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PASTOR'S EPISTLE

Mortality and Immortality

After I have heard people say that all of us have to come to terms with our mortality. That's true. Furthermore, I feel that we need to come to terms with our own IMMORTALITY! What's that? you say. That's true too. Man is both mortal and immortal. Physically we are mortal beings but spiritually we are immortal; our spirits will continue to exist, to live beyond our physical death.

EASTER is good time to come to terms with these two great forces in our lives, our mortality and immortality. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday help us to see that though death is inevitable, it is not something to be dreaded or feared. The Resurrection confirms our immortality that comes through Christ.

But our physical mortality and spirit's immortality needs to convince us of other important things as well. We need to be convinced that ALL people are mortal; they will also face death, and as far as we can help it they should not face death without Christ. We need to see that their spirits' immortality means that they will spend eternity with or without God, we have been put in a position to influence this. For their mortality is our mortality, but will their immortality be similar as well? Will they spend eternity with God?

Coming to terms with our immortality means that just as much as we, others need Christ in their lives as well. Easter proclaims very clearly the promise of a God-filled eternity. God wants us to proclaim this promise to others as well.

The Easter events are also EPIPHANY. They make clear God's purposes in mortality and immortality. They say that because we are mortal, we cannot afford to be without Christ in immortality. This is true for ALL persons. They need to know. They need Christ. They need us to tell them; to show them.

So if we want to capture the Spirit of Easter — we need to share Christ. One practical avenue is to become involved in the Reinhard Bonnke Mission this June. Be a counsellor, or usher, or intercessor; bring people to the Mission. Easter Sunday is the day we sign up to be personally involved. Our prayer is that YOU will be involved, too.

This is how we deal with our mortality and immortality, by helping others to do the same — through JESUS.

Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will return.

Rev Melvin Huang
Pastor

BOOK REVIEW



Where were you when I was hurting By Nicky Cruz

In his latest book, Nicky Cruz, the author of "Run Baby Run", preaches the message of healing that comes when we are willing to give up our bitterness and our hurts and forgive those who hurt us. With vivid recollections of God's miracles and blessings, he shares with us his ministry of witnessing Jesus Christ to the bitter, the hurt, the poor, the unfortunate and the oppressed in the many countries he visited.

One particularly moving event in his ministry was when the Hungarian Government invited him to go to Budapest to help them fight their serious drug problem. Somehow government officials had read his book "Run Baby Run". As a condition of his going to Hungary, Nicky got the Hungarian Government to agree to print and distribute 35,000 copies of the Bible and 12,000 copies of his book "Run Baby Run". This was a phenomenal event in Hungary since it is a communist country with an atheist government and bureaucracy who had all along prevented Bibles and Christian books from reaching their people.

On the first night, Nicky preached to 3,500 government officials, doctors, social workers and others involved in the anti drug fight. The people were moved by his message about Christ and 1,100 of them accepted the Lord that night. He preached again to a crowd of 2,500 people on the second night with a TV recording crew. God healed a drug addict dying of drug abuse that night. The people were so moved by her testimony that 1,300 went up to the altar to accept Christ. The entire event was broadcast on TV. God had used Nicky's two days in Hungary to bring about a revival there.

You can read more about Nicky Cruz and his ministry. The book "Where were you when I was hurting?" is now available in the Trinity Methodist Church Resource Centre. Please do not let this book and its simple but powerful messages pass you by. You are welcome to borrow this book at the Resource Centre. Alternatively, you may wish to get a copy the next time you visit a Christian bookshop.

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CHURCH CALENDAR 1987

HOLY WEEK RENEWAL MEETINGS AT TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH AT 8.00 P.M.

APRIL	13	The Mercies of God	Rev Isaac Lim
	14	Renewing of Your Mind	Rev Wee Boon Hup
	15	Holiness: The Way To Pleasing God	Rev Isaac Lim
	16	God's Perfect Will	Rev Melvin Huang

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

10.00 am 17 "Why Can't I Follow You?" Rev Melvin Huang

Sunrise Service

6.30 am 19 "Love So Amazing" Rev Melvin Huang

Combined Easter Service

10.00 am 19 "Jesus Came And Stood" Rev Melvin Huang

21-28 TRAC Pastors' Retreat at Penang.
26 Evangelism Sunday Rev. Jim Wilson.

