



Covenant

DNA of Christ's Disciple



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Monthly Bulletin

Pastoral Reflection - the power of God unto salvation

I didn't want you to miss any of our 29 August baptism testimonies because they tell us that truly the gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes (Romans 1:16) and they are unashamed of it.

I am posting 5 baptism testimonies below to encourage you that nothing is impossible with God. So don't give up praying and sharing the good news with others, no matter who and no matter what is the circumstance.

Thanks be to God!

Ps Mui Fong

Baptism Testimonies

By Dennis Tan

I was born into a spiritual family with a mother who consulted mediums, fortune telling and a father who believed in talisman. As a small boy, whenever I am not well, I would visit a doctor and after some medication and if I am still not well, my mother would then bring me to visit a medium. After those visits, she would be given a talisman which she would burn and put it in the water for me to drink. We would performed prayers during CNY, seventh-month ghost festival as well as visits to the temples to pray for peace and wealth.

On 29 Dec 2019, I was doing my usual routine of going to the market in the morning to buy vegetables, fish and meat for my family meals. At about 6.45am, after I parked my car and turned off the engine, I had a fit and fainted in the car. A passer-by managed to wake me up and called the ambulance. I was awake when the doctor in CGH told me my only choice is for the operation for my brain tumour on the left side of my brain.

Welcome!

During this unusual time when we cannot all come together for worship, we can still be part of a worshipping community. We invite you to join us at our live worship service onsite by pre-registration at the church's website <https://www.cplink.org.sg/>. You may join our

Worship Time

English Services	9.00am (Unvaccinated Service)
	11.15am (Vaccinated Service)
Chinese Service	9.30am
Sri Lankan Service	2.00pm

live-streaming services online via our website. 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.

I chose NNI in TTSH. My wife also searched for a better surgeon in the hospital for my major operation on 14 Jan 2020. Subsequent to the major operation, I am on regular medication for chemotherapy and radiotherapy. I knew Jesus Christ had protected me from a serious accident, I cannot imagine the consequences if I have fainted while driving.

With great gladness, I am getting better after about 11 months of having the chemotherapy and radiotherapy. For now, I am still on anti-fit medication and going for MRI every 6 months. My life has changed so much. I am not so particular about money anymore and have more patience with my wife, my three boys and my father-in-law. Thank God for protecting and taking care of me during these challenging periods.

By Scholastica Wong

My journey with Christ began when I was 8 years old and it had been quite a long journey knowing who God truly is since then. Back then, I had just been baptized as a Catholic at my stepfather's church and had been introduced to the gospel, attended mass every Sunday, attending Catechism classes and all that. The name Jesus was not unknown to me at the time.

Growing up, my biggest struggle was with my identity and self-esteem. I was going through a really difficult time with my parents and just trying to figure out who I was. I felt that I was an unloved child because of my parents' divorce, a mistake. I did not have a healthy and close relationship with my mother. My understanding of relationships was very shaky and I grew up feeling really insecure. Love was a really complicated concept to me, yet I yearned to be accepted and loved.

Because of my lack of understanding of what having a good relationship was, I did not have a proper relationship with God. I always did not feel good enough, not seen enough, and not worthy enough. I felt untrusted and unloved. I was always trying to play the role of the pleasant girl who was trying not to upset anyone. I over-analyzed every situation and conversation. After my O levels, my stepfather had stopped attending church, and so I also stopped attending. But God, in His grace and mercy, did not let me stray too far.

When I was 21, my best friend at the time invited me to her church. She had been praying for me for the longest time, but she never pushed me to accept Christ. She just gently and quietly prayed for me and invited me to church. I accepted her invitation and the Chapel Of The Resurrection became my home church.

It was there that I grew to understand what it means to have a relationship with God and who He is. Some of my cell group members became really close to me like sisters. Today they are here to witness my baptism. They showed me God's love and grace while I struggled with building a relationship with God, and with my weaknesses and insecurities. They stayed with me to listen to me, praying with me and helping me grow and understand what it means to be faithful, what God's grace looked like. Over the years, I learned that being a Christian did not mean that life will always be a smooth journey.

I still went through many highs and lows, times when I have struggled and felt far from Him. However, He remained faithful and never left me. Just looking at everything that had happened to me, made me realized that He knew what I needed every season, every step of the way. He knew I needed someone to guide me and for every season, he sent me a friend who had a close relationship with God. When I felt most unwanted and unloved, He reminded me that He is still here, He is always, always looking out for me, I am not a mistake, and I will always have a Father in Him. As I got to know Him more and more, He changed my heart to be less fearful of the world and to trust in His plans.

