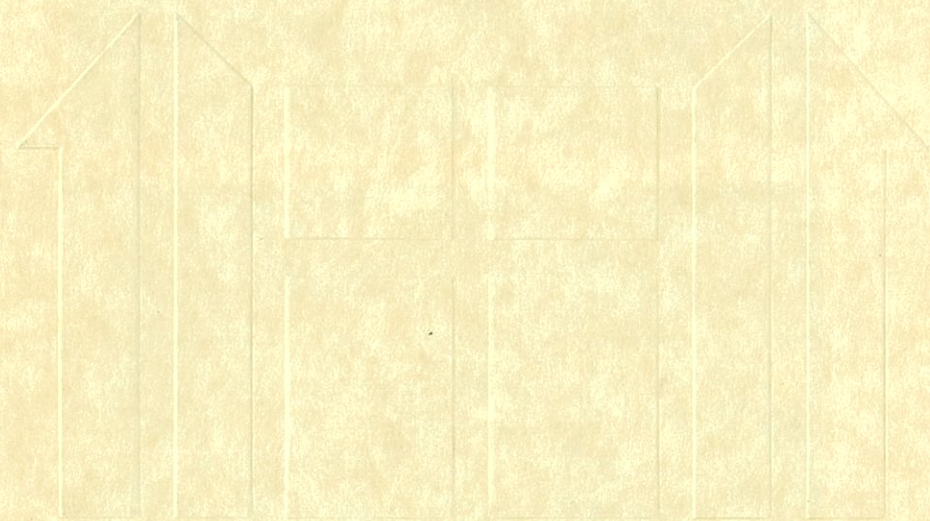


DEDICATION



For all that is in the heavens,
and in the earth is thine; thine is the Kingdom, O Lord,
and thou art exalted as Lord above all.

1 Chrn. 29:11



Dedication Day — March 12, 1983
Pasir Panjang Hill Brethren Chapel
3 Pasir Panjang Hill
Singapore 0511

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*Reference: "100 years later" **
(M. Finlay)

1910 — Some leaders and their families of
Bethesda Bras Basah and Neil Rd Gospel Halls.
Dr. Benjamin Chew (then 3 yrs old) seated on
grass (ex. left.)

1982 — last Sunday at NBRC.

" . . . What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes . . . so teach us Lord to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom."

James 4:14; Ps. 90:12



One Hundred years

IT IS NO COINCIDENCE THAT THE MISSION HOUSE WAS BUILT IN JULY 1882 AND THE BUILDING OF PASIR PANJANG HILL CHAPEL WAS COMPLETED IN JULY 1982, EXACTLY 100 YEARS TO THE MONTH. TRULY IT HAS BEEN THE LORD'S DOING.

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TO THE ONLY GOD, OUR SAVIOUR THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, BE GLORY, MAJESTY, DOMINION AND AUTHORITY, BEFORE ALL TIME AND NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

Beginnings

*"From everlasting to everlasting thou art God. For a thousand years
in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past . . ."*

Ps. 90:1, 4

The Brethren Movement

The term "brethren" means "brothers" and was an early description of Christians in the first Cent. AD.

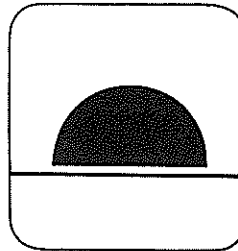
The modern Brethren movement began in Great Britain in the early 19th. Cent. when individual Christians sought to return to the New Testament principles and practices of church life, with emphasis on the Scriptural doctrine of the priesthood of all believers, the authority and reliability of the Bible, a personal faith in Jesus, and an open fellowship at the Lord's table.

In the 1840's the Brethren movement split into "Exclusive" and "Open" Brethren—the former demanding stricter requirements for membership in the fellowship.

Singapore Brethren from 1864

The Brethren work in Singapore was started by an English merchant, Philip Robinson, who arrived here from Australia in 1857, and founded the well-known Robinsons Company.

The first Brethren church gathered at 108 Bencoolen St. in 1864 for worship and Gospel services; 2



years later in 1866 a building was put up at Bras Basah Road named Bethesda Chapel. The present form of Bethesda (Bras Basah) Gospel Hall resulted from the rebuilding of the original chapel.

100 years later — 1964

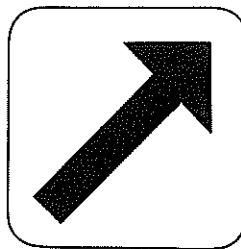
The Brethren expanded and set up congregations in Neil Rd (New Bridge Rd. Chapel), Katong, Yio Chu Kang, Geylang, Frankel and Bukit Panjang, and by 1964 during its centenary there were 7 English-speaking congregations, 5 Chinese-speaking and 2 Malay-speaking with an estimated total membership of 1600. Attached to some of these assemblies were 11 Sunday Schools with an estimated enrolment of 2,000 students.

Since that date several new congregations have been established and the present Brethren congregations are: Ang Mo Kio, Angora, Bedok Mission House, Bras Basah, Bukit Arang, Bukit Panjang, Clementi, Exodus, Frankel Estate, Geylang, Jalan Rama Rama, Katong, Pasir Panjang Hill, Serangoon and Yio Chu Kang.

Directions

Mission House from 1882

The Mission house at 417 New Bridge Road (Neil Road Gospel Hall) was built in 1882 for "missionaries passing through the port and also to serve as a residence for any missionary labouring in Singapore in connection with the Gospel work at Bethesda". Mr Alexander Grant, a permanent resident missionary who had formerly been in China as a missionary of the Presbyterian Church, was the first occupant



"A man plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps" Prov. 16:9

to move into the house on July 20, 1882. Mr Grant was a fluent speaker of the Chinese Hokkien dialect.

Pre-war years

The Mission house was a haven of rest for scores of passing and resident missionaries over its past 100 years. Tradition has it that Hudson Taylor stayed there on more than one occasion.

When missionaries were driven out of China during the Boxer Rising and later in 1936 and when China closed its doors to missionaries in 1948, countless servants of the Lord found the Mission house truly a place of refuge and rest.

For many years a Sunday School was carried on in the dining-room of the Mission house. However in 1936, a house at 155 Neil Road was rented to conduct Gospel meetings in English, Chinese and Malay. Miss Gladys Grigg, a missionary from UK, occupied the house until the Fall of Singapore. The meetings were stopped with the Japanese occupation and re-started in 1947 at the Mission house. There was a worship service, a Sunday School and Gospel meetings conducted in English. That year also saw the beginnings of the Malay-speaking (Pernakan) assembly. Mr and Mrs Matt Finlay, missionaries from New Zealand occupied the Mission house from Jan. 1947 together with Miss Grigg.

1960's

The 1960's saw the flourishing of youth and children's work at Neil Road Gospel Hall.

In 1959 a Sister Mrs Chiang Hong Thian of the Malay Assembly left a sum of money upon her death for the enlargement and repairs of the Gospel Hall, thus increasing its seating capacity to nearly 200 persons.

Later that year a change in the Government policy disallowing the use of school buildings for Sunday Schools, affected 3 Sunday Schools in the district (namely Tiong Bahru, Redhill and Nelson) which shifted into the newly-expanded Neil Rd. Gospel Hall.

The church thus had "full house" every Sunday with the Lord's Supper in English followed by the Malay (Pernakan) assembly in the morning; then Nelson Sunday School, followed by the Tiong Bahru Sunday School, the Junior Sunday School and the Senior Sunday School in the afternoon, ending with the English Gospel service in English in the late evening.

The English-speaking congregation was made up largely of young people (below 20) and the Malay-speaking of the elderly (above 50). Evidences of the youthful congregation were seen in the emergence of the "Overcomers" youth group in the early '60's and the "Bukit Ho Swee Mission" in the mid-60's. The church was still a branch assembly of Bethesda Bras Basah and not yet fully autonomous. It was led by "Responsible Brethren" appointed by the Bras Basah Elders. In mid 1966 Neil Road Gospel Hall became a fully autonomous local church.

