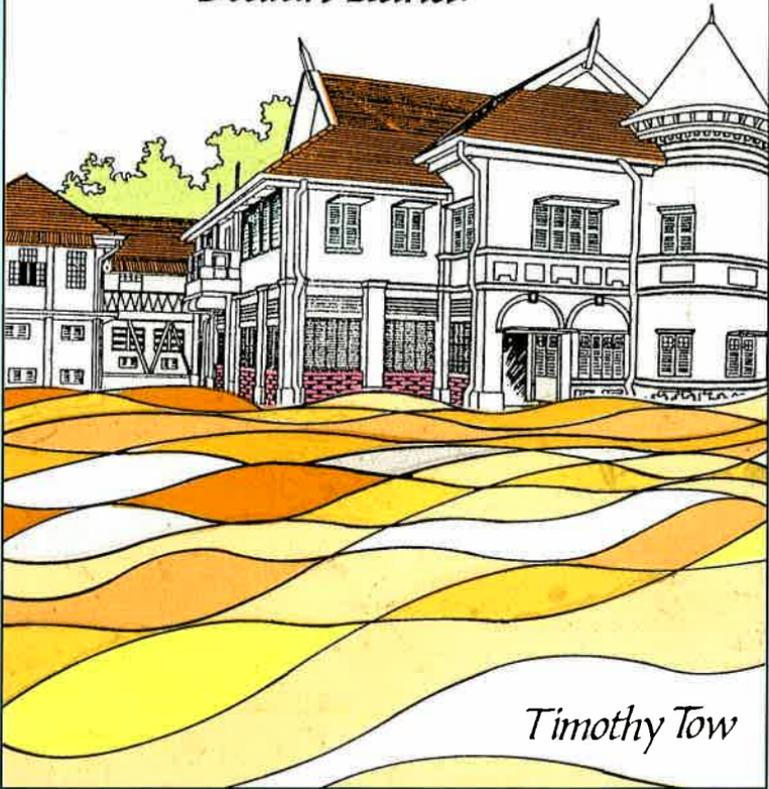


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INTRODUCTION



When God Almighty led Israel across the Jordan while the waters overflowed her banks by drying up the riverbed, no less a miracle than His leading them through the Red Sea, He told Joshua to take from Jordan twelve stones and set them up for a memorial of the Great Event. This was to testify to the generations to come of God's Power in and with their fathers in the Conquest of Canaan (*Josh. 4:20-24*).

The purpose of this book is also to testify to God's mighty working today through Lifers in their acquisition of Beulah Land, the former Eye Clinic at 10 Gilstead Road. This is the more to remind our children of His manifold mercies upon us, "that ye might fear the Lord your God forever" (*Josh. 4:24*).

In order to keep alive the heart-throbs of the events that unfolded week after week for a period of six-and-a-half months, wherein \$57.2 million had to be gathered for crossing our Jordan, we deem it best to reproduce whatever is pertinent for our learning from Life B-P Weekly, Oct 8, '89 to May 13, '90, without addition or subtraction. Let the Church records, as they are, and the Words of Encouragement from Lovers of God speak to the Readers' heart. If through these Chronicles of Conquest the Reader will come to know there is a living and true God who is strong to save those who call on Him, this anthology will not have been brought together in vain. Hallelujah, Amen.

I

PROPERTY ACROSS THE STREET

8th October 1989

For several years we have been perplexed how we might solve the congestion problem of our Church grounds. We tried to acquire No. 6 Gilstead Road, but it slipped through our fingers. Of late there was talk of adding another storey on the L-Block. Now we have approached the owners of the Eye Clinic.

Through Elder Ang Kheng Leng, honorary architect of our Church-College-Kindergarten complex, contact is being maintained with the Eye Clinic. There are many bidders, but if the Lord wills we should get it, praises and hosannas to His Holy Name! Meanwhile we can all pray. Come to Tuesday night prayer meeting and pray as a united family.



As we pray, we must also pay! Faith without works is dead. In the spirit of 1979 when we launched the Woodlands Building Fund, may I call you up, the Faithfuls, to bring all the tithes into the storehouse (*Mal. 3:10*) that there be no lack when the transaction of sale is made! "To start making the Bomb when War is declared" is too late.

Our financial position today is we have around \$2 million, 2/3 of which is loaned to sister churches to help

them in their building projects. A greater part of these loans, however, are retrievable in a short time. What we need in addition is at least \$4 million.

The sum seems big, but in reality it is small! What is that to a congregation of over 1,200? In the spirit of Joshua and Caleb, let us recall the great deeds God had done during the days we built Woodlands. When our congregation was half of what we number today, we gave, in exactly 4 years, \$3 million. Today, if a couple were to buy a flat in town, they would happily sweat it out to get 1/2 million dollars. It all depends on you, my Reader! If it is the Lord's will we acquire the said property, let us respond lovingly, cheerfully. He that giveth much loveth much. "God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (*II Cor. 9:7, 8*).

At our first disclosure of the present development, an FEBC student spontaneously responded with \$300. Kelapa Sawit Kindergarten, having received so much from the Mother Church, reciprocated with a \$5,000 pledge! Our Extension Building Fund is launched into the deep as of today, October 8, 1989. N.B.!

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$3,273 (8.00 am); \$8,407 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND:

\$5,000 (Kelapa Sawit Kindergarten); \$3,850; \$1,000; \$300; \$731 (Chinese S.); \$200.

OFFERINGS FOR:

Batam \$425(WF); FEBC Scholarship \$200(WF); Dan Ebert Bible College \$300, \$25, \$1,120, \$150, \$200; Ch. Renovation \$200; Missions \$1,550; Children's Choir \$50; Roska S. \$100, \$50; C. Seet \$300; C. Wong \$300; J. P. David \$200; Jess T. \$300; Jemima T. \$390, \$10; J. Khoo \$390.

II

FROM D-DAY TO TOTAL ATTACK!

