம் திகதி, தமிழ் மெதடிஸ்ட் திருச்சபை காயு ஆரா டாமன்சாரா, ஸ்லிம் ரிவரில் அமைந்துள்ள போஸ் தெனாவ் என்னும் பூர்வீக குடியிருப்பில் ஒரு நட்பு காற்பந்தாட்டத்தை நடத்தியது. இந்நிகழ்வு நம் தமிழ் சமூகத்தையும் செமாய் கூட்ட மக்களையும் காற்பந்து விளையாட்டு வழியாக ஒன்றிணைக்க ஒரு சிறப்பான தளமாக அமைந்தது.

நம் திருச்சபை வாலிபர்கள், அப்பகுதியைச் சேர்ந்த செமாய் வாலிபர்களும் இணைந்து ஒரு கலப்பு அணியை உருவாக்கினர். இந்த ஒத்துழைப்பானது குழுப் பணியைக் காட்டுவதில் மட்டுமல்லாது, விசுவாசத்திலும் நோக்கத்திலும் உள்ள ஒற்றுமையை மேலும் வலியுறுத்தியது. காற்பந்தாட்டத்திடலில்

இரு சமூகங்களும் ஒன்றிணைந்து, சிறப்பான அனுபவத்தையும் பிணைப்பையும் விளையாட்டின் வழி உருவாக்க இயலும் என நிரூபமானது. நம் திருச்சபையிலிருந்து சுமார் 30 விளையாட்டாளர்களும் உதவியாளர்களும், தெனாவ் கிராமத்தார் 30 விளையாட்டாளர்களும் 70 பார்வையாளர்களும் பங்கேற்றனர்.

இந்நிகழ்வின் முக்கியமான நோக்கம் என்னவென்றால் ஆவிக்குறிய காரியங்களிலிருந்து விலகிச்சென்ற செமாய்; வாலிபர்களை மீண்டும் திருச்சபைக்கு வருவதற்கும் தேவ விசுவாசம் மற்றும் ஆவிக்குறிய ஜீவியத்தில் வளர வைப்பதாகும். இன்றைய சவால்மிக்க காலக்கட்டத்தில், வாலிபர்களின் திருச்சபை காரியங்களின் ஈடுபாடானது மிக குறைவாகவே உள்ளது. இச்சூழலில், காயு ஆரா டாமன்சாரா தமிழ் மெதடிஸ்ட் திருச்சபையாக இவ்வாலிபர்களின் ஆர்வங்களை அடிப்படையாகக் கொண்டு ஒரு புதிய அருட்பணி ஊழியத்தை செய்துள்ளது.

பல கவனச்சிதறல்களால் அவதிப்படுகிற இந்தச் சகாப்த இளைஞர்களை, இந்த நட்பு காற்பந்தாட்டம் மூலமாக மீண்டும் விசுவாசத்துடன் இணைக்க ஒரு தூண்டுதலாக இருந்தது. செமாய் வாலிபர்களின் விருப்பத்தை மதித்து இந்த நிகழ்ச்சியை ஏற்பாடு செய்வதன் மூலம் இவ்வாலிபர்களை மீண்டும் ஆவிக்குறிய வாழ்வில் அழைத்துச் செல்லும் ஒரு முயற்சியாக

இருந்தது. விளையாட்டு முடிந்தப்பின், இக்கிராம மக்கள் சமைத்த உணவை சேர்ந்து பகிர்ந்து கொண்டோம். இந்நிகழ்வு வெறும் ஒரு விளையாட்டாக மாத்திரமல்லாமல் ஒற்றுமை, ஆவிக்குறிய காரியம் மற்றும் சமூக உறவுகளின் பலத்தை மேலும் வலுப்படுத்த ஒரு தளமாக அமைந்தது.

இக்கிராம பகுதிகளில் சரியான அணுகுமுறையின் வாயிலாக இவ்வாலிபர்களின் வாழ்வில் மறக்க முடியாத தாக்கத்தை ஏற்படுத்தி அவர்களை ஆவிக்குறிய ஜீவியத்தில் கொண்டு செல்ல முடியும் என்பதை இது நினைவூட்டுகிறது.

கேளப் ஜோன்

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SUMMARY

Hosanna Paaduvom!