1970's

The 1970's saw the beginnings of housechurches. The church (re-named New Bridge Road Chapel) having gained its autonomy was now faced with the challenge of having to move out from its existing premises at the expiry of its lease in Nov. 1979.

Led by a youthful leadership it determined to branch out into small housechurches over the remaining period of its stay at NBRC.

This saw the development of 4 housechurches from 1974 — 1977 namely Holland Rd Chapel in 1974 (re-named Exodus), Dover and Angora in 1975, Gideon in 1977 and Living Hope in 1978. During that period of development the total membership increased from 100 to nearly 400.

But by end 1978 because of the need for consolidation and leadership problems, the churches decided that there should be no more new housechurches. Meanwhile Gideon and Dover Chapels had merged and were called Clementi, and Living Hope Chapel after about 2 years of existence returned to New Bridge Rd. Chapel in 1979.

"Unless the Lord builds the house those who build it labour in vain."

Ps. 127:1

PPH Chapel from 1977

At the end of 1977 Grace Methodist Church offered for sale its parsonage at 3 Pasir Panjang Hill. After much prayer and consultations the price was negotiated at \$170,000. But unsettled matters on the part of the Methodists delayed the sale for nearly 1½ years. It was finally completed in March 1979. This delay was costly.

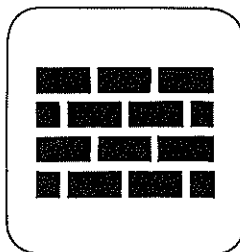
The first estimate in June 1977 of \$690,000 for the building project drastically increased to \$900,000 by the time tenders were called in March 1980.

The PPH building project made it needful for manpower and resources from all the chapels to be marshalled for the mammoth task. In 1978 when the decision was taken to build the chapel, the 4 existing congregations had about 400 members, of whom over 70% were students. The average age of the members was 22. The church's closest experience to building was the purchase of its Angora Close house in Dec 1975 at a comparatively paltry sum of \$131,000.

However if funds appeared to be lacking, the Lord God had provided for the occasion men with the necessary experiences in their secular jobs for the building project.

The Combined Building Committee with its Technical, Financial and Promotions sub-committees went into full swing from the word "go". In mid 1980 revised building plans (scaled down from the more elaborate Methodists') had been approved, the building contractor selected and a total of nearly \$300,000 raised.

Almost immediately after the tender documents were signed the building industry in Singapore underwent an



accelerated period of price hikes brought about by several economic factors, including shortage of labour and materials which for the next 2 years were to be the major cause in delaying the completion of the building project.

The project tested the faith of the believers to trust God to provide the impossible sum of \$1 million. It also tested the durability and mettle of the leaders. The core leaders held up to some trying times over the years.

The building project seemed to have 2 diametrically opposing effects on the believers. Many fasted, prayed and gave sacrificially and experienced the blessings of the Lord. Others however were discouraged by the "business" of putting up such an enormous physical building and would have preferred a less pretentious undertaking on a more "spiritual" level.

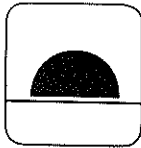
100 years later — 1982

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TO HIM ALONE BELONGS THE GLORY.

Chronology



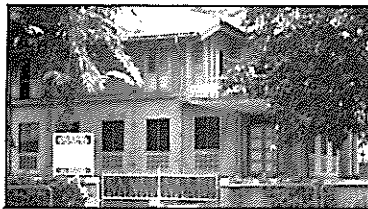
BEGINNINGS: The Lord's work at Mission House 417 New Bridge Road (Neil Road Gospel Hall) from 1882

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1882 Mission house built at 417 New Bridge Road; first occupied by missionary Alexander Grant on July 20th.

Pre-war years Mission house was rest house for many of the Lord's servants; Sunday School functioned in dining-room.

1936 Rented house at 155 Neil Road was used to conduct Gospel meetings in English, Chinese and Malay. House occupied by Miss Gladys Grigg missionary from U.K. Work stopped during Japanese occupation.



1947 Work re-started in Mission house (Neil Rd. Gospel Hall) with full congregation, Sunday School and Gospel meetings in English. Mr and Mrs M. Finlay, New Zealand missionaries occupied Mission house together with Miss Grigg. Malay (Pernakan) work started with Bible study group and prayer. Leaders included Mr Lee Teow Poh, Mr Thien Yan Soon, Mr Oh Teow Suan and Miss Grigg.

1951 Mr Charlie Tan commended by Bethesda Bras Basah to full time Christian ministry.

1959 Extension of Neil Rd. Gospel Hall to hold 200 persons coinciding with change in Government policy disallowing use of school buildings for Sunday School work, affecting Tiong Bahru, Nelson, Redhill Sunday Schools, which shifted into the church. The period saw flourishing of Sunday School work under Superintendents M. Finlay, Harry Tan, Charlie Tan, Tommy Cheong and Richard Chia; "Overcomers" youth ministry under leadership of Charlie Tan, Edwin Goh, Richard Chia, Tan Yew Jin, Tham Siew Kiong, Loi Tat Kai.

1960 Jun Responsible Brethren committee (M. Finlay, Charlie Tan, Richard Chia, C. McSkimming, Warwick Neville and Dr. W. Hamilton) appointed by Bethesda Bras Basah elders, led Neil Rd. Gospel Hall still a branch assembly of Bethesda.



1966 Jan Bukit Ho Swee Mission inaugurated by Lawrence Chua, Stephen Chua, Chwee Heng Chooi, Johnny Nah, Yeo Siew Khim, Pauline Han, Rosalind Chung and Ong Bee Choo. Ministry included free tuition, tracting, Bible study, social work for children in Bukit Ho Swee area. In 1968 BHSM leaders included Lawrence Chua, Peter Tan, Chan Yau Seng, Chng Buck Chwee, and Errol Oh.

Mid-1966 Neil Rd. Gospel Hall became fully autonomous church; re-named New Bridge Rd. Gospel Hall. During this period, Miss Grigg and later the Finlays returned to their home countries after over 30 years of missionary service.





DIRECTIONS: Housechurches

1970 Leaders at NBRC:

Yap Pow Thong, Khor Tong Keng, Campbell McSkimming, Philip Tan, Charlie Teo, Richard Chia, Catherine Cheong, Lee Juan Kow.

1971

Jan Miss Mary Chang commended to full-time Christian ministry.

1972

Miss Catherine Cheong joined Singapore Bible College as full-time student.

1974

Jan First worship (about 12 persons) started at Holland Rd Chapel (later re-named Exodus) with Khor Tong Keng as resident elder.

Mar 30 members of BHSM, from NBRC joined HRC.

In that same year

Oct Khor Tong Keng commended to full-time church ministry.

1975

Jun 50 members from NBRC started housechurch at Dover Road home of elder Philip Tan and wife Say Yin. Leaders included Catherine Cheong and Lee Juan Kow.

Dec Purchased Angora Close house at \$131,000; trustees Yap Pow Thong and Richard Chia.

In the same year

Jun Miss Connie Poon appointed Church Secretary with office at Holland Road.

Jul

Malay Literature and Bible Correspondences committee set up: C. McSkimming, Richard Chia, William Tan, Peter Tan, Shirlee Poon, Philip Tan, Katherine Seet (later joined by Chek Ai Ming, Charlie Teo).

Aug

Khor Tong Keng left for London Bible College.

Oct

1st Combined Mission Board formed: Dr Benny Tan (Chairman) Chan Yau Seng, Helen Chow Ho Wah Onn, Yap Pang Yong, Sandra Lau, Foo Fui Ping.