MAY 10 Mothers' Day/WSCS SUNDAY – Mr S. Gerda Huang
22 Aldersgate Lectures
23 And Service Rev. Dr Sir Alan Walker
24 ALDERSGATE SUNDAY

PRAYER AND PRAISE SERVICE

DATE	SPEAKER	TESTIMONY
19.4.87	– No Evening Service –	
26.4.87	Rev Andrew Ong Hung Siang Zion Gospel Mission	Mr Lim Siong Guan Barker Road Methodist Church
3.5.87	Khor Tong Keng Hephzebah Christian Fellowship	Philip S.H. Ong Hinghwa Methodist Church
10.5.87	Derrick Jacob Christian Library	Yan Fook Sum Trinity Methodist Church
17.5.87	Mr Paul Tan Tung Ling Bible School	Mrs Pamela Pan
24.5.87	Mr Paul Tan Tung Ling Bible School	Mr Ng Cheng Hwa Hinghwa Methodist Church
31.5.87	Mr Paul Tan Tung Ling Bible School	Mrs Pancy Ng Wesley Methodist Church

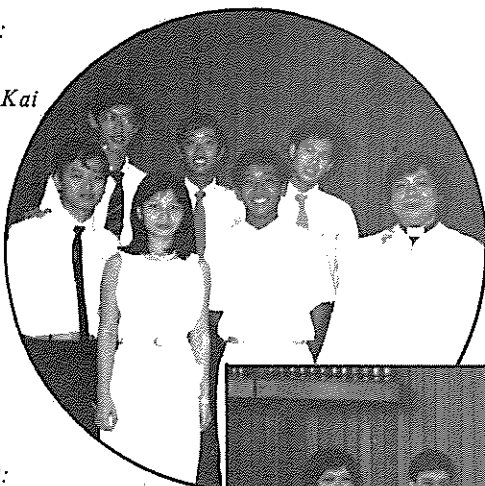
*We welcome our new members at Trinity (8.15am service)
and those who were baptised*

Front row (L-R):

*Benjamin Goh,
Dora Hong, Lau Kai
Meng (baptised),
Pastor.*

Back row (L-R):

*Peter Soh,
Desmond Lim,
Jason Kwan.*

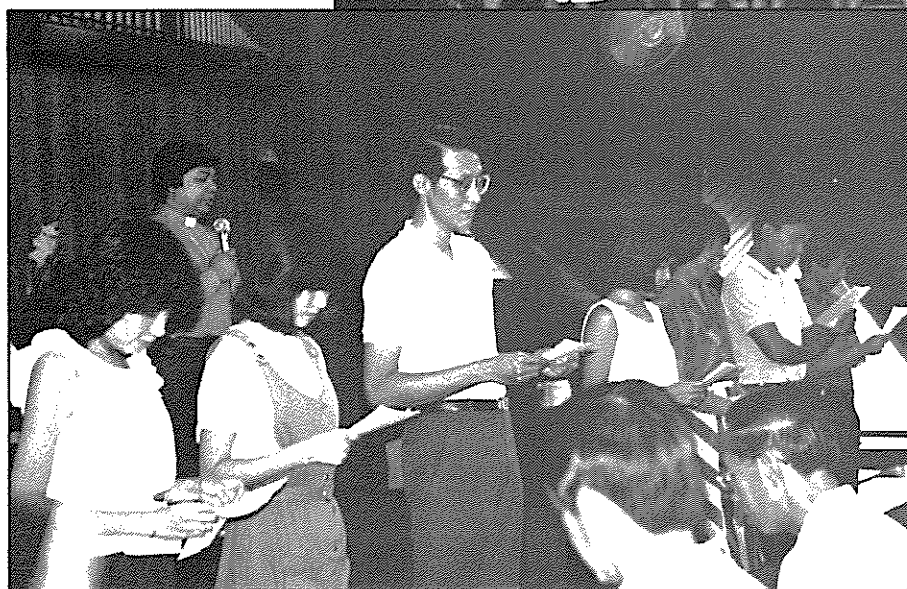
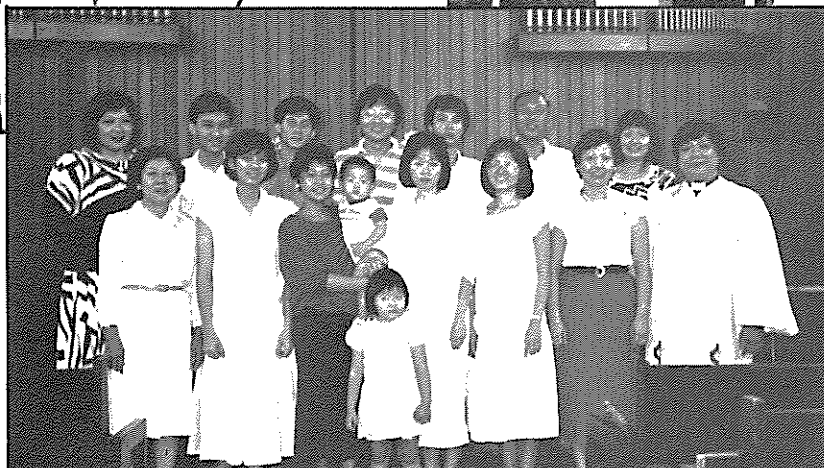