15th October 1989

D-Day refers to June 6, 1944, when the Allied Forces under General Eisenhower landed in N. France in the final stages of World War II. Last Sunday, when we were still negotiating for the property across the street, we re-launched the sluggish Extension Building Fund. This was our D-Day. Over \$10,000 came in for the EBF.

This week we report the meeting with the owner Mrs Oh through Elder Ang Kheng Leng last Monday evening, Oct. 9. The deal was happily closed for \$6.95 million. With 29,026 sq.ft., the price is slightly less than \$240 per ft. The deposit of 10% works out at \$695,000. The rest is to be paid by Feb. 28, 1990. (Ms. Lim Li, who helped us in Woodlands, is our solicitor again.)

With 4 1/2 months to go, we have little time to waste. Forward, total attack! As the news is spread to the whole Church, members are beginning to rally to the Lord. Be encouraged in the Lord by reading the Offerings column, back page!

"Bring ye all the *tithes* into the storehouse" (*Mal. 3:10*). Tithe means 1/10. That sacred tenth of all our incomes belongs to the Lord. If we withhold them, we rob God (*Mal. 3:8*)! We built Gilstead Road and Woodlands only with tithes and free-will offerings, not by holding concerts or fun-fairs, as modernist churches do.

As the amount is great and time is short we would appeal to those who have given to further help out with loans, interest-free! This will save the Church 6% should we be pressed to loan from the bank. Remember we have to pay that \$6.95 million bill by *Feb. 28, 1990!*

Giving by Lifers, since Woodlands, is a hilarious exercise to God. We want to be first, not last! Let us learn a lesson from the Song of Deborah after the Battle of the River Kishon with the northern Gentiles:

"My heart is toward the governors of Israel, that offered themselves willingly among the people. Bless ye the Lord." Praise God for a unanimous decision by the

Session. There is a growing and glowing zeal among Session members as the Battle hots up!

"For the divisions of Reuben, there were great thoughts of heart. Why abodest thou among the sheep-folds, to hear the bleatings of the flocks?" In this case, instead of coming to the Lord's help, are there those who only sit and talk, who like to "hear the bleatings of the flocks"? According to several experts, the price we pay is the market price, which is still rising. But to Life Church, it is *priceless*, because, being next door, it has "marriage" value (using the Realtor's language). What price a wife? A discerning Lifer said, "There is no comparison even between No. 6 and this right-centre property."

What we need indeed is unity. Unity of heart, unity of action. With this spirit, when we were half the size of what we are today, we conquered Woodlands by giving \$3 million in exactly four years. Now, when the Lord has prospered us 10 times, can we not do it in 4 1/2 months? We can, we can by His strength!

THE ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY across the street will relieve not only the congestion this side of the street, accord our S. S. and YFs rooms and grounds for recreation, but also immediate accommodation to a bursting Chinese Service. The upper storey of the in-patients block allows for more resident FEBC students to be taken in.

Do not think the College is a burden to the Church. There's a song, "Every Burden Becomes a Blessing." For such a time as this, the FEBC Treasurer rallies with a goodly sum. The whole FEBC family, faculty and students, have risen also to the occasion, even our Korean students. The Korean Church, like a brother, comes to our distress, so does Sharon! Friends of FEBC offer help spontaneously — the irresistible working of God's power! Of the scores of letters we have received in support of FEBC, here's one with a \$150 envelope just come to hand: "Please accept this gift as a token of my whole-hearted support for FEBC. It encourages my heart to see this school of prophets doing God's work in these last days before our Lord's return. May you and your staff and students stand firm in that holy faith once and for all delivered unto the saints."

Another Letter of Support from a Young Lifer

I am writing to tell of the blessings I receive through the Tuesday Night Prayer Meetings. It always feels so good to be in God's House listening to His Word expounded and others' experiences with Him. Regular attendance has brought me closer to the Church. I am now able to identify with Life Church more. Also, it is a time when fellow members are known, at least by sight. Being able to have a part in praying for one another, for the Land across the street, for Renu, a friend of Elder Mahadevan's daughter in USA, gives me great joy.

Also, Dr Steele's teaching, though simple even for a child to understand, is very effective in bringing across to us the profound truths of God's words. He always holds me spellbound. Though I have gone through Daniel once before, during which my faith was greatly strengthened, this "revision" reveals further insights into Daniel and his friends' God-fearing and God-honouring attitudes. Thus, I am all the more comforted and encouraged in my walk with God in this sinful world.

Besides, precious lessons can also be learnt from testimonies given of help, guidance and even chastisements received from God who doeth all things well. In all, prayer time is like being in Heaven, and those who miss it are missing great spiritual blessings.

As I shared with a sister how we might even have to survive on bread and water to save for the building fund by February '90, I'm so touched by her having done so for the past few weeks, though her grandmother will be undergoing an eye operation soon.

— *A sinner saved by grace, A Lifer*

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$2,825 (8.00 am); \$4,622 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND (Gifts and Pledges from Oct 8):

7)\$17(Box); 8)\$280; 9)\$2,000; 10)\$30,000; 11)\$46,150; 12)\$5,000; 13)\$7,000; 14)\$100,000; 15)\$100; 16)\$50; 17)\$1,000; 18)\$200; 19)\$100; 20)\$1,000; 21)\$100; 22)\$50; 23)\$50(Box); 24)\$30(FEBCer, Box); 25)\$10,000;

Give of Your Best to the Master

H. B. G.

Mrs. CHARLES BARNARD

1. Give of your best to the Mas - ter; Give of the strength of your youth;
 2. Give of your best to the Mas - ter; Give Him first place in your heart;
 3. Give of your best to the Mas - ter; Naught else is wor - thy His love;

REF.—Give of your best to the Mas - ter; Give of the strength of your youth;

Throw your soul's fresh, glowing ar - dor In - to the bat - tle for truth.
 Give Him first place in your serv - ice, Con - se - crate ev - 'ry part.
 He gave Him - self for your ran - som, Gave up His glo - ry a - bove:

Clad in sal - va - tion's full ar - mor, Join in the bat - tle for truth.