Nov

Miss Catherine Cheong graduated from SBC and commended to the full-time Christian ministry.

1976

Feb/ Mar

Yap Pow Thong shifted into Angora Close as resident elder of housechurch. 30 believers from NBRC started housechurch at Angora Chapel. Leaders: Yap Pow Thong, Chan Yau Seng, Paul Tan.

In that same year:

Jan

Miss Chia Kwee Cheng (now Mrs Wong) appointed Church Secretary upon departure of Connie Poon for UK.

Jul

Richard Chia commended to full-time Christian ministry. Charlie Tan commenced support with Combined Mission Board.

Oct

Miss Lim Geok Imm (now Mrs Ng) joined Youth for Christ.

Dec

NZ missionaries Campbell and Elaine McSkimming and family left Singapore for home.

1977

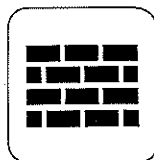
Jan

Gideon Chapel started (with 15 members from Holland Road Chapel) at Chip Bee Gardens home of Elder Henry Hoe and wife Judy. Dover Rd Chapel rented house at Goodwood Road.

In that same year:

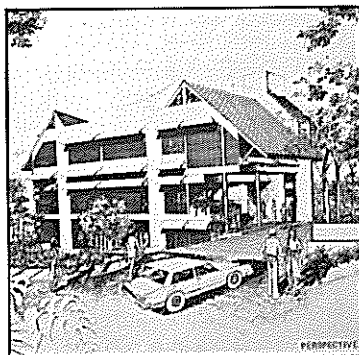
Jul

Khor Tong Keng returned from LBC.



BUILDING: PPH Chapel

- 1977** Nov Offer of sale of 3 Pasir Panjang Hill (land and house) by Grace Methodist Church (GMC)
Formation of Combined Building Committee (CBC): Philip Tan (Chairman)
- Dec** GMC agreed to sell property with Government approval for erection of church building.
- 1978** Mar Formation of Technical sub-committee (TSC): Khor Tong Keng (Chairman)
Formation of Finance sub-committee (FSC): Lee Chee Yeng (Chairman)
succeeded by Ho Wah Onn and Philip Tan.
- Jun** TSC estimates building cost at \$690,000
- Jul** Formation of Promotions sub-committee (PSC): Richard Chia (Chairman)
- Oct** Perspective (sketch) of proposed church building drawn up by Shirley Poon.

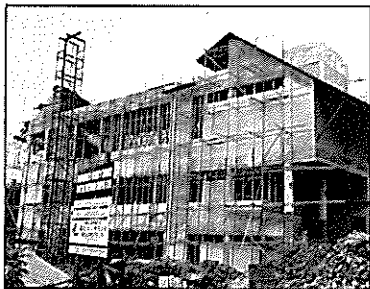


- Nov** 13th — Brethren Chapel Ltd incorporated to handle all legal/official governmental matters relating to project: Chan Yau Seng (Chairman of Board)
Formation of Tenders Board: Lee Chee Yeng (Chairman)
In that same year
- Jan** 25 believers from NBRC started housechurch — Living Hope Chapel in home of deacon Chan Lim Sing & wife Teow Siang.
- Feb** K. Supramaniam joined Navigators.
- Jul** Chia Kwee Cheng and Kwan Mei Fong joined Operation Mobilization.
Angelia Liew appointed Church Secretary.
- Aug** Dr Benny Tan NBRC deacon began service at Mission Hospital, Hongkong.
- Oct** Catherine Cheong joined Christian Lit. Crusade, Hongkong.
- 1979** Jan Meeting with Local Church Executive Committee of Grace Methodist to resolve delay in sale of property.
- Mar** Purchase of Property from GMC finally effected at \$170,000.
- Apr** Govt. approval received for extension of building dateline; legal matters relating to purchase completed; architect submitted building plans to authorities.

- Nov** 19th — NBRC's lease expired: Govt. renewed lease on yearly Temporary Occupation Licence. House at 3 PPH demolished.
In that same year:
- Jan** Dover and Gideon Chapels merged and re-named Clementi Brethren Chapel.
- Mar** Living Hope Chapel rejoined NBRC.
- Jul** Richard Chia & Khor Tong Keng switched leadership; Tong Keng with 40 Clementi members shifted to NBRC, and Richard to Clementi.
- Dec** Miss Chia Kwee Cheng returned from Operation Mobilization.
- 1980** Jan Architects Edwin Choo & Partners agreed to withdraw from project; Architects Interdesign appointed.
- Feb/ Mar** Tenders called. 3 out of 6 tenders shortlisted by Tenders Board.
- Apr** Negotiations, led by Nick Lim Siew; building contract awarded to Milliard Pte Ltd at \$860,000. Formation of Project Management Team to take charge of construction: Lee Chee Yeng (Chairman); Khor Tong Keng (Co-ordinator), Lim Siew, Lee Chin Poh, Lee Hin Kong, Wellington Foo (Accountant), Richard Chia, Ho Wah Onn.
- Sep** Electrical tender awarded to SME electrical contractors at \$53,000.

In that same year:

- Jan** Henry Lee & Sok Li left for Asuza Pacific College, U.S. for theological training.
- Feb** Miss Chia (now Mrs Wong) Kwee Cheng joined Far East Broadcasting Association.
- Apr** Clementi shifted from Goodwood Rd house to St George's church for worship because of increase in number.
- Jun** Miss Janet Gan joined Eagles Evangelism.
- Nov** Charlie Tan commended as elder of Malay Assembly.
- Dec** Miss Angelia Liew resigned as Church Secretary.
- 1981**
- May** 17th: First Fasting & Prayer Day.
- Jun** Khor Tong Keng left for Hakka Methodist Church; Richard Chia took over as PPH project co-ordinator.
21st: Second Fasting & Prayer Day.



- Jul** Completion date of building extended.
19th: Third Fasting & Prayer Day.
- Aug** 18th: Fourth Fasting & Prayer Day.
- Sep** 13th: Fifth Fasting & Prayer Day.
- Dec** Formation of Property Management Committee to manage PPH and all church properties:
Chng Buck Chwee (Chairman),
Succeeded by Richard Chia and Kelly Choo.

In that same year:

- Jan** Miss Caroline Lee appointed temporary Church Secretary succeeded by Mrs Lim Mei Lee & Mrs Ng Geok Imm.
Leong Weng Kee joined Asia Evangelistic Fellowship.
- Apr** Dr Benny Tan returned from H.K. Mission Hospital.
- Jun** Eric Tan joined Operation Mobilisation.
- Jul** Richard Chia re-assigned from Clementi to NBRC as elder.
Miss Wong Sau Chee joined Singapore Bible College as fulltime student.
- Dec** First Babies Dedication Service at NBRC.
- 1982**
- Jan — June** Building contractor requested for extension of completion date to Mar '82, then April, May and June.
- Jun** Take-over of completed building delayed because of several uncompleted jobs.