I found out about CPC because I met someone really precious to me here. After visiting his cell group and attending some services, I felt that I can grow and serve here. I decided to take the opportunity to renew my faith here in this church. This is why even though I was baptized at 8 and have been building a relationship with God over the years, today, I decided to take the step of renewing my faith through this water baptism.

By Alvin Kong

Since as young as a K1 boy, I was very sensitive to seeing spirits. Through my family, and the Taoist meditation at the house temples, I entered more into the practices and beliefs. My desire to go into this was to help people and the wandering spirits, especially during the 7th month, Hungry Ghost festivals. Through more meditation, I was able to see the sufferings of people in hell experiencing punishment for their sins. It was a learning process about judgment. I felt emotional pain for them. Becoming a spirit medium was a form of good works to help these people. It was also a way of accumulating good deeds, by helping these wandering spirits, who had no one to pray for them, so that I can help them along their way for a better rebirth.

I grew up in a traditional Chinese family as the eldest son. I have a father who kept imposing on me what he wanted, in studies as well as career. My two younger siblings were favoured by my Dad and I often clashed with him because I was rebellious. It was hard trying to convince my father what I really wanted. Nevertheless in my upbringing, I learnt how to be disciplined, independent, and take care of others.

It was through Dawn, that I was brought to church in April 2021. Coming to church, I felt headaches, and pressure squeezing my head. Somehow I have this desire to pray to Christ for my family to be healthy. As I continue attending church, the headaches became less. As I attended the baptism class with Dawn just out of curiosity and desire to know more, I began doing the Bible study using the lectio divina format.

It was during this time that I saw light and lighthouse. In one baptism class after the lesson by Richard Chew, I followed the prayer to trust Christ, and for Him to guide me down the road. During this period, while travelling to work, I would ask Christ for his blessing of a good work day, that everything will be smooth sailing and that things will work out better. And I experienced this blessing. On the 27 Jul I came to church to meet with Ps Mui Fong and Ps Susantha to ask for help and prayers.

During prayer, I saw again a lighthouse, but this time it was closer. I also heard a voice that assured me, "I have opened up my hand welcoming you to my family". It was at this point that I decided to be baptized.

The change I am experiencing is the willingness to let go of my hate towards people, and not bear grudges against them. I felt happier, peace, and the sense of lightness. The heaviness of my heart was gone. I am happier, as I learn to speak openly to Christ, and no more bottling up of my emotions. I learn to show emotions and cry more.

By Dawn Lim

I was brought up in a single parent family with no siblings. Dad is a free-thinker and travelled a lot. On weekends when I am allowed to go to my grandma's place (maternal), grandma would always take me to Sunday school. My grandma is my biggest influence. I really disliked seeing her on weekends because she would always ask if I had gone to church without fail. However she was also the one who always pray like 5 times a day with all our names that one day we will all be saved. GOD answered her prayers. Being brought up in a single parent family, I never felt love and warmth like the rest of my peers who had a complete family.

I understood Christ through my grandma, through Sunday school. I was also studying in a Christian Kindergarten (Holy Grace kindergarten) till now that kindergarten still exist! I prayed to trust Christ when I was 4 years old. However as I got through my teenage years and got married I stopped going to church. I was pretty upset as everything I did was never smooth sailing and each time I got out of a rut, I got into another. My second kid was born with a special need. At that time I did not know what was his issue. He could not read or write at the age of 6 years old. That was when my aunt told me about NCC. And I started to attend with her and my kids included. Within 1 year, my younger son was able to read and write! The other issue I had at that time was I was never blessed with a good boss. I prayed sincerely for a good boss and I have been working for him for 6 years and GOD gave me nothing but the BEST!

I have reached a stage in my life where I have been asking myself a lot of life questions. Why am I here? What's my purpose? Although I always have peace in my heart and joy in my life they are temporary. Earlier this year when I stepped into CPC after a long break from not attending church, I had a feeling of peace and joy. The feeling is completely different. I walked out feeling light, peace and happy. I was in tears during worship service. These were not tears of pain or sadness definitely. I knew I was home, I knew I was ready.

I want to surrender my life to Christ. After many years of being a rebel, and running the human race, this world has nothing really interesting to offer me. I have been attending classes with Ps Keith, Ps Henry and the Elders in the church, these are more interesting than social gatherings and it feeds and fills my soul. In the past I would dread it because I would rather head out to socialise with my friends but now, it's the other way around. I would rather attend all these classes than go out and socialise. This is when I know I'm ready to be baptized.

It has been a really good and awesome journey and even though I have strayed from Christ. At the end of it all, I am still drawn back in many ways to Him. I have no hatred, no vengeance, I am happy and not bitter as a person. I have grown to be someone with love and compassion and I share it by giving Him thanks and giving back to the society through animal rescue work and charity.