Je - sus has set the ex - am - ple; Dauntless was He, young and brave;..
 Give, and to you shall be giv - en; God His be - lov - ed Son gave;..
 Laid down His life with - out mur - mur, You from sin's ru - in to save;...

Give Him your loy - al de - vo - tion, Give Him the best that you have....
 Grate - ful - ly seek - ing to serve Him, Give Him the best that you have....
 Give Him your heart's ad - o - ra - tion, Give Him the best that you have....

26)\$50; 27)\$2,000; 28)\$1,000; 29)\$5,000; 30)\$100;
 31)\$500; 32)\$10,000; 33)\$50,000; 34)\$50,000; 35)\$300;
 36)\$500; 37)\$183; 38)\$55; 39)\$50; 40)\$200(Batam).

Total: \$334,146.00.

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR:

Dan Ebert Bible College \$500(Boxes), \$200, \$200; Hope
 BPC \$100; Ch. Renovation \$100; NBC Library \$80;
 Books for FEBC student \$100; Eld Chia K. C. \$300; Eld
 W. Seah \$200; Rev Djunaidi \$200; Sis. Roska \$300; Sis
 J. Tow \$50, \$200; Bro J. Khoo \$50.

III

SYNOPSIS OF PASTOR'S 39TH ANNIVERSARY MESSAGE

22nd October 1989

There is a Chinese saying (養兵千日，用在一朝): "Keep an army a thousand days to use it in one day." This saying well applies to Life Church now poised over the property across the road.

Let me remind you the Church is an army while on her earthly pilgrimage. Hence the term, "The Church Militant." Our Church was engaged in the War for Woodlands from 1979 to 1983. After Woodlands God gave us rest for a number of years, like an army returned to barracks. But now the bugle has sounded again! Total attack "across the road"!

There is a wonderful parallel between our present situation, as we celebrate our 39th Anniversary Thanksgiving, and Israel about to cross Jordan on the 39th year of her Exodus. This parallel is recorded in Numbers 32. When Israel had conquered the land on the outside of Jordan, Reuben, Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh were content to dwell there. They said to Moses, "If we have found grace in thy sight, let this land be given unto thy servants for a possession, and bring us not over Jordan" (Num. 32:5).

But Moses replied, "Shall your brethren go to war and shall ye sit here? And wherefore discourage ye the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land which the Lord hath given them? Thus did your fathers, when I sent them from Kadesh-barnea to see the land. For when they went up unto the valley of Eshcol, and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the children of Israel, that they should not go into the land which the Lord had given them . . ." Realising the peril of sitting on their laurels while Israel was under orders to advance, the two-and-a-half tribes quickly closed ranks. They responded to Moses, ". . . we ourselves will go ready armed before the children of Israel, until we have brought them unto their place . . ." (Num. 32:17). Are there some Lifers like Reuben, Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh

who are not zealous about crossing over to the new Promised Land? Be quick also to close ranks to form a united army. The oneness of purpose and spirit is a prerequisite to victory. Let us be spiritually prepared. Morale is more important than munitions.

To prepare ourselves spiritually, let us come before the Lord for cleansing. Let us encourage, and not disparage, one another. Let us pray together every Tuesday night in our army headquarters at Gilstead Road. This is our vertical preparation.

Horizontally speaking, we must now be physically armed for war. Swords, spears, bows, arrows were the ancient weapons carried by the Israelites. God would want them to do their bit after all those years of wilderness training. To assault the territory before us, we need to use our financial resources. Our tithes, free-will offerings, savings, yea, even loan of our children's education funds are a help to the Lord. Last of all interest-free loans in sizeable sums are needed to make up the \$5 million nett we need. Amen.

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$4,415 (8.00 am); *\$8,253 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND:

41)\$100; 42)\$65(Box); 43)\$100; 44)\$2,000; 45)\$5,000; 46)\$40(Box); 47)\$400; 48)\$3,000; 49)\$500; 50)\$50; 51)\$200; 52)\$2,000; 53)\$5,000; 54)\$1,000; 55)\$300; 56)\$500; 57)\$10,000; 58)\$100; 59)\$100; 60)\$100; 61)\$300; 62)\$980; 63)\$710; 64)\$2,800; 65)\$900; 66)\$200; 67)\$2,000; 68)\$900; 69)*\$4,415; 70)*\$8,253; 71)\$145(Hope BPC); 72)\$350; 73)\$1,000; 74)\$100.

Total: \$387,754.00.

Stop Press! 75)\$20,000.

OFFERINGS FOR:

Missions \$1,600; Missionaries \$50; RTL \$200; D. Ebert Bible College \$51; K. Sawit \$10; Jess T. \$15.

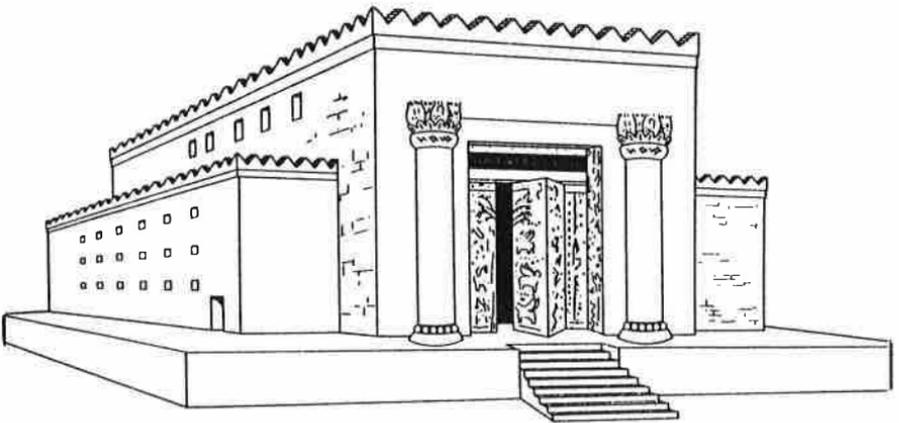
IV

HOW DAVID AND HIS PEOPLE PREPARED FOR GOD'S HOUSE

29th October 1989

Text: I Chronicles 29:1-9

"Furthermore, David the king said unto all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God hath chosen, is yet young and tender, *and the work is great: for the palace is not for man, but for the Lord God.* Now I have prepared *with all my might for the House of my God* the gold for things to be made of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and the brass for things of brass, the iron for things of iron, and wood for things of wood; onyx stones, and stones to be set, glistening stones, and of divers colours, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance. *Moreover, because I have set my affection to the House of my God,* I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given to the House of my God, over and above all that I *have prepared for the Holy House,* even three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses withal: The gold for things of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and for all manner of work to be



made by the hands of artificers. *And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?*