- Jul 15th** Official handing over of completed building by contractor to church



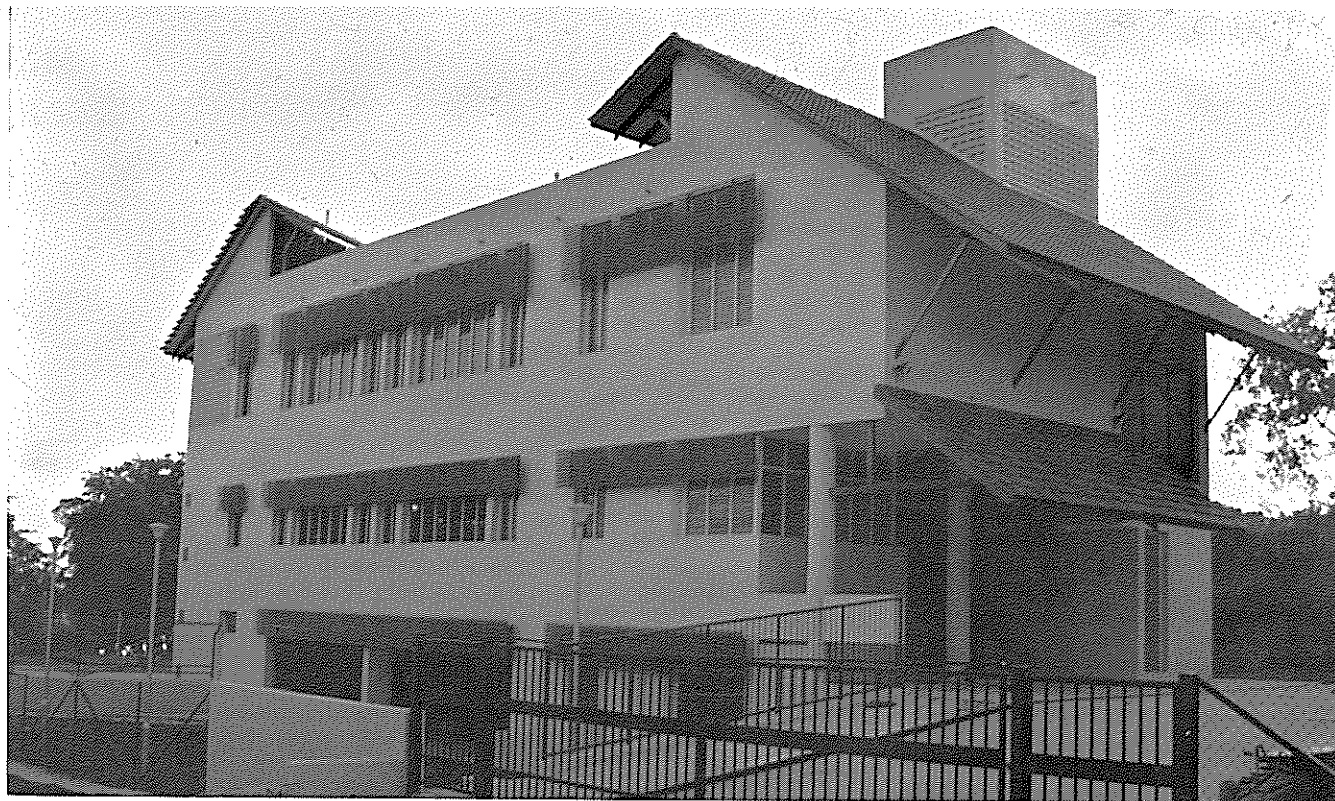
- Aug 5th** Temporary Occupation Licence granted for PPH Chapel for 6 months.
Clementi Chapel shifted into PPH Chapel — Level 1.
- Sep** Exodus Chapel shifted into Level 2.
- Oct** NBRC shifted into Level 3, renamed PPH Brethren Chapel.
- Dec** First Combined Christmas Service at PPH Chapel.
- In that same year:
- Jul** Miss Elsie Chua appointed Church Secretary succeeded by Miss Catherine Lim.
- Weddings: At least 12 couples were married in 1982, the largest number of marriages ever in one year.

Dedication

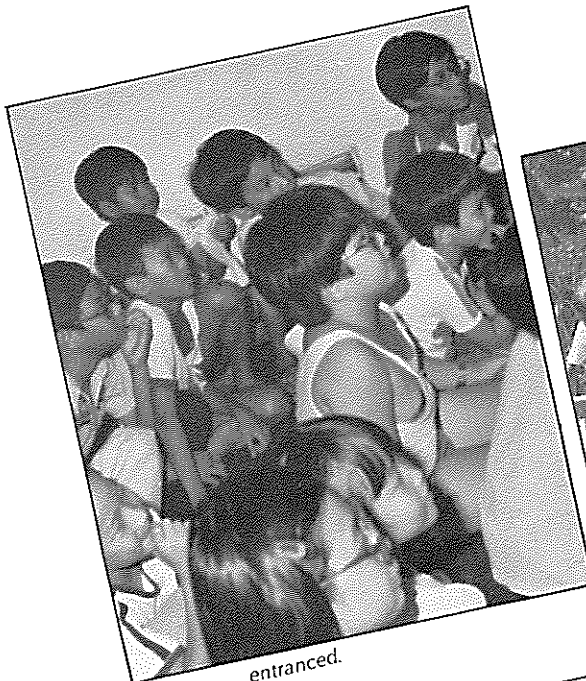
**“O LORD OUR GOD...
who are we...that we should be able
thus to offer willingly? For all things come
from Thee, and of Thy own have
we given Thee.”**

(1 Chronicles 29:14)

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Ministries



Children . . . entranced.



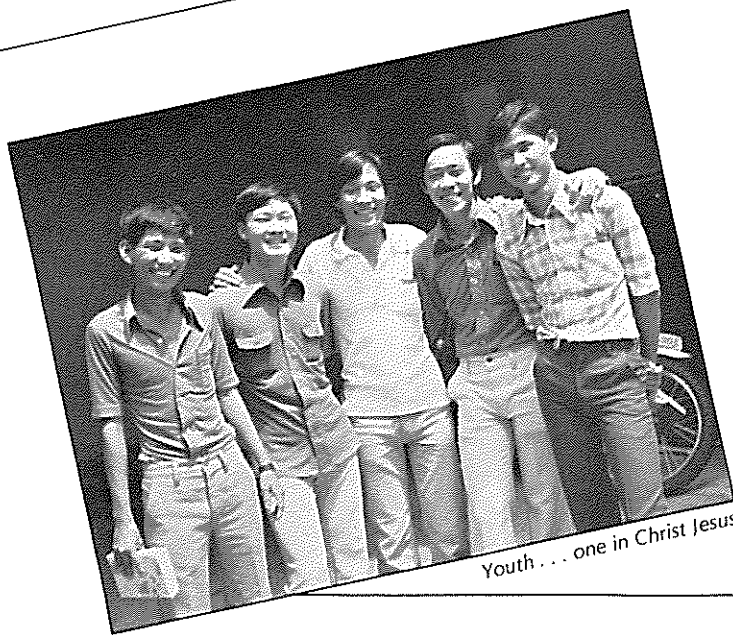
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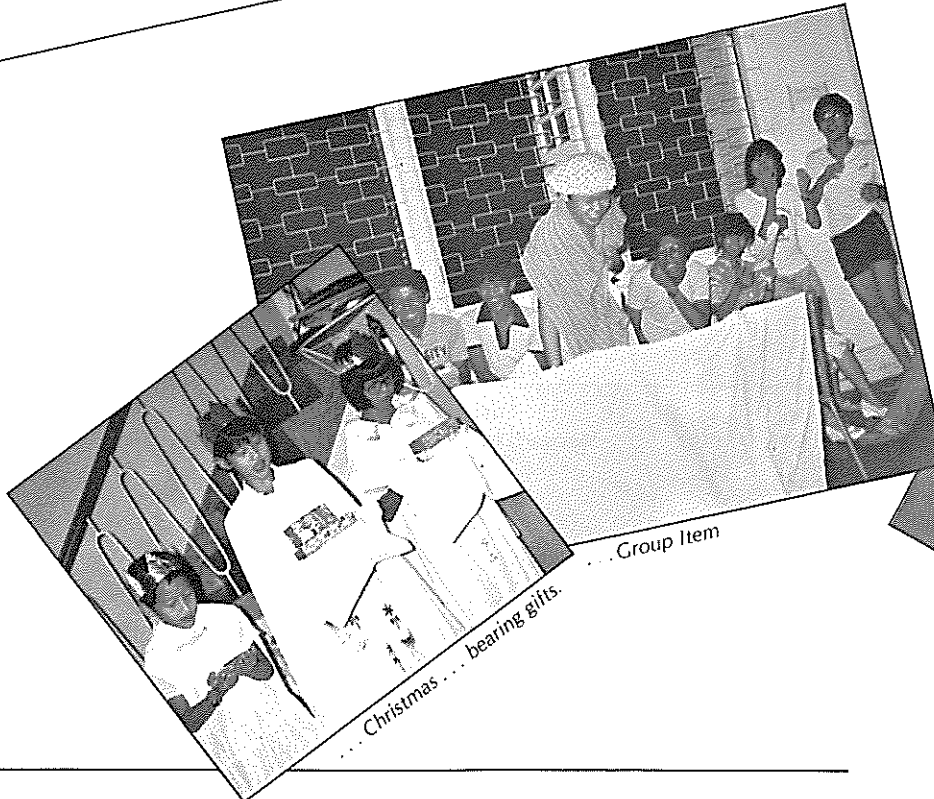
. . . Happy faces in the garden city.