Front row (L-R):

*Maggie Gan, Jacqueline Lee
(baptised), Mariani Lee,
Helen Koh, Tan Hui Koon,
Esther Yan, Pastor.*

Back row (L-R):

*Tan May Yeng, Eugene Lee(baptised)
David Chan, Lee Ser Chye,
Lim Kwee Song, Yan Fook Sum,
Linda Sim.*

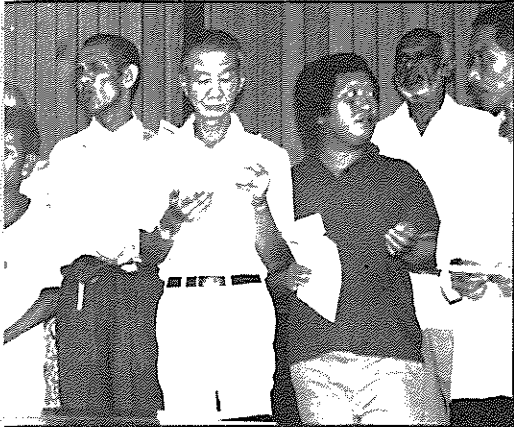


*Methodist Adult Fellowship
Installation of Council Members
(February 8, 1987)*

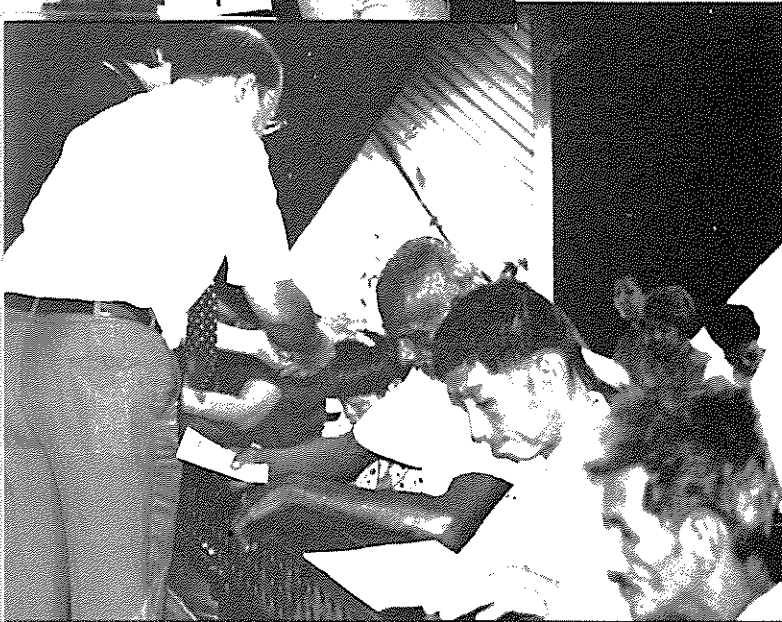
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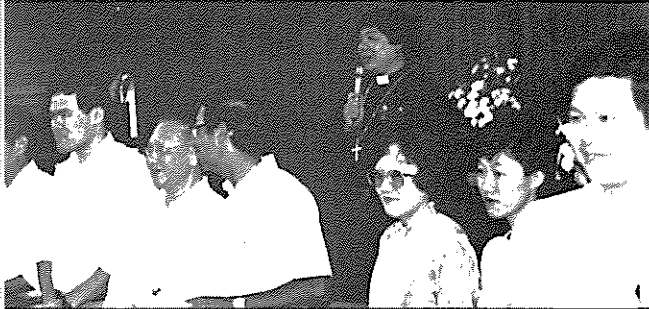
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*Social Concerns Sunday
(March 15, 1987): Meet
our friends from
Woodbridge and
Pelangi Home*