"Then the chief of the fathers and princes of the tribes of Israel, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers of the king's work, *offered willingly*, and gave for the service of the House of God of gold five thousand talents and ten thousand drams, and of silver ten thousand talents, and of brass eighteen thousand talents, and one hundred thousand talents of iron. And they with whom precious stones were found gave them to the treasure of the House of the Lord, by the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite. *Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the Lord: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy.*"

In our preparation to buy over the property across the road, we have called to members to bring in your tithes. This is according to Malachi 3:10 in which is promised a blessing from Above. The tithe being our sacred tenth due to God our Provider, it must also be willingly offered.

When our hearts are right with God, when we realise with King David that "all things come of Thee, and of Thine own have we given thee" (*I Chron. 29:14*), then we rejoice to give as "the King also rejoiced with great joy" (*I Chron. 29:9*).

There is felt a swell and a tide of goodwill carrying us over to the new Promised Land. The week previous, I told you how, first of all, Kelapa Sawit and FEBC students rallied to our cause. Then came good wishes from the FEBC Treasurer who would make all funds available for the Day of Transaction. Then came news of the Korean Church's help and of Sharon's. The Chinese Congregation is rallying with all her savings and with substantial sums from members. Now we have help coming from Muar BPC and from Rawang. Our own Sunday School's \$10,000 is just the beginning! A YFer handed me \$500 after service last Lord's Day with kind words of encouragement from the young people. LBC is chiming in too! A session member of New Life would suggest loaning us from their flourishing kindergarten, etc., etc.

Dear Reader, it is once in a lifetime, or once in a century, that we have the opportunity of building God's House. May God bless you, your family and children, as you also offer willingly to Him. "God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (*II Cor. 9:7, 8*). Amen.

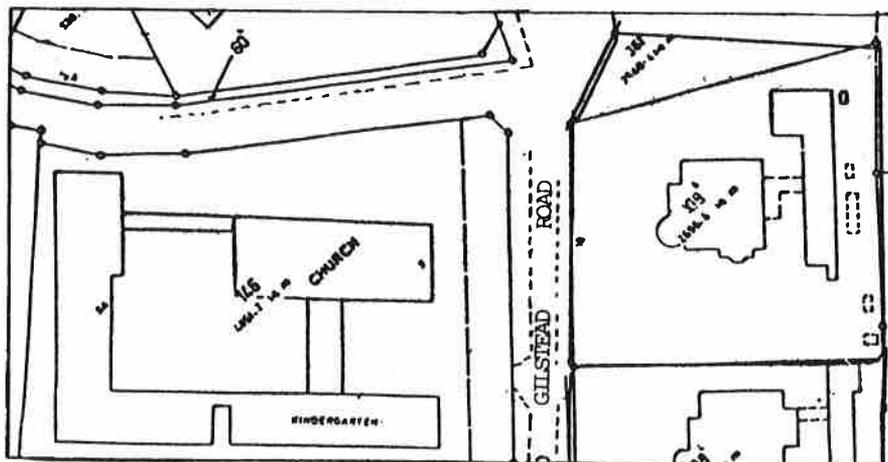
A Paragraph from Calvary B-P Church Weekly,
15 Oct '89

God never forces anyone to give! Our giving must be out of gratitude and thankfulness. "God loveth a cheerful giver." Let our giving to the Heavenly Father match our giving to our earthly son (or daughter). For my child I am ready and happy to spend. (Just write out a list and see if you will not be shocked: all the expensive education, tuition, extra tutors, clothes, equipment, recreation, vacations, overseas education, extra doctor's fees, etc., etc.) If my child deserves all these, and he or she has given me nothing yet, WHAT DOES MY FATHER IN HEAVEN DESERVE? He has given me ETERNAL LIFE, "an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven" (*I Peter 1:4*). And to think of it: God has given me EVERYTHING. All that I am, and all that I have, are from Him. "All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give." May this be our heart response. To do otherwise will not honour the GIVER nor bring blessing to ourselves.

In the light of what we do for our children, including what is not mentioned above, i.e., a savings account for each of their higher education, we, in Life Church, are appealing for the loan of your child's or children's education fund. So far 3 young people have responded, each with \$25,000. God bless these young people with success in their 'O' and 'A' Level and "U" examinations!

"BEULAH LAND"

Since the land across the street has "marriage" value in the words of realtors, a brother suggested we should call it "Beulah Land." "Beulah" in Hebrew means "married."



With this suggestion we heartily concur! According to David, "The [measuring] lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage" (*Ps. 16:6*).

Herewith we reproduce from the Government survey map the *Beulah Land* that you can identify across the street. It has an area of 29,026 sq.ft. against the Church's 52,223. Whereas the Church is standing on 99-year lease as of Aug. 1, 1957, *Beulah Land* is freehold!

The European castle-like structure with attached L-Hostel blends perfectly with our six-column Church. The spacious lawns allow for Church outdoor functions. The same can be converted into a basket-ball court cum car park, etc., etc. — T.T.