. . . all shapes and sizes.

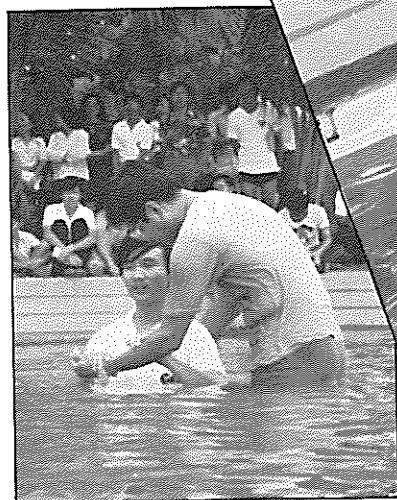


Youth . . . one in Christ Jesus



. . . Christmas . . . bearing gifts.

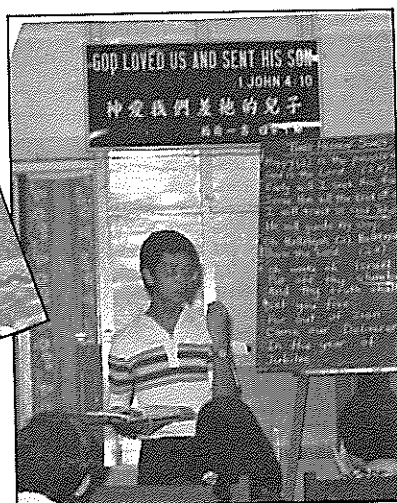
. . . Group Item



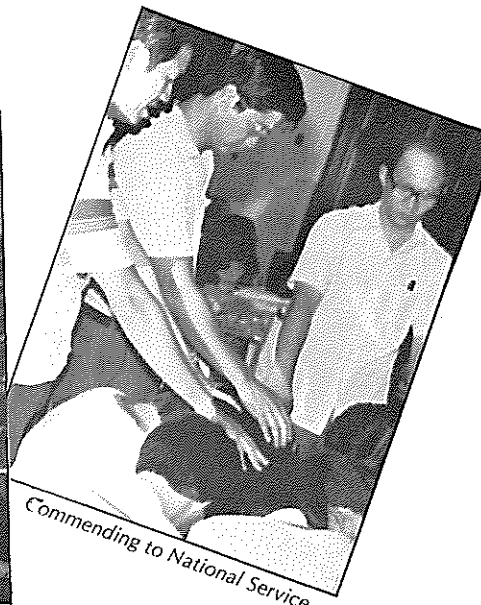
Baptism . . . at sea — Changi Point.



. . . NBRC Malay Assembly.
Baptism at 70 plus.



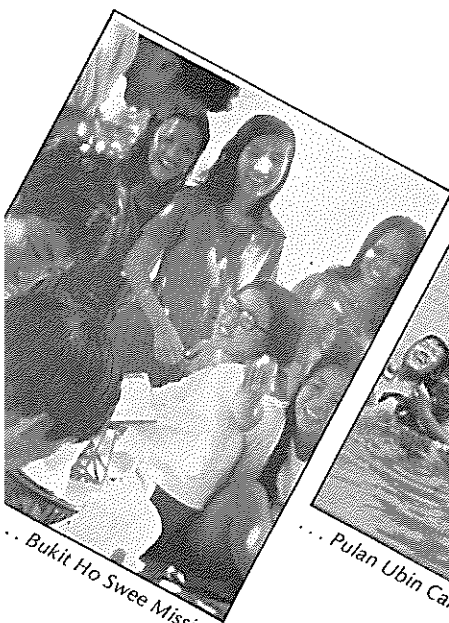
Proclaiming the Word



Commending to National Service



. . . Celebrating



. . . Bukit Ho Swee Mission



. . . Pulau Ubin Campers.



. . . Relaxing in song



A Youth Camp.



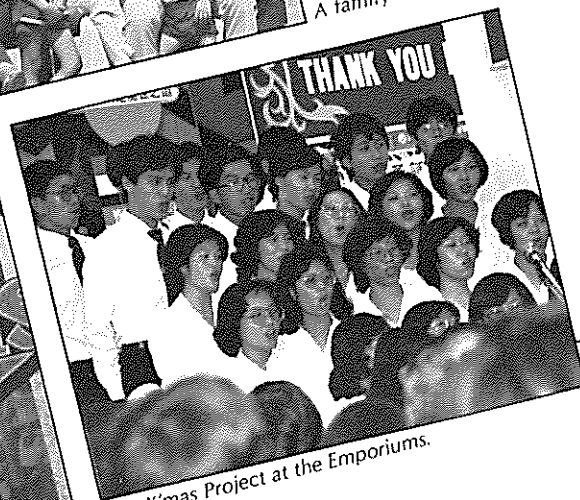
A family Camp.



A Promotions Project . . . Emporium piper



. . . belting out



. . . X'mas Project at the Emporiums.



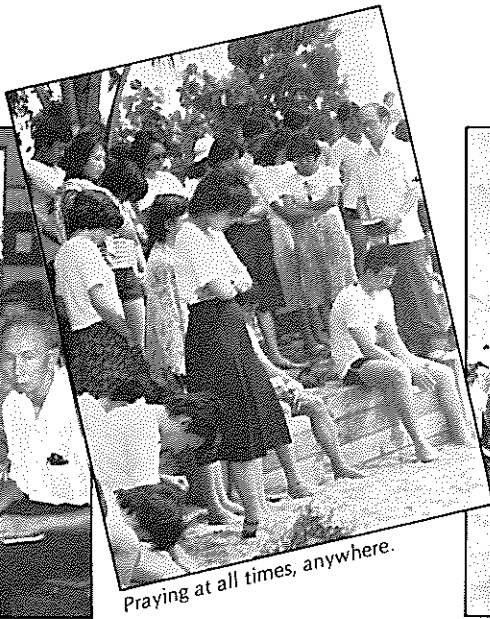
Evangelism . . . parents night.



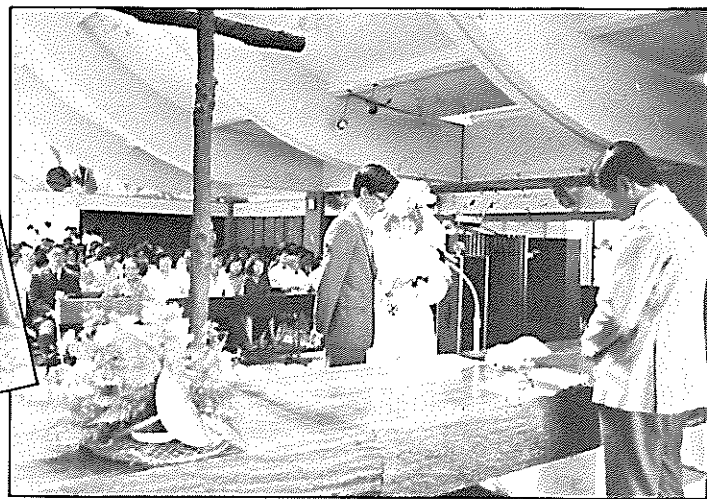
On a mission trip — Kampar.



