

Give Thanks for 2020

As I was reflecting on 2020, I saw how God has been faithful in providing for us in Singapore as a Church during this COVID-19 pandemic.

We are indeed blessed by a Government who is pro-active in giving each resident face masks as protection against this virus infection. I recalled the panic created when face masks were short in supply at the height of this pandemic. The Government also offered a number of financial budgets to help us through the difficult economic hardship due to loss of income and livelihood. The Government has put in place a task force to provide health guidance to protect us and our community from COVID-19. Indeed we are thankful to God for good and responsible Government during this pandemic.

As a Church, we are thankful to every Covenantor who came alongside to care for one another although gathering is not possible. We organised ourselves in virtual gatherings for Sunday Worship, Life Groups, Prayer Meetings and Fellowship Meetings. We became more engaged through such gatherings to encourage and pray for one another. We are thankful to God for Covenantors who organised visits to the senior folks in our Chinese Congregation and Sri Lankan Congregation within the MOH guidelines. All these showed the love and care for our folks. On 16 Aug we conducted our 1st Virtual ACM to elect our new Deacon and Deaconess and confirmed Associate Pastor. We are thankful to ACM Task Force who work tirelessly to make this possible.

In the area of giving, we are thankful that God blessed us with financial reserves accumulated over the past years so we could offer financial relief for many Covenantors severely impacted by loss of incomes or jobs due to this pandemic. We thank God for Covenantors buying and bringing groceries to our elderly and vulnerable communities in Tekka.

Welcome!

During this unusual time when we cannot come together for worship, we can still be part of a worshipping community. We invite you to join us at our pre-recorded worship service at this website <https://www.cplink.org.sg/>. We hope you can also connect with our Life Groups. Please contact one of our Pastoral Staff if you like to join a Life Group. We are still meeting and connecting through various digital platforms.

We want to grow in Christlikeness through devotion and delight in God, nurturing devotion and delight in God, nurturing relationships and intentionally multiplying disciplemakers.

The planning and opening up our Church to house the homeless residents have helped us to understand the needs of this group of people. This is but a tip of the iceberg of the social issues and problems arising from broken families and lives of individual struggling to make a living.

We are thankful to God for Covenantors who continued to give generously to local missions or overseas missions.

I would like to quote John Piper in his letter on giving from 2 Cor 9:6-8

"Giving is a way of having what you need. Giving in a regular, disciplined, generous way - up to and beyond the tithe - is simply good sense in view of the promises of God."

Verse 6 says *"He who sows bountifully shall also reap bountifully."* Then verse 8 says, *"God is able to make all grace abound to you that always having all sufficiency . . ."* In other words the "bountiful reaping" promised in verse 6 is explained in verse 8 by God's pledge to give a sufficiency for us and an abundance for good deeds.

This seems to be Paul's way of expressing Malachi 3:10. *"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open for you the windows of heaven, and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows."*

This is an amazing challenge from God. Test Me, He says. You think you can't afford to tithe? Well test Me. And what we will find when we test Him is that we cannot afford not to tithe - and beyond! This is the only safe way to handle our money.

Jesus once said, in Luke 6:38, *"Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, they will pour into your lap."*

This is not a guarantee of getting rich. It's a guarantee of "an abundance for every good work" and sufficiency for yourself."

So dear Covenantors with this promise we should press on giving because it will prove and strengthen our faith in God's promises for we will never out give God!

~ ~ ~ **ELDER JAMES WONG** ~ ~ ~

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Rev Keith Lai

Romans 1:1-17

GIVING

Kindly take note of the separate bank accounts for Tithing and Offering.

TITHING



Please key in your tithing number at the reference section. If you are unsure of or do not a tithing number, you may drop us an email at the church website. under “Request” tab and we will get back to you.

INTERNET TRANSFER

DBS Current Account: 025-905375-8

Account name: Covenant Presbyterian Church - Tith

UEN no. **T12SS0164DTTH**

OFFERING



Please key in only the alphabet at the reference section as follows :

*“E” for English Service
“C” for Chinese Service
“SL” for Sri Lankan Service*

INTERNET TRANSFER

DBS Current Account: 033-016873-0

Account name: Covenant Presbyterian Church

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



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✝ **Adult & Child Baptism, Confirmation and Transfer-in on 25 Dec.** Schedule of membership class will be announced closer to date. You may register at the church office or send an email to Hope@cplink.org.sg or Hazel@cplink.org.sg

✝ Kindly note for next month's (Oct) mission collection, we will be collecting for **TNET**. Please look out for the announcement the following Sunday, 4 Oct for details on how to give.

| | 2020 & before | | 2021 | | 2022 | | 2023 | | 2024 | | 2025 | | 2026 | | 2027 | | 2028 | |
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| Sri Lanka | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gen 1 | 2 | 45 | | | 3 | 30 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gen 2 | 16 | 217 | 7 | 70 | | | | | 10 | 100 | | | | | | | | |
| Gen 3 | 13 | 90 | 27 | 188 | | | 23 | 154 | | | | | 33 | 221 | | | | |
| Gen 4 | | | | | | | 80 | 643 | | | 51 | 741 | | | | | 73 | 489 |

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Chinese Seniors Alpha Course

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Day Alone with the Lord

Ps Lai Mui Fong

Sri Lanka TNET

1. Since 2013, when we started TNET First Generation of pastors in SL, we have seen significant growth into the 2nd and 3rd Generations. Thank God for the appointment of a full time TNET Country leader in the person of Pastor Sudarman. They have also formed a Board that continue to guide the work of multiplication and church planting.

2. The TNET team had our planning Summit last week and came up with these projections of growth till 2028. You can see the numbers in the chart. Please pray for diligence and wisdom as they work together to see this happen.

3. Many of you have played an important part in giving financially towards this work in. Your continued giving and support will enable the SL TNET to carry on this multiplication. The SL pastors have to travel Long distances to reach some of the new villages and spend extra time and resources to train in these new centers. May the Lord release us into generous giving towards finishing the Great commission in SL. Thank you.