39TH ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS:

On 21 Oct. — \$15,242.00*

On 22 Oct. — \$24,911.00*

EXTENSION BLDG FUND:

76)\$100; 77)\$200; 78)\$390; 79)\$200; 80)\$1,000;
 81)\$1,000; 82)\$200; 83)\$200; 84)\$710; 85)\$50;
 86)\$500(LCYF); 87)\$600; 88)\$100; 89)\$122.50(Boxes);
 90)\$100; 91)\$73; 92)\$1,000; 93)\$1,000; 94)\$100; 95)\$50;
 96)\$1,000; 97)\$100; 98)\$100; 99)\$100; 100)\$10,000;
 101)\$3,000; 102)\$2,925(LBC); 103)\$100; 104)\$50;
 105)\$50; 106)\$100; 107)\$100; 108)\$200; 109)\$15,242*;
 110)\$200; 111)\$1,000; 112)\$4,500; 113)\$3,600;

114)\$500; 115)\$35; 116)\$930; 117)\$2,000; 118)\$1,030;
119)\$100; 120)\$190; 121)\$24,911**; 122)\$50.
Total: \$487,562.50.

LOANS:

1)\$25,000; 2)\$50,000(Children's Ed. Fund).
Total: \$75,000.

GRAND TOTAL: \$562,562.50.

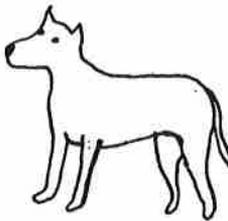
OFFERINGS FOR:

D. Ebert Bible College \$300, \$1,000.

A Collection, Not an Offering

A little boy had a dog that he loved. He reserved the portion of roast beef he had received at the dinner table for his dog.

"My son," said his father, "it would be better if you ate that meat yourself and gave your doggie some of the scraps that are left." At the end of the meal all that the little boy could give to his dog was a plate of scraps he collected from around the table. Said he to his dog, "I wanted to make you an offering, but here is only a collection."



V

THE IRRESISTIBLE POWER OF GOD

5th November 1989

Let me tell you a little anecdote to encourage your heart!

Years ago, during the building of a bridge across a portion of New York harbour, the engineers were seeking a base for one of the buttresses. They struck upon an old scow (boat) full of bricks and stone that had sunk in the mud until practically buried. Divers were sent down to place great chains under the scow so that it could be raised, but every effort failed.

A young engineer assured them it could be done. He brought two barges and attached huge chains around the scow to beams on the barges. The chains were tightly fastened at low tide. As the tide swept up the harbour, raising the barges, the buried scow shook, shivered and let go. It was raised by the lift of the Atlantic Ocean!

The lethargy that hinders God's work cannot be removed but by God Himself. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts" (*Zech. 4:6*).

How can our Church take over the Beulah Land across the road at such a cost in so short a time — \$6.95 million in 4 months and 3 weeks? Let us look at Him alone who led Israel across Jordan at floodtide. But Israel had to follow swiftly their appointed leader into the field.

Remember our slogan used years ago in building Gilstead Road, "if every member will do his best, God will take care of the rest"? What have you done, so far, for the Lord, and time is running out?

"God Helps Those Who Help Themselves"



How can you help? If you have no savings, you can give your 13th month! God does not require what we do not have, but what we already have. (God has no so-called "faith-promise" plan, but "love-action" plan.) I am proposing that members of the Church staff set an example to

the whole congregation, as we did in going to Woodlands. The whole Session responded in unison. Then rallied the whole congregation! With that 13th month, we were enabled to pay off a big bill, I believe, over a quarter million. If we could do this for land opposite Malaysia, we can do it the more for land right under our nose! Let members encourage one another! Talk it up like Caleb and Joshua: "The Land, which we passed through to search it, is an exceeding good land. If the Lord delight in us, then He will bring us into this land, and give it to us . . ." (*Numbers 14:7, 8*).

(I want to thank an elder for encouragement in the big battle ahead. He suggests Charles Seet make a big chart to show our weekly progress.)

"Never Pay Interest!"

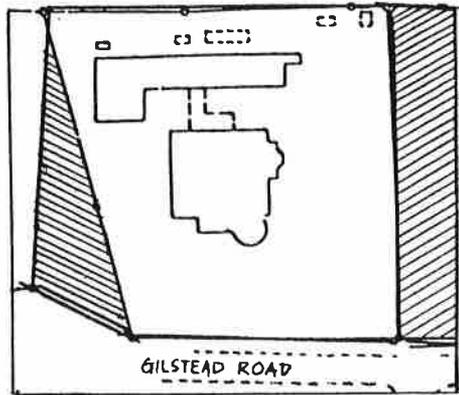
Last Sunday I preached on the Rechabites (*Jer. 35*) who kept the word of their ancestor and were commended. One thing I have learned from my Grandpa is "never pay interest"! So, when we went to Woodlands, we struggled our hardest in giving and loaning to the Church totalling \$3 million. We were saved from carrying the heavy burden of paying interest to some bank.

In the same vein, may I ask you to help out the Church by interest-free loans. A member said we could take several millions loan to save this tight situation. But she did not realise, were we to take \$2.5 million at 6 percent we would have to pay \$150,000 per annum. Should we take two to three years to clear, this would amount to \$400,000. Let us save this blood oozing for the Lord.

We have mentioned how your children's education fund can help. God bless your children and their future. You can loan a portion of your POSB savings, counting the interest thereof as your offering to the Lord. Now, it is to the poor that our little sums can mean so much. \$2,000; \$5,000; \$10,000 are small sums, but in our present situation they are big. And the Lord has made Himself poor for us that we through His poverty might be rich - rich in having a share in God's enterprise. Moreover, there's the guarantee: "He that hath pity upon the poor

lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again" (*Prov. 19:17*). Don't let our Church pay interest!

More About Beulah Land

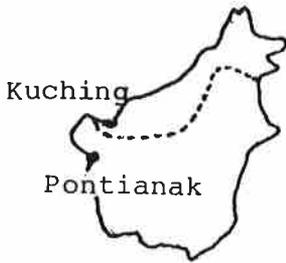


We have named the new property "Beulah Land." Now you notice the triangular piece and the former Reshti land are shaded. The triangular piece is a buffer whereon is built a low PUB sub-station with trees planted for shade to our side. The rectangular shaded area shows the unbuilt part of a 16-storey (we're told) condominium not shown on the map. Though skyscrapers rise around Beulah Land, we are by no means hemmed in. We remain the shady oasis as Beulah Land has been. There is also ample parking space along the triangle and above. "The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage" (*Ps. 16:16*).