NBRC's Malay (Pernakan) Assembly —
faithful because He is faithful.



Praying at all times, anywhere.

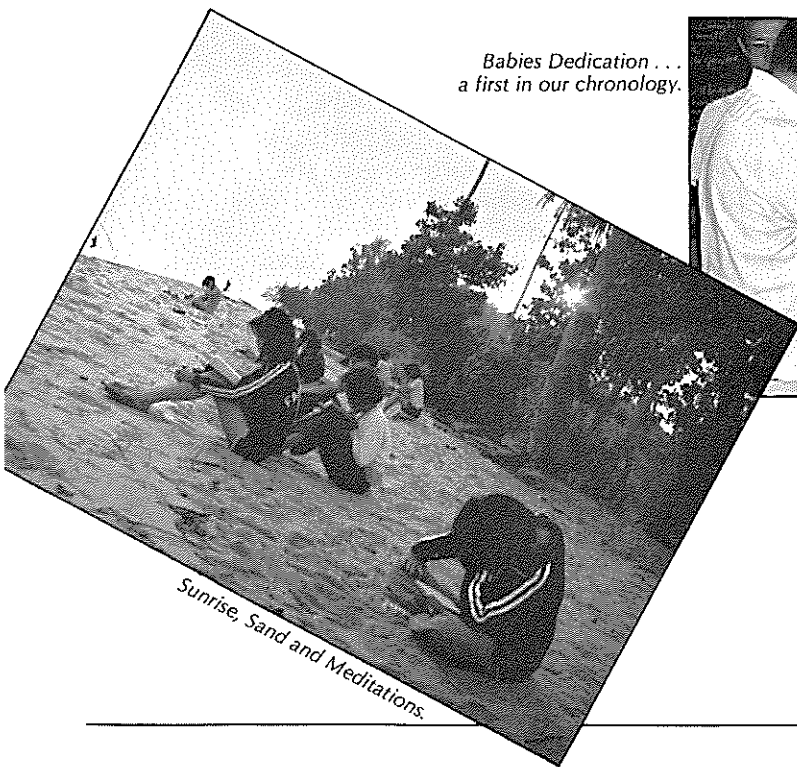


Wedding . . . a moment of solemnity.

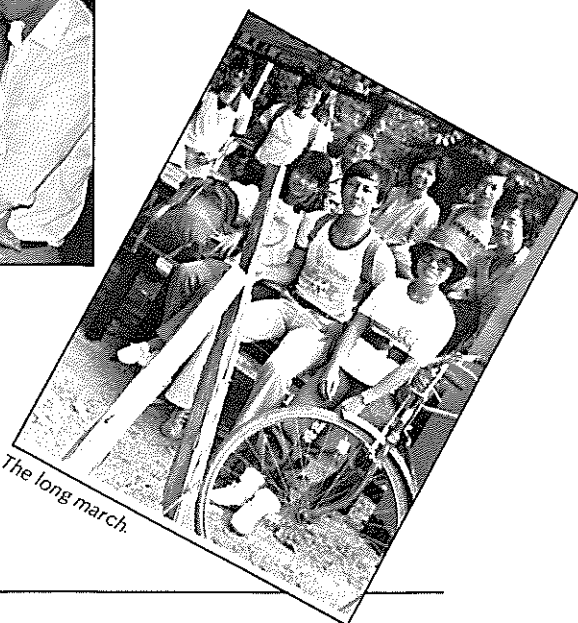
Babies Dedication . . .
a first in our chronology.



Sunrise, Sand and Meditations.



The long march.



Greetings

*Pasir Panjang Hill Brethren Chapel, Ltd.,
Pasir Panjang Hill,
SINGAPORE 0511.*

Our Dear Friends,

It gives us much joy to know that you will be holding the Dedication Service of your new Chapel building next month. We rejoice with you over this and praise our Lord for enabling you to complete this huge building project for His glory, as a significant centre for Worship, Mission and Evangelism, in spite of many obstacles. This is nothing less than a miracle! Your fervent faith in the living God and your dynamic vision for the expansion of His Kingdom have been abundantly rewarded. Surely we can together praise the Lord for His faithfulness shown to you in a diversity of ways. To God be all the glory and the praise!

Every time one visits cities like Hong Kong, Wellington (N.Z.) and San Francisco (U.S.A.), one is reminded of the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden" (Matt. 5:14). It is our earnest prayer that your local church, located on the Pasir Panjang Hill, may be seen by many in more sense than one. May the light of your vibrant witness shine in all its brilliance to people not only in Singapore but also to multitudes beyond its shores, bringing peace, hope and joy as found in the Lord Jesus — the Light of the world.

We look back with affection and gratitude to the sweet fellowship in the Gospel we had enjoyed with you all since we came from Klang (Malaysia) in 1949. It seems like yesteryear! We praise the Lord for our missionary friends who had faithfully ministered in your midst and encouraged you in the early days. It is heartening to see that the leadership of your local church is under God, in the hands of second generation Christians and that the ministry has blossomed beyond all expectations.

The Elders and Deacons of the Epping Chapel, Sydney (our home Assembly) join us in conveying congratulations and well-wishes to you all on this joyous and auspicious occasion.

Your servant for Christ's sake,

DR. G.D. JAMES
(Chairman/Gen. Director)
Asia Evangelistic Fellowship

Dearly beloved,

Greetings in the glorious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

Glory and praise be to God for this happy day, on the official opening and dedication of your beautiful chapel. We rejoice with you over the Lord's goodness in the fulfilment of your aspiration to have a church building of your own.

Truly this is the beginning of a new experience, opening new visions of more thrilling adventures, in the winning of more souls for our Lord Jesus Christ and nurturing believers in their faith and witness.

We at Bethesda (Katong) will watch with keen interest your further progress, and we assure you of our prayers for His continued blessing on your endeavours, confident that "He Who has begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

With much joy and love, We remain,
Yours in His bond,

T.C. KOH

Elder and Secretary,
On behalf of the Council and members
of Bethesda (Katong)

Dear Brethren

Greetings and God's richest blessings from all at Bethesda Chapel, 55, Lorong 29.

We rejoice with you all for God's great provision in providing this wonderful house of His for the expansion of His vineyard.

May your presence in that area be a great blessing to the people that they may see your fellowship, concern and love for them to make them want to receive the Lord as their Saviour.

Be ye steadfast unmoveable and always abiding in the love of God that His beauty may be radiant in your faces for the people to know that you all have been with Jesus and are His.
Love in Christ.

From all at Bethesda Chapel.

Luke. 19:13.

DANE LOVEDAY

Elder

*Pasir Panjang Hill Brethren Chapel, Ltd.,
Pasir Panjang Hill,
SINGAPORE 0511.*

To the Elders and Members at Pasir Panjang Brethren Chapel:

We in Yio Chu Kang Chapel send our heartiest congratulations and greetings to you all on this historic occasion, the dedication and opening of your new church building. You would no doubt rejoice and thank the Lord for seeing you all through to the completion of this big project. Praised be His name!

As you have all worked so hard over the past few years to commit yourselves to the Lord to build His house, you too have been strengthened and blessed individually and as a church. Surely a project of this nature called for much faith and trust in the Lord, much resourcefulness and a generous spirit to give of one's best to the service of our Master. King David said: "I have provided for the house of my God, so far as I was able . . . Who then will offer willingly, consecrating himself today to the Lord?" (1 Chronicles 29:2, 5).

The completion of the building project will mark a new phase of development for all of you, to strengthen the body of Christ and grow to greater spiritual depth.