*Baptism Service for these brothers
and sisters-in-Christ on Social
Concerns Sunday
(L-R) Ms Margaret Wilson,
Ms Chan Poh Choo, Mr. Cecil Korasan,
Lim Siak Chea, Lim Kim Deow.*



*Take a bow, TMC Choir,
on their Installation.
(February 22, 1987)*

D) WORSHIP SERVICES

- 1) More training for ushers, lay readers, musicians, choir.
- 2) Choir recruitment.
- 3) Growth of Prayer and Praise Service.
- 4) Effective pulpit ministry and altar prayer ministry.

E) FINANCE

- 1) Pay off TEC debt soonest possible.
- 2) Emphasise pledging – 60% this year.
- 3) Encourage tithing and beyond.

OTHER IMPORTANT EMPHASES

MUSIC AND WORSHIP

- 1) Upgrading PA System.
- 2) Encourage punctuality.
- 3) More anthems by Choir, groups, soloists.
- 4) Piano and organ accompaniment.
- 5) Choir for the 8.15 service.
- 6) Improving Car Parking situation with signs/warden.

EVANGELISM

- 1) Further training for existing counsellors.
- 2) Involvement in CET will include:
 - a) Presentation of Spiritual Parenting Programme.
 - b) Activating a Liaison Committee.
 - c) Invite a US singing team (through TRAC Board on Evangelism) and organise evangelistic musical concert.

MISSIONS

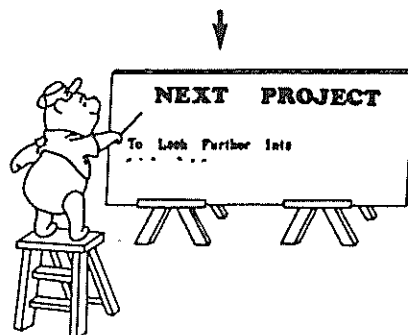
- 1) Establishing a Missions Statement/Policy.
- 2) Promote response for "full-time" ministry, local and abroad.
- 3) Challenge and support ONE person for foreign mission work.
- 4) Encourage participation in TRAC Board on Missions programmes to the Ibans.
- 5) Continue to support work among the Sengois and Karo Bataks through TRAC.
- 6) Challenge ONE to enter theological training for ministry and support through Theological Scholarship Fund.
- 7) Continue to support Missions Organisations.
- 8) Organisation of Missions Week with:
 - a) Guest Speaker
 - b) Exhibition/Visual Presentations
- 9) Increase Missions Budget to 20% of Church Budget at an increase of 2% per annum.
- 10) Appeal for donations for the Trinity Theological Scholarship Fund.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- 1) Promote Sunday School Teachers' Certificate Training Course conducted by Trinity Theological College through active promotion and financial support.
- 2) To develop the Resource Centre (Books and cassettes).
- 3) To produce educational publicity material.
- 4) Promote and reinforce good devotional materials and habits in Sunday School.
- 5) Combine with Campus Crusade National Leadership camp for training.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

- 1) Complete the Woodbridge Baptism Class.
- 2) Implement the Free Tuition Programme for Needy Primary School Pupils.
- 3) Organise Woodbridge Carolling and Christmas party.
- 4) Maintain other existing ministries.