Another asset of Beulah Land is the buildings are in good repair, so we'll not spend but a few thousand dollars to remove partitions to make utmost room for group meetings. "Economy is the mother of prosperity."

Mission to Kuching

Next Lord's Day I shall be speaking in Kuching (my monthly appointment with the Chinese Service will be taken by Dr Steele.) Pray for me that my speaking to



Seven Pastors and to the unsaved at night meetings will be blessed of God. Rev Djunaidi will be there to discuss how the work at Kuching might be advanced. He need not fly now, but come overland from Pontianak by bus, so as to save expenses. God's work is like waging a war. There can be no let-up!

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$4,717 (8.00 am); *\$10,332 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND:

123)\$50; 124)\$100; 125)\$215(Boxes); 126)\$100;
 127)\$100; 128)\$50; 129)\$3,850; 130)\$200(H. Blessing);
 131)\$1,000 132)\$100; 133)\$50; 134)\$500; 135)\$65;
 136)\$500(S.S. Adult Dept); 137)\$150; 138)\$1,000;
 139)\$1,000; 140)\$500; 141)\$4,717*; 142)\$10,332*.
 Total: \$512,141.50.

LOANS:

3)\$1,000(C Ed F); 4)\$10,000; 5)\$20,000; 6)\$80,000.
 Total: \$186,000.

GRAND TOTAL: \$698,141.50.

OFFERINGS FOR:

D. Ebert Bible College \$560(LBC), \$30; Batam \$30.

A member of the Children's Choir has added to Loans from Children's Education Fund, \$1,000: "I told my Mummy that I want to lend the Church all my savings in my OCBC Young Savers bank book. I don't need the money until I go to University. After lending the Church I have few dollars left, but never mind, I will be getting lots of "hongbaos" for Chinese New Year and I will top up my account again." (God bless as Jesus did the boy who gave 5 loaves and 2 fishes.)

A young Lifer loans \$10,000 and adds, "I don't need this sum. You can use it for as long as you need it." His wife gives \$1,000.

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143)\$39; 144)\$500; 145)\$50; 146)\$1,200(Bethel BPC, Melbourne).

Total: \$513,930.50.

LOANS:

7)\$150,000.

Total: \$336,000.

GRAND TOTAL: \$849,930.50.

Hallelujah, Praise the Lord!

Another well-wisher says, "I have decided to give my 13th month bonus, once in a lifetime to extend God's House. After all, it's an extra month's pay which if spent goes to nothing. For these luxuries are quite unnecessary." (A book of words of encouragement by "lovers of God" will be compiled to His glory after 28 Feb'90.)

Bethel BPC, Melbourne, sends greetings thru' the pastor Dr S. H. Tow with a love gift. They will enter Oakleigh Church premises as of Nov. 15 and begin service Nov. 19. Bethel Church also thanks Life Church for sending Elder & Mrs Khoo since 9 Sep. '89. They request the Khoos to stay on till 9 Jan. '90 and return again 21 Feb. '90. "We are much in prayer with you in your undertaking to acquire the land at Gilstead Rd. Please be assured of our continued prayer support, as you also remember us before God's holy throne."

VI

THIS WEEK'S WAR BULLETIN 12th November 1989

As we are "at war" in our present crusade to take Beulah Land, a weekly Bulletin to keep you informed is a must.

If you ask what is our strategy of winning this war, I would answer simply, "Your interest-free loans — from your POSB Savings Account." Now, what is required of you is to loan as much as you can to the Lord. The interest you forego for the Lord's sake is accounted your offering. (If at any time after Feb. 28, '90 you have need of your money or part of it, the Church will repay you in the shortest possible time.) While offerings might come in tens or hundreds, what we need now is thousands, ten-thousands and hundred-thousands. We must reach the target of 1/4 million every Lord's Day, whether by gift or loan, and we are behind schedule!



In this hour of crying need, those who respond to the Lord's call are blessed beyond measure. (Read the story of King David and Barzillai, *II Sam. 17:27-29; 19:32-38*). In the days of the prophet Malachi, the Lord's House was empty. So the Prophet issued this call, "Bring ye all the tithes (1/10) into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house . . ." Then he climaxed the call with this promise, "And prove me now herewith, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (*Mal. 3:10*).

So you have given your tithe. But we need to loan the other 9/10 too! Now, I see a hesitancy in some coming forward, and that for an obvious reason. Then let the loan be transacted between you and me your pastor. Your identity will be kept strictly confidential. As the loans come in under this scheme, you will be given a Code Name such as ABC, DEF, so that even the Treasurer will

not know who you are. Only the pastor knows, you know, and the Lord knows.

As your pastor I have counselled a good number of people. But every case is known only to me, and no one else, not even my wife. With this confidence in the pastor, I'm sure many more will come forward in answer to the Lord's call — "Bring ye all the tithes . . . Bring ye whatever you can loan!" "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth to the Lord; and that which he hath given will He pay him again" (*PROV. 19:17*).

With interest-free loans, the Church's burden will be wonderfully lightened. Hundreds of thousands in interest payments will be saved. Who, after reading this call, will respond with a sincere loan?

Trading Wisely with Every Talent

Last Lord's Day we were invited to the 6th Anniversary Thanksgiving of New Life at Woodlands. We were delighted to see the dining hall filled with three congregations — the English, Chinese and Tamil. We saw the evidence of a flourishing kindergarten. New Life has established a branch church (English and Chinese) at Taman Sentosa, J.B. The latest addition to the Church is a Book Room. Said Edward Low, an FEBC student from

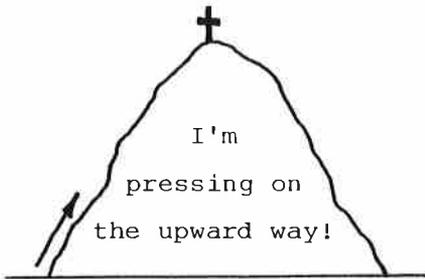


New Life, "This new enterprise is a boon to our Church. Christians who live at Woodlands come here to buy Bibles, books and cards, thus saving them a trip to the City. They are also attracted to our fellowship." Moreover New Life is going all out to help us in our present project as we helped them in the past. "One good turn deserves another."