The leaders of your church have set a fine example of dedication to God, for all to follow.

FREDDIE HO
(On behalf of the Elders,
Yio Chu Kang Chapel)

Promotions Projects

1978

Aug 1st Promotions Project
(GREETING CARDS)
netted \$3,509.81

Other on-going projects by
individual chapels: sale of
coffee-power, Chinese New Year
'ang-pow' collections, sale of
desk-mate, walkaton, food-fair,
books sale, Malay Assembly sale
of food.

Nov (FOOD FAIR) netted \$1,580.20

Dec (BONUS COLLECTIONS)
netted \$6,495.45

1979

Jan (DONATION CARDS)
collected \$77,838.69

Feb (ANG POW COLLECTION)

Jun (THANK YOU CARDS)

Sep (CHRISTMAS CARDS/RECORDS)
netted \$2,365

Dec (CHRISTMAS CAROLLING)
netted \$2,012.40

1980

Jan (BONUS COLLECTION)
collected \$12,673.60

May (MAYFAIR) netted \$10,600

Aug (SACRIFICE) \$81,642

1981

Jan (PRE-CHINESE NEW YEAR
SALES)
netted \$9,142.50

May (CONSECRATION)
\$154,658.66 plus loans \$21,300

Dec (BONUS YEAR-END
COLLECTION)

1982/83

Oct'82 Target to raise \$100,000
to
Feb'83

Mar to Jun '83 Target to raise \$200,000

Appreciation

WE PRAISE GOD for the fellowship and participation in this
building project of so many Christians, churches and others
both in Singapore and abroad.

WE GREATLY VALUE your Christian fellowship as we co-
labour together in the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus
Christ and the extension of His Glorious Kingdom.

Committees

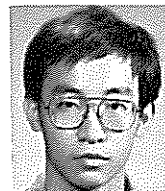
Current & Past Members

Property Management Committee

Chairman Chng Buck Chwee succeeded by Richard Chia, succeeded by Kelly Choo.
Lim Chwee Pheng, Pansy Tan, Tay Kah Poh, Chan Fu Lau, Chan Yau Seng, Philip Tan, Lee Juan Kow, Leong Weng Kee.



Peter Tan



Tay Kah Poh



Pansy Tan



Lee Juan Kow

Combined Building Committee

Chairman Philip Tan
Members Yap Pow Thong, Henry Hoe, Khor Tong Keng, Richard Chia, Lawrence Chua, Peter Tan, Chan Yau Seng, Ho Wah Onn, Lee Chee Yeng, David Lua, Tay Chew Ker, Andrew Ng.

Technical sub-committee

Chairman Khor Tong Keng
Members Nicholas Lim Siew, Lee Hin Kong, Lee Chin Poh, Wee Sun, Phang Foong Kwang, Patrick Lee, Esther Teo, Ho Wah Onn.

Finance sub-committee

Chairman Lee Chee Yeng succeeded by Ho Wah Onn and Philip Tan.

Brethren Chapel Ltd

Directors Chan Yau Seng (Chairman), Khor Tong Keng, Philip Tan, Henry Hoe, Lawrence Chua, Richard Chia, Peter Tan and Lee Chee Yeng.



Chan Yau Seng

Promotions sub-committee

Chairman Richard Chia
Members Jennifer Chua, Chan Yau Seng, Henry Hoe, Tay Chew Ker, Chiam Choon Meng. Others who joined over the next 4 years:
Lim Ah Hock, Heer Soon Lam, Ng Geok Im, Awyong Ngan Cheng, Lim Mei Lee, Lee Dan Lin, Anthony Suen, Pansy Tan, Boey Sook Har, Chia Chian Hong, Yue Chin Seng, Chia Kwee Cheng, Kwok Choy Yong, Lawrence Chua, Peter Tan.

Tenders Board

Chairman Lee Chee Yeng
Members Henry Hoe, Lawrence Chua, Yap Pow Thong, Richard Chia.

Church Office

Executive Director Richard Chia
Administrative Asst. Leong Weng Kee
Church Secretary Miss Catherine Lim
Accountant John Chu

Church Leaders

Angora Brethren Chapel

Elder Yap Pow Thong
Ex-Co Watchman Ching C.P.
Chue Chi Meng
Koh Lye Hock
Yap Pow Thong
Secretary Tay Beow Chin



Yap Pow Thong



Koh Lye Hock



Ching C. Pheng



Chue Chi Meng

Clementi Brethren Chapel

Elders Philip Tan
Henry Hoe
Deacon Leong Wei Weng
Miss Wong Sau Chee



Philip Tan



Henry Hoe

Exodus Brethren Chapel

Deacon Chng Buck Chwee
Miss Hui Kam Hoong
Members Lawrence Chua
Monica Tan
Kelly Choo



Chng Buck Chwee



Kelly Choo



Lawrence Chua

PPH Brethren Chapel

Elders Richard Chia
Malay Assembly Charlie Tan
Deacons Tan Juay Miang
Leong Weng Kee
Benny Tan
Deaconess Miss Tang Siew Ngoh
Associate Deacons Lim Hock Chuan
Andrew Ng
Tang Kok Fai



Richard Chia



Benny Tan



Tan Juay Miang

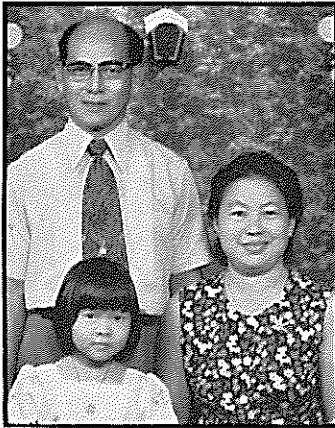


Lim Hock Chuan



Tang Siew Ngoh

Our Full-time Workers



CHARLIE TAN

born : 7.9.24

saved: 6.4.41

Married to Jessie,
daughter Magdalene 10

Ministry: commended
April 1, 1951

Church Elder NBRC
Malay Assembly, visitation,
volunteer worker welfare
home.



MISS MARY CHANG

born : 15.9.40

saved: 25.5.54

Ministry: commended
Jan, 1971

Visitation, Malay Literature
committee



MISS CATHERINE CHEONG

born : 12.10.49

saved: 1967

Ministry: commenced
Singapore Bible College
Jan 1972;

commended Nov. 1975.

Serves with New Life
Literature, Hong Kong.



RICHARD CHIA E.L.

born : 31.5.39

saved: 1954

Married to Tsu Yeow;
daughters Joy 18, Jean 14
and son Steven 11.

Ministry: commended
July 17, 1976

Church elder, serves in
combined projects-building,
promotions, mission board,
executive Director of
Brethren Chapel Ltd.,

Part-time Director of
Administration, Asia
Evangelistic Fellowship.



MRS WONG KWEE CHENG

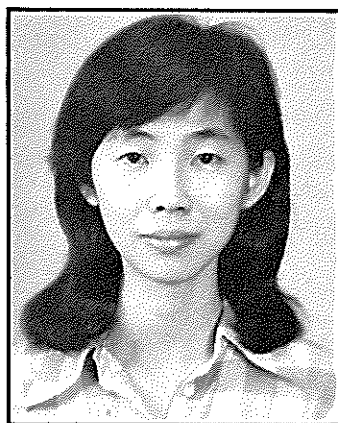
born : 4.4.54

saved: Nov 1967

Married to Colin Wong

Ministry: commended to
Operation Mobilization
June 1978 and then to

Far East Broadcasting
Associates
Feb. 1980 as Secretary.