By Peter Pin

Growing up in a traditional Chinese family, my parents led me to follow ancestral worship. Every day we would put incense sticks in front of those idols or photo frames with written descriptions. I asked my parents why they believed in them. Other than the ancestors and the Earth god, there are still a lot of other idols. How to know which one is good or not. They told me that it was their tradition. They just followed and they thought it was the right thing to do.

Our family hasn't been wealthy. We worked really hard everyday in our small store selling clothes, 7 days a week, almost no holiday, to make our living. I would try my best in my study so that I could get into university and was hoping to change my future life, at least having a Sunday off from work. I would also buy lottery tickets and hope I would win a big deal of money by luck so that I don't need to work too hard.

I even studied fengshui up to senior class level. However, there was a lot of things I found difficult to answer. For example, how those calculations came from and the practical usage of those theories.

I heard about Christ many times throughout my schooling years. The first time I learnt about Christ was in my Anglican primary school. I followed the weekly chapel worship and I was able to memorize the Bible verses easily in those days. However, I didn't get the true meaning, I was just following what the school asked me to do. In my secondary school, I was also in a Christian school. While I followed the weekly worship I was still not convinced to believe. During my university time, I also met some Christians in canteens where I even debated with them why the mighty God didn't turn all of us into believers.

After I married, one day my wife told me she had a lot of questions about life and she wanted good answers. I suggested she find out more from different religions and see which one can help answer her questions and which one suited her the most. Finally, she told me she wanted to be a Christian.

I followed my wife to church and learnt more about Christ. Our daughter was born and agreed to let her be baptized. By that time, I knew that it couldn't be a wrong thing to do.

In my career, things went up and down, it was not always smooth. My wife suggested I should pray and try to get a solution, peace and comfort from God. I did and felt some relief from the pressures, but I was not sure if it was God's work.

In late 2019, my company asked me to consider moving to Singapore, which was never my plan. I told the management that if agree to move, I need to have my family with me. They accepted the proposal.

There was a lot of arrangement needed to make this move to Singapore. The Employment Pass and Dependent Pass approvals were delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation. Time was running short and the COVID-19 rules and restrictions kept changing from time to time which made the preparation even more complicated and uncertain. I was very nervous and felt a lot of pressure. My wife asked me to pray with her. I felt God's mighty power really came through. All the steps went through smoothly according to plan. I don't think it is my work, it is God's work. God really led our way to Singapore.

When we arrived Singapore, we met Pastor Keith and Mui Fong, joined the gatherings they organized, online and face-to-face. We attended spiritual Retreats and went for church services. Most of the questions I had in my mind about Christ and Christianity were answered and I feel that I got closer to God.

The past 40+ years, I had many chances to know Christ but I didn't truly believe. Now I know that Christ didn't leave me and He still welcomes me to be a Christian. In the past I would wish myself or other people good luck., now I would ask for God's blessing. If something did not turned out according to what we prayed for, I am convinced that God has His own plan on the issue, I just needed to be more patient.

I am also learning to be calmed when dealing with difficult situations or receiving unfair comments. I used to follow my own ways to deal with those issue. That sometimes gave myself too much pressure. Now I have a better way to deal with such issues. I would pray and obey to God, following his guidance for resolution.

I can now feel and see God's blessing every day: after vaccination, I felt very little side effects; often times that I would get home before heavy rain come. Even waking up every morning is also God's blessing. I will continue to study the Bible, think and talk to Pastor and fellow disciples. It will be a life time learning for the rest of my life in this world. I want God to be glorified and honoured through my life.

By Apple Pin

My family was a traditional Chinese family that worshipped all kind of religions such as Buddhism, Taoism, Ancestors etc. except Christianity. When I was very young, I saw ghost. I told my father and he listened to my grandma who suggested to close my spiritual eyes by Taoism way. Actually, I couldn't see ghost anymore after they did that for me but I had a great fear inside my heart and was oppressed by evil power which made me unsure who I am.

After I got married and had a child, I was always disturbed by an annoying noise. My husband and my daughter also heard disturbing sounds but they didn't feel that sound was as annoying as me. I had to find a way to fix it because this noise was always around me almost 24 hours. Since I had experienced my original family's religious ways to solve my problems as I was kid, I thought they were not good for me. One religion I had not tried then was Christianity. At this time, my friend introduced Jesus to me and I accepted Him immediately in order to stop that kind of noise by declaring aloud some Scriptures from the bible.

Then I started to find a church to get baptized. I am continuously learning more about the power of the gospel and how to live a new life in Christ.