With the acquisition of Beulah Land, we should think of ways and means whereby this new property would be utilised to the fullest. We must trade wisely with every God-given talent.

We shall open up rooms for the S.S., to our youth groups, and renovate a hall to accommodate the Chinese Service. There will be living quarters for the Church staff, upstairs dorms for FEBC students. Perhaps a Day Care Centre or a Child-care Centre? All open spaces to be made available for car-parking, a basket-ball court and badminton court cum car park? Let us use this present property for a decade, after which the need might arise to have a multi-storey complex put in its place. And all these that Life Church might be a headquarters for extending God's Kingdom to the ends of the earth - while He tarries. As we've used 9A to the last inch, so will we develop No. 10.

Between Now and February 28, 1990,
the Lord needs \$3.8 million



When we closed the deal for \$6.95 million, we had accumulated \$2 million as from Nov. '83 to date. This sum includes \$160,000 designated for Bukit Batu (Johore) where we have a village church and Sunday School, administered by Kelapa Sawit. Two-thirds of

the \$2 million were loaned to various B-P Churches to help them in their building projects. Now they are being recalled.

Now that this week's financial report shows the EBF having pierced the million mark, we have roughly \$3.8 million to surmount. Soon we should reach the half-way mark. We are grateful to FEBC and the Korean Church for their help. Also to Kelapa Sawit again with various individual gifts. We hope the Korean School, which uses our premises Saturday morning, will also help us! (We need help from our Readers, both local and overseas!) — T. T.

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$ 6,477* (8.00 am); \$18,716* (10.00 am)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND:

147)\$30; 148)\$22; 149)\$25(Boxes); 150)\$500(YAF); 151)\$500; 152)\$36; 153)\$31(Boxes); 154)\$50,000; 155)\$100; 156)\$36; 157)\$21.60; 158)\$21.60; 159)\$1,440; 160)\$40,000; 161)\$130,000; 162)\$500(Filipina F'ship); 163)\$500; 164)\$50; 165)\$50; 166)\$50; 167)\$845(WF); 168)\$40; 169)\$100; 170)\$50; 171)\$200; 172)\$230; 173)\$200; 174)\$400; 175)\$1,030; 176)\$30; 177)\$680(Chinese S.); 178)\$3,000; 179)\$2,000; 180)\$1,000; 181)\$1,000; 182)\$200; 183)\$1,100; 184)\$200; 185)\$50; 186)\$200; 187)\$50; 188)\$200; 189)\$100; 190)\$200; 191)\$200; 192)\$100(Indonesian S.); 193)\$10,000(Sunday School); 194)\$150; 195)\$6,477*; 196)18,716*; 197)\$5,070; 198)\$5,000; 199)\$1,000; 200)\$3,000.

Total: \$800,661.70.

GRAND TOTAL (with loans): \$1,136,661.70.

Words of encouragement from lovers of God:

"By your latest letter we see that you are at last able to procure further property. What again amazes us is the hilarity with which your people give! Money just seems to pour in when there is a need. It does seem as though Singapore's economy is booming. Enclosed is a token contribution towards purchasing that mansion next door."

"I am happy to learn of our Church's new extension plans from your newsletter. Although I missed out on our Church's recent 39th Anniversary Thanksgiving celebra-

tions, due to my frequent travels abroad, nevertheless, my thoughts and prayers are with you and the Church. I want to thank you for reminding us of God's lovingkindness and tender mercies in Psalm 103:1-4. Enclosed, please accept a token of my love-offering for God's extension works, so diligently carried out by you and your co-workers in Christ."

"As the Lord's undershepherd, you must be shouldering a truly heavy burden for Beulah Land. Your call for us to do our best leaving the rest to the Lord has brought back fond and reassuring memories of the power of our Lord in enabling us to claim Gilstead Road in the first place. Though my cheque is a mere 0.07% of \$6.95 million, I pray that this paltry sum will nevertheless encourage your heart that the Lord is actively agonising over the project with you."

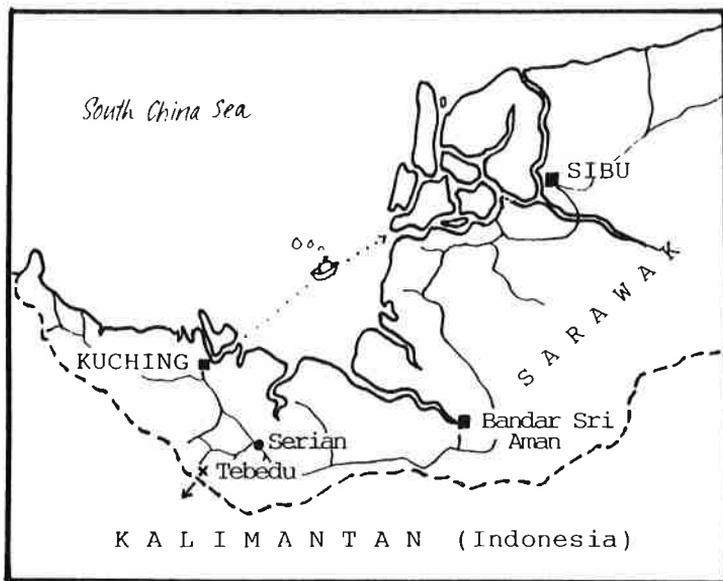


Sunset at Life Bible-Presbyterian Church, Gilstead Road, Singapore, (Photo by John Tow)

VII NEW FRONTIERS OF EVANGELISM

19th November 1989

When Rev Djunaidi and Preacher Kim Kah Teck came to Kuching Airport in the Sharon Rose B-P Church Van to receive me, a new frontier of evangelism between Pontianak and the Sarawak capital was opened! Hitherto visits between Pontianak and Kuching were made by plane. This time the trip taken by Djunaidi to Kuching was by bus and taxi. This saves our brother a costlier plane ticket and an exit tax of R250,000 or over S\$250. For, the overland crossing, recently inaugurated between Indonesia and East Malaysia, is exempt.