MRS JANET YAM

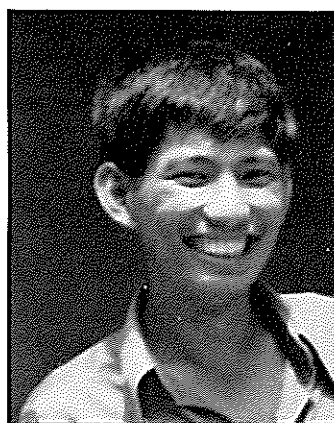
born : 7.2.52

saved: 1971

Married to Samuel Yam

Ministry: commended to
Eagles Evangelism
June 16, 1980

Receptionist & General
Clerk.



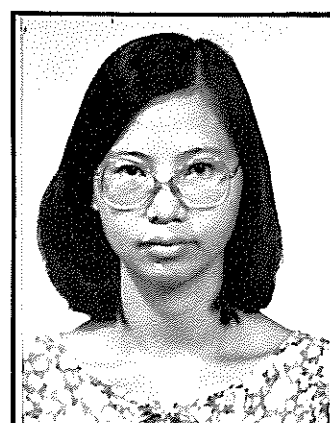
ERIC TAN

born : 5.1.57

saved: July '74

Ministry: commended to
Operation Mobilisation
July 1981

Currently serving in
Pakistan.



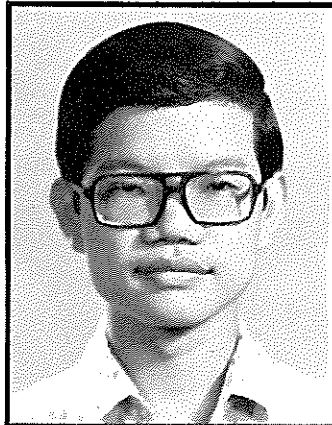
MISS WONG SAU CHEE

born : 16.1.56

saved: 1967

Ministry: commenced
Singapore Bible College
July 1981

Church deaconess



LEONG WENG KEE

born : 13.2.55

saved: 21.10.72

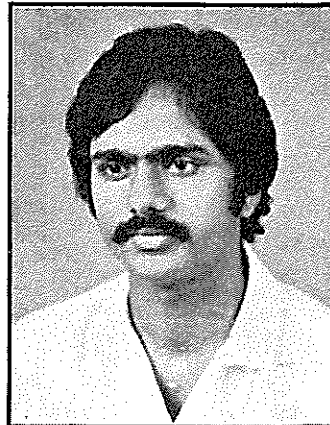
Married to Kit Choy

Ministry: commended to
Asia Evangelistic Fellowship
Jan. 1981 and then to

church ministry
(Administrative Asst.)
Jan. 3 1983

Church deacon, serves in
property committee,
evangelism and mission
board.

Part-time accounts
assistant with AEF.



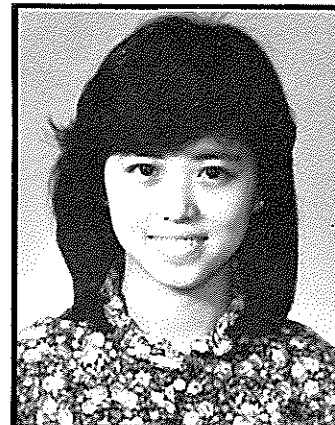
K. SUPRA

born : 10.7.57

saved: 20.2.73

Ministry: commended to
Navigators Feb 1978

Navs fieldworker.



MISS CATHERINE LIM

born : 9.4.61

saved: 1974

Ministry: commended as
Church Secretary
Oct. 1982

Mission Policy

The Mission Policy of the Church reflects the Church's concern for the ministry of outreach at home and abroad. As much as "where there is no vision the people perish" so "where there is no mission the Church will die." The backbone of Church growth and existence lies in the obedience of the church to her Lord's command "Go and make disciples of all nations" (Matt 28:19, 20).

Enshrined in this Command is the compassion of our Lord. He looks upon men as sheep without a shepherd and He invites all men to "come unto me" desiring "all men should be saved and none should come under condemnation." The church that enjoys His salvation, has the imperative task of making that same salvation known to the world at large.

The Source of Mission

The source of mission is the nature and eternal purpose of the **tri-une God**

- the Father who sent His Son to be the Saviour of the world (1 John 4:14)
- the Son whose dedication to mission is our model, whose finished work of salvation is our message and whose Great Commission is our mandate (Jn 4:34; 1 Cor 15:1-7; Matt 28:18-20)
- the Holy Spirit who is sent into believers, and who sets apart and sends out messengers of the Gospel (Gal 4:4 Acts 1:8; 13:2, 4)

The Scope of the Mission

The scope of the mission is both global and local: the Christian Church must proclaim the Gospel throughout the whole world (Mk 16:15; Lk 24:46, 47) and local churches have the two-fold responsibility of witnessing to Christ in their immediate neighbourhoods and nation as well as in regions beyond (Matt 24:14; Acts 1:8; 1 Thess 1:7, 8).

The Goal of this Mission

The goal of this mission is the glorification of God, through loving obedience to Christ's Great Commission in:

- the proclamation of the Gospel — evangelization (Mk 16:15);
- the baptism and instruction of converts — discipling (Matt 28:19, 20);
- the consolidation of believers in the body of Christ — fellowship and growth (Jn 15:5, 8; Col 1:28; Eph 4:11-16).

The Message of this Mission

The message of this mission is the Gospel of Christ and "the whole counsel of God" found in the God-inspired Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments (Acts 20:27, 32; 2 Tim 3:16, 17; Jn 16:13, 14), and centred in God's final Word to mankind, Jesus Christ, through whose atoning death and triumphant resurrection God was reconciling the World to Himself and offers salvation to all people through personal repentance and faith in Christ, who shall come again for His people and to judge the world (Heb 1:1-3; 2 Cor 5:14-19; Acts 17:30, 31).

The Mission Emphasis

The mission emphasis of the church will be as follows:

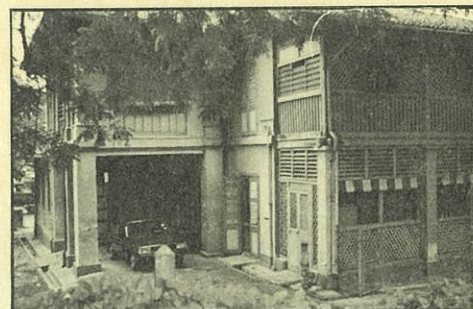
- to raise full-time church workers/ministers/pastors who will provide the pastoral care and teaching needs of the church for the upbuilding of the church
- to raise full-time workers who will be sent out to the mission fields. The worker may be seconded to a Christian mission organization to work in an approved mission field identified by the church.
- to train/develop potential full-time church workers and workers for the mission field.

Worker-Church Partnership

The practical fellowship between the worker and the Church is based on the following principles of mutual concern and trust:

- **the Church** in dependence on God has an obligation to recognise the worker as a servant of the Lord, to pray for his training and ministry, and to provide adequately for his material sustenance and welfare in exercise of faithful stewardship (1 Cor. 9:4-14; 1 Tim. 5:17, 18)
 - **the missionary**, also in dependence on God has a responsibility to consult the leaders of the local church regarding his sphere of service, to perform his duties conscientiously and to report to the congregation regularly through the Combined Mission Board about his work. It is left to him whether to accept or forego any part of the church's financial provision for his needs, depending on his own conviction and other sources of income (1 Cor. 9:15; 1 Thess. 2:9; Acts 20:33-35; Phil. 4:10-19)
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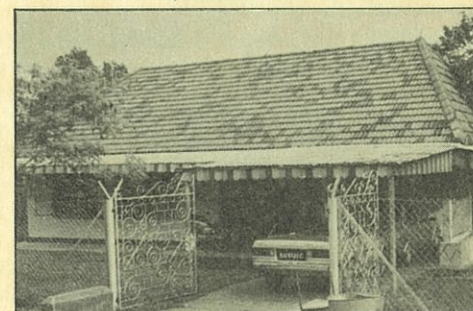
Clementi



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New Bridge Road Chapel and House Churches