MEMBERSHIP

- 1) Aim to achieve membership growth of 10%.
- 2) Investigate feasibility of a "mentor" system for members.
- 3) Roster "greeters" to take care of visitors on Sunday.
- 4) Activate a decentralised visitation programme with feed back to the pastor.
- 5) Establishing a coordinating group for visitation especially for lapsed members.
- 6) Encouragement for daily use of distributed devotional material.
- 7) Investigate feasibility of district Bible Studies.
- 8) Produce a Visitor Package.
- 9) Assist in conducting a Membership Attendance/Data Base Survey in July to September.
- 10) Updating of Membership Directory.
- 11) Organise "Hospital Visitation" Workshop.
- 12) Continue other existing programmes.

ORGANISATIONS

- 1) Feasibility of a co-ordinating body/group.
- 2) WSCS objectives
 - a) Deepen members' knowledge of God.
 - b) More extensive participation in programmes.
 - c) Conduct fortnightly Bible Studies.
- 3) MYF objectives
 - a) Enhance spiritual development and develop holy living.
 - b) Cultivate a loving environment.
 - c) 20% growth; outreach programmes.
 - d) Discipleship Training.
- 4) MAF objectives
 - a) Regular meetings will centre on participative Bible Studies.
 - b) Mobilisation of members for ministry.

NURSERY

- 1) To fulfil the objectives of the Nursery as previously presented.
- 2) Upgrade present facilities.
- 3) Increase enrolment to 40-45.
- 4) Recruit adequate staff.
- 5) Continue to solicit members (WSCS) assistance in daily activities.

LOCAL PREACHERS

- 1) To meet with pastor once a quarter for study and training.
- 2) To be engaged in different forms of ministry.
- 3) More persons to be encouraged to undergo training.

CONCLUSION

As we prayerfully move toward achieving these emphases through the power of the Spirit, the Lord will cause us to grow in number as well as spiritual maturity.



I THOUGHT BOB WAS
GOING TO BE HERE.

CHRISTIAN QUOTATIONS

JESUS CHRIST

I have a great need for Christ;
I have a great Christ for my need.

CHARLES H. SPURGEON

JOY

Those who bring
sunshine to the lives of others
cannot keep it
from themselves.

JAMES M. BARRIE

JUDGING OTHERS

You will not become a saint
through other people's sins.

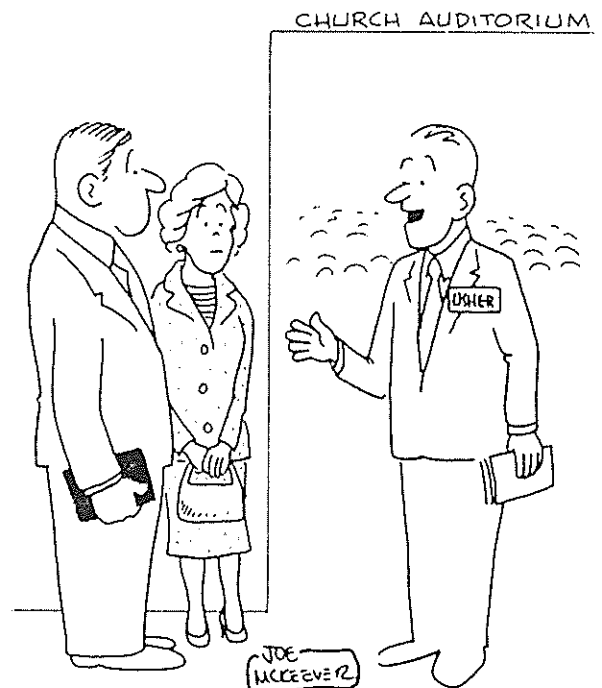
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FAMILY NEWS

CONDOLENCES:

to the family of Mr Robert Chia Sian
Choo who passed away on 23 March
1987.

Family of Richard Poh & Lynn on
the death of their father the Late
Mr. Poh Kim Leng who passed away
on 4th April 1987.



GOOD MORNING—COUGHING OR NON-
COUGHING SECTION, PLEASE?