The reason why we have planned our meeting this time is that Djunaidi might be profitably employed to help Sharon oversee this five-year old B-P Mission from closer range. This saves much time and expense and adds pastoral care to an embryo Church which Singapore cannot provide for the moment.

Started by Life Church August 1984, Sharon Rose was committed to Sharon B-P Church one month after that. Hence, we named the Kindergarten, the first phase of the infant Church, Sharon Rose. When several converts were made, both Dyaks and Chinese, among them a Chinese banker, a Church service and Sunday school developed. While the main work was being carried on in a housing estate, Kah Teck further reached out to a squatter area, not far from the housing estate, to build a M\$10,000 two-storey wooden chapel, 25 feet by 30 feet. In the course of years, however, the work in the housing estate dwindled. Now what is left is the two-storey wooden chapel. It is to refurbish Sharon Rose that Djunaidi and I were invited to Kuching this time.

This is not to say that Sharon Rose is a failure. Several sweet fruits have been borne. Apart from the Chinese banker family, there is Marilyn Nanta, now studying at FEBC and a member of the Indonesian Service. There is Madil a Dyak construction worker from Batu Lintang, baptised by Rev Djunaidi.

Through Madil's contact Kah Teck has reached out to two Dyak Longhouses in the Batu Lintang district, 120 miles from Kuching. The afternoon after my arrival, Kah Teck drove Djunaidi and me to Batu Lintang (near Sri Aman) to preach to the two Longhouses.

Having translated Jason Linn's "Pioneering in Dyak Borneo," I was now to see in concrete what I had visualised in my mind. The first longhouse, situated in a valley, consisted of 15 families. The headman's house is located in the centre. The style of construction is the same as what I have read, only that no more are animals and fowls kept beneath the high-stilted platforms. A modern longhouse is clean and airy, with running water and electric lights. In the headman's house we had the luxury of sitting on sofas, surrounded by TV and tape recorders.

As the headman has become Christian, at least nominally, he gave us permission to preach to his tribesmen. Seventy, old and young, heard Djunaidi speak in Indonesian and me in English, interpreted into Iban by Kah Teck.

At the second longhouse, called a half-longhouse because there were only 6 families, we followed the same procedure. A young girl of 16, Nancy by name, daughter of the headman, attends an Anglican Mission School. She has since believed and brought the Gospel to her parents. We gave her some of our books and extended her a scholarship to FEBC should the Lord call her. We slept in the longhouse for the night to intermittent cock crows and barking of dogs.

Sunday night, the monsoon rains poured down in torrents so that the path leading to the wooden chapel came under water. We thought no one would come to service, but we were wrong. Forty, old and young, Dyaks and Chinese, braved the downpour to hear the Gospel. I spoke on the Second Coming of Christ and told the children how I had been afraid of His coming when a boy of eight or nine. They seemed to fear the terror of the Lord too, until the Gospel was made plain to them. Then they raised their hands to indicate they wanted to be saved at His coming. Sunday night saw us comfortably settled at Mr Charles Wong's new home at Tabuan Jaya.

As time was heavy on our hands before my scheduled flight home on Wednesday, we decided to strike out to Sibu, the next big town of Sarawak. Our purpose was to see this city founded by Foochow Methodists in 1901 under Wong Nai Siong, a Chinese version of the Pilgrim Fathers who sailed for America, 1620. Another reason was to make contact with the Christian Book Rooms so as to find an outlet for our publications. We made the trip by fast riverboat. The journey took 4 1/2 hours upstream, costing M\$25 per person. We stayed at a small hotel costing the three of us M\$30, or \$10 each.

Sure enough, we saw the big Methodist Church in the centre of the town. Here John Sung held great revival meetings in 1936 at which 1,600 were soundly converted. We visited the Methodist Bookroom where John Sung's biographies in Chinese are sold. We introduced the John Sung Choruses with music notations which was gladly accepted.

As the Methodist Bookroom sells 90% Chinese books, we were introduced to the Christian Book Room that specialises in English. We hope by these contacts,

more fundamental and separatist literature might penetrate Sarawak. I say "Sarawak" because we have made contacts also in Kuching.

After our 30-hour interlude to Sibiu, we met with the Seven Pastors. Interest was aroused in them to exchange visits with Kalimantan. During the evening service at the Wooden Chapel at which 40 attended, we baptised Imbi anak Jumbao and his two infant daughters. His wife was baptised in 1982. I visited also my octogenarian aunt who offered her widow's mites to our Extension Building Fund.

Kah Teck has completed over five years' service in Kuching. Now his wife Pauline has gone to Taiwan to take refresher courses in a Chinese seminary. Kah Teck feels compelled to do the same. They deserve a well-earned sabbatical. But their wooden chapel will be left unmanned! Here comes the suggestion for Marilyn Nanta to return to Kuching for a season. Meanwhile a Chinese Indonesian couple, graduating students of a Bible School at Singkawang, are preparing to serve under Rev Djunaidi. This is the latest development of new frontiers of evangelism. This work needs our prayers and Sharon's continued support. Amen.

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$3,893* (8.00 am); \$10,190* (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND:

201)\$1,000; 202)\$200; 203)\$200; 204)\$100;
 205)\$16,000(Chinese S.); 206)\$19; 207)\$200(Boxes);
 208)\$100; 209)\$1,000; 210)\$216; 211)\$50; 212)\$400;
 213)\$100; 214)\$200; 215)\$300; 216)\$940;
 217)\$200(Tamil S.); 218)\$100; 219)\$1,350; 220)\$1,600;
 221)\$40; 222)\$40; 223)\$15(Ear ring); 224)\$3,893*;
 225)\$10,190*; 226)\$150; 227)\$1,000; 228)\$580;
 229)\$1,000; 230)\