Palm Sunday processions are a significant part of the day's observance in many Christian communities. Here are some things to know about these processions:

- Processions typically begin outside the church building, with a large crowd of participants holding palm branches and singing hymns as they walk.
- In some places, the palms may be shaped into elaborate designs or crosses.
- The procession then moves inside the church, where the service continues.

The palm branches used during the celebrations symbolize victory, peace and eternal life in the Christian tradition. These branches remind worshippers of Jesus riding into Jerusalem and serve as a potent reminder that believers can overcome adversity through faith in God. In many cultures, Palm Sunday traditions include processions with participants waving palm trees and fronds while reciting hymns or prayers.

The palm branches used in Palm Sunday liturgy have historical significance dating back to biblical times. As stated in the Gospel accounts, people spread branches from their cloaks on the road for Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and they also cut branches from palm trees to wave as he passed by. The use of palms continues today as a reminder of Christ's love and sacrifice. Christians use the week between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday to reflect on the last week of Jesus' life.

This year's Palm Sunday procession was successfully carried out on 13 April 2025. About 100 of our church members assembled at the main gate of the front entrance with palm branches and crosses.

After a short safety briefing and prayer by Rev. James A. Ravindaren, the procession started at 7.15am. It was led by both Rev. James and Rev. Jerry John.

The procession covered a longer route this time. Among the areas covered were Jalan Sultan Abdul Samad, Jalan Rozario, Jalan Tun Sambanthan and Jalan Thambipillay.

Permits were obtained from IPD Brickfields, Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur and Traffic Police in adherence to the law. The procession took about 25 minutes.

After the procession, all our members gathered at the church car park for closing prayer. Following this, the Palm Sunday Tamil Service commenced at 8am.

This procession was broadcast live online.

A.E. David
Church Office, TMC KL



TMC KL's COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATES

சமூக மைய கட்டிடம் பல எதிர்ப்பார்ப்புக்களுக்கும் சவால்களுக்கும் மத்தியில், எங்களுடைய சமூக மைய கட்டிட கட்டுமான பணிகள் ஐம்பது விழுக்காட்டிற்கு மேல் பூர்த்தியடைந்து, தொடர்ந்து வேலைகள் கடகடவென்று நடைபெற்றுக் கொண்டிருக்கின்றன. ஆலோசகர்கள், கட்டிட வல்லுனர்கள், பொறியாளர்கள், கட்டிட ஒப்பந்தகாரர்கள் மற்றும் நம் கட்டிட குழு உறுப்பினர்கள் அடிக்கடி சந்தித்து கட்டிடத்தின் முன்னேற்றம் குறித்து விளக்கம் மற்றும் ஆலோசிப்பது குறிப்பிடத்தக்கது.

எங்களுடைய மிகப்பெரிய சவால் - நிதி! பற்றாக்குறை நிதியை தேவன் சந்திப்பார் என்ற விசுவாசத்தடன் நாங்கள் ஜெபிக்கிறோம்.

“என் தேவன் தம்முடைய ஐசுவரியத்தின்படி உங்கள் குறைவையெல்லாம் கிறிஸ்து இயேசுவுக்குள் மகிமையிலே நிறைவாக்குவார்.” பிலிப்பியர் 4:19.

Amidst many expectations and challenges, the construction of our Community Centre building is more than fifty percent complete and the work is continuing. Consultants, building experts, engineers, contractors, and our building committee members meet frequently to discuss the progress of the construction of the building which is commendable.

Our biggest challenge is Finance!

We pray with faith that God will meet the financial shortfall.

“And My God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Jesus Christ.” PHILIPPIANS 4:19

By God's grace, the construction work of this building will be completed soon. The leadership of the Building committee and the Local Church Executive Committee are working well and praying that God will continue to Grace them with enough wisdom and strength to complete the remaining work.

On behalf of the Pastors and members of the congregation, Happy Easter to all!

A.E. David
Church Office, TMC KL





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SYMPOSIUM ON

Tamil Methodist Church History

13/9/2025 (SATURDAY) | 8:30AM - 5:30PM | TAMIL METHODIST CHURCH IPOH

OBJECTIVES, THEME & SUB-THEMES

- To document the Tamil Methodist Church's history.
- To cultivate a deeper understanding among younger generations of the Tamil Methodist Church's history.
- To highlight the contributions of the Tamil Methodist Church to the social, cultural, and educational development of Tamil communities.
- To inspire unity and collaboration among members of the Tamil Methodist Church.

THEME

History of the Malaysian Tamil Methodist Mission

SUB-THEMES

- Tamil Methodist Church History
- Tamil Methodist Mission Works
- Tamil Methodist Educational Works
- Tamil Methodist Social Works

CALLS FOR ARTICLES

- The abstract should be written between 150 - 200 words.
- The article should be written in at least 10 pages.
- If the abstract is accepted the author should submit their article.

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

15/6/2025

Abstract Submission

30/6/2025

Notification of Acceptance

30/7/2025

Full Article Submission

13/8/2025

Final Date of Registration

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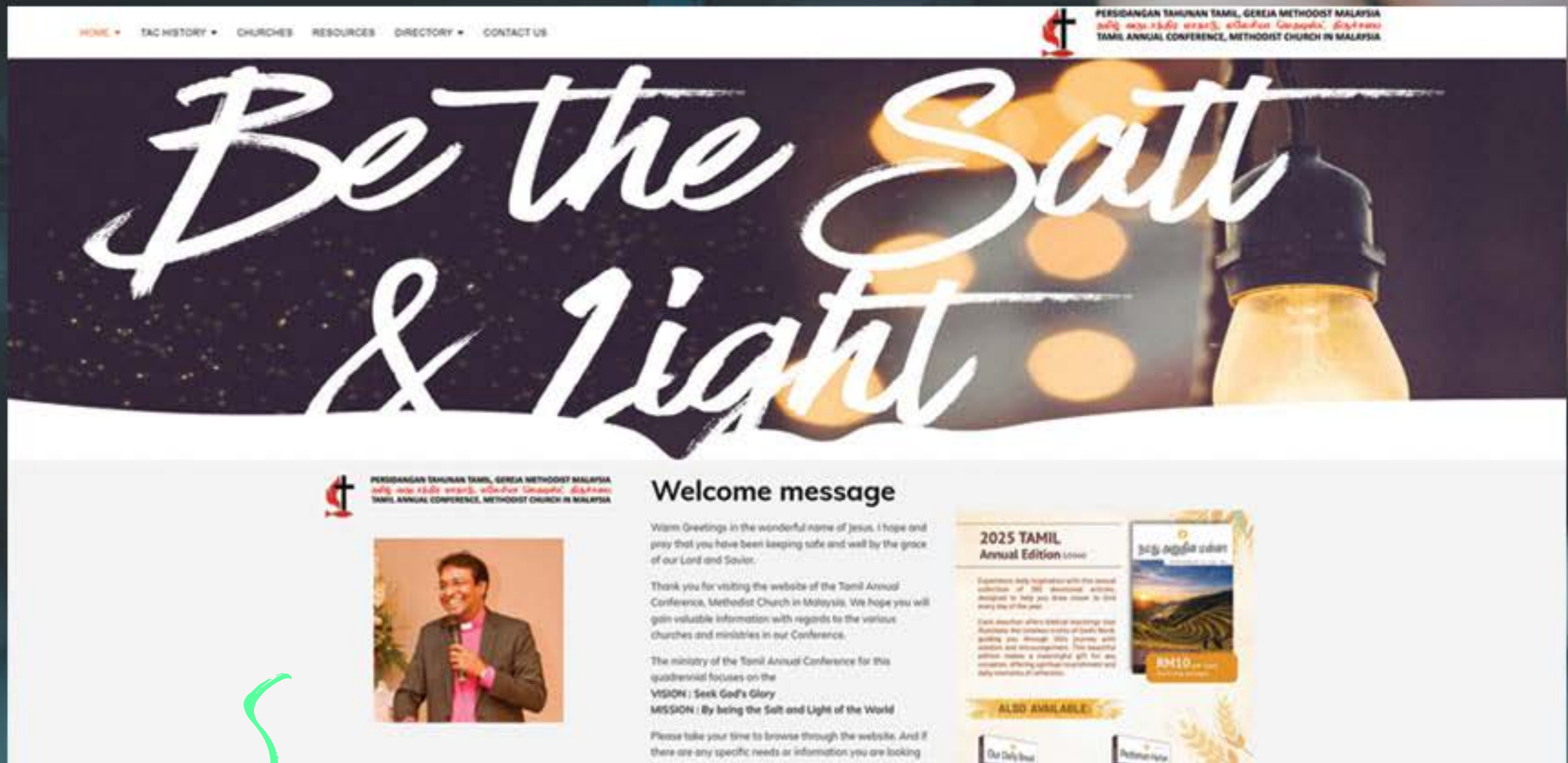
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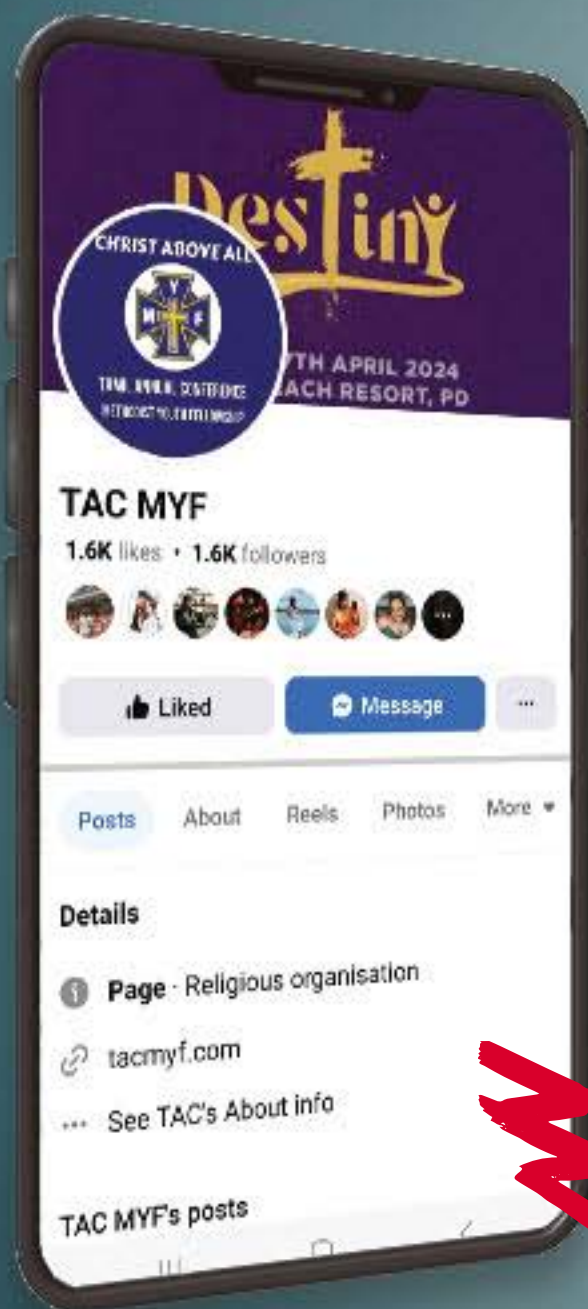
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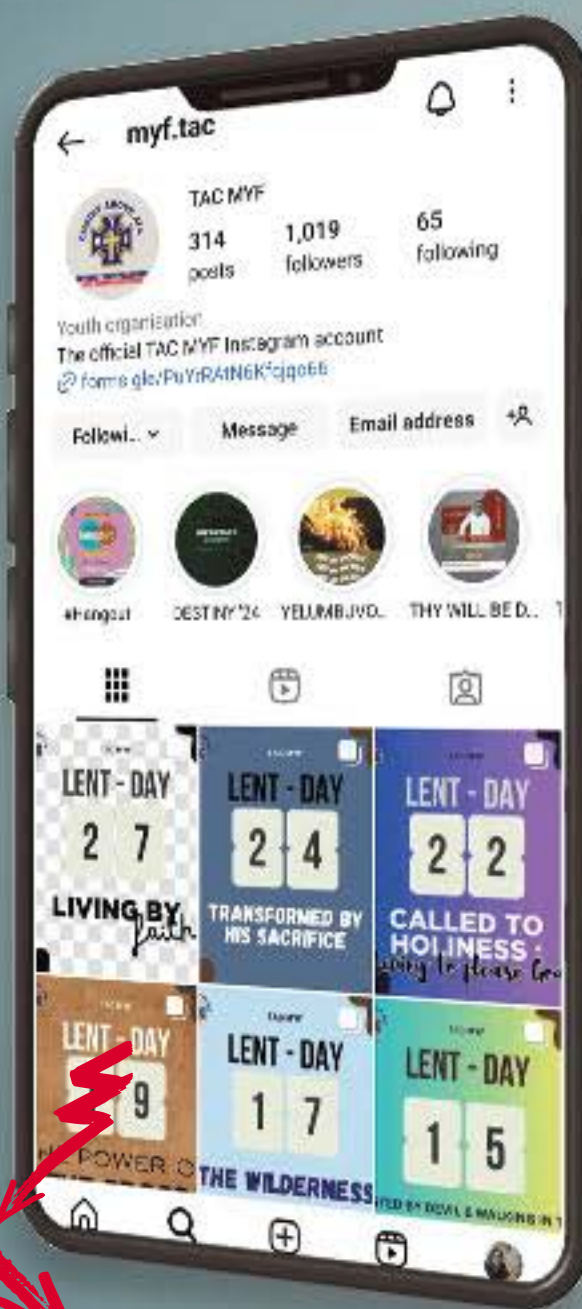
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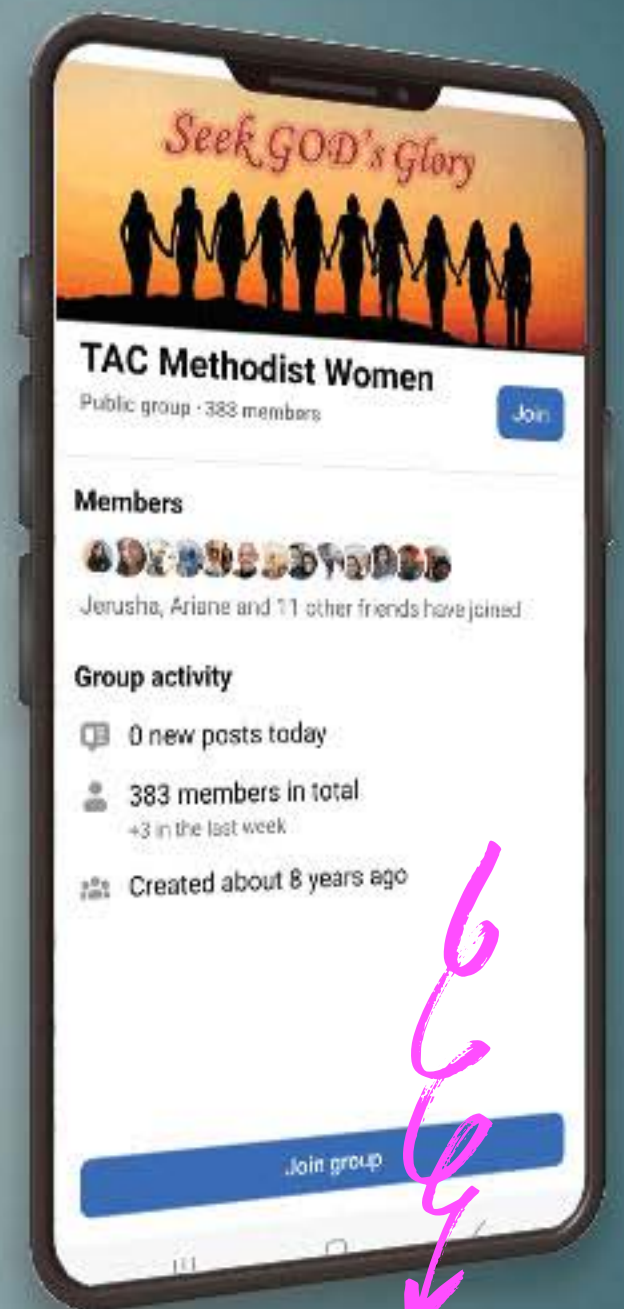
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WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS

- Explanation of the Latest Amendments to the MBOD
- Utilizing the MBOD in Local Church Administration, Management, and Ministries
- Resolving Disputes Arising from the MBOD

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Pastors, Church Leaders & Members

SATURDAY

19 July 2025

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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