The change since I met Christ is having a different perspective to understand things happening in the world. Using God's way to live in the world was the easiest way to make me feel comfortable. Frankly speaking, it is not an easy way but it is an exciting way to face any challenges in my life journey. How amazing is my life after meeting Christ? The annoying sound still exists but I know how to handle it. My spiritual eyes, ears, mouth, nose and feelings are gifts from God to do His work in my life. I asked God " if you offer a job to me, or You want me to know something to deal with it, please open them. If You don't, please close it." Now, I don't feel fear ghost even though I meet them in terms of sounds, voice, image, dark atmospheres or any other presentable ways because I understand that at the name of Jesus, every knee must bow and every tongue must confess Jesus Christ is Lord. This is the way Jesus used to wake me up and let me know who I am.

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The mission collection for September 2021 we are collecting for **Operation Mobilisation (OM)**. Closing date is 12 September 2021. Please refer to the bank details below for Mission giving.

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SAMPLE

Last Saturday, we celebrated OM 40th anniversary. Here are the links to all those videos.

1. Our Story (showed at the very beginning of the Event):
<https://vimeo.com/205987454>
2. Rodney and Marianne Hui's video:
<https://fb.watch/7GxdLVuEpx/>
3. 3 Billion Reasons Video:
<https://vimeo.com/546667957>
4. Needata's Story from Bangladesh:
<https://stories.om.org/resource/r48389>

3 billion people in the world have not heard of Jesus today. This is unacceptable. God's love was meant to be shared, not contained.

Operation Mobilisation (OM) is committed to bringing the good news to places where the Gospel is not known. We have witnessed the faithful ministry of God in over 120 OM fields across the world, and the Logos, Doulos, Logos II, and Logos Hope ships.

To mark OM Singapore's 40th year in missions, we believe in continuing to equip believers to love God and His mission wholeheartedly by leveraging their unique God-given personalities, skills and gifts.

With God's enabling, our work is centred on four key priorities. Will you join us in realising this endeavour?



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OM Singapore

3 Billion Reasons

A global movement to launch a new era in missions

5 SPOTLIGHT REGIONS



OM is committed to seeing a community of Jesus followers within reach of every person in the world. We are increasing our focus on five regions of the world where the majority of the population have not had the chance to hear of God's love and hope.

MEKONG

God gave my life meaning



"I wanted to cut my hair and become a female monk" recalled Mom, a local OM worker serving in Cambodia. She had been battling with depression and suicide in her youth.

When Mom was 18, some Jesus followers visited her home and shared about God's purpose for her to be in relationship with Him. Then, Mom knew the answer to her questions about life! "God gave my life meaning," she said.

Today, with her fellow workers, Mom makes weekly visits to various villages, facilitating Bible lessons, praise songs and English classes. She organises a Bible study in a nearby slum, where she prays and listens to the women. She also ministers to vulnerable victims of human trafficking and child abuse.

Mom's goal is to love the people she journeys with, and that they would ultimately "share the good news with other people".



1 We sow broadly

Using digital media to share the Gospel

We live in an exceptionally exciting time — an era where technology has made it possible for every living person to have access to the written or spoken word. From social media and video platforms to print, television and radio, we are able to sow the Gospel more broadly and relevantly than ever before. This enables Christ's love to be shared through using the right channels to touch the right hearts at the right time.

2 We mobilise boldly

Deploying a new generation using their vocations to advance God's purposes

A new, global workforce of unprecedented size has emerged. The church in the Global South or majority world has grown dramatically in Africa, Latin America and Asia. At the same time, the Millennial generation yearns to reflect Jesus with their whole selves — throughout their personal and professional lives. While access to many nations is closing for traditional missionaries, national doors remain wide open for skilled workers. These converging realities create a prime opportunity for a new generation of Jesus followers to live and work in communities where the Gospel is not known, establishing credible, authentic relationships in Jesus' name.



3 We engage deeply

Bringing God's physical, spiritual, social and emotional healing to people

We believe the Gospel has the power to fully transform the lives of those living in deep physical and spiritual poverty. Therefore, wherever we go, we bring a holistic Gospel that demonstrates God's love for the whole person — mind, body and spirit. This drives major societal impact, from education, medical care, and vocational training to anti-trafficking initiatives and disaster relief. When people are blessed with the hope, joy, peace and grace that only Jesus can provide, His love will spread like wildfire.

4 We disciple purposefully

Discipling those who will live out the Gospel and multiply Christ's love

We are seeking to build self-sustaining, vibrant communities of Jesus followers in key regions around the world. For these communities to develop into vital, healthy bodies that reproduce, there needs to be intentional investment in discipleship. This helps to develop local leadership, encourage sustainability, foster reproducibility and drive local impact.



"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

MATTHEW 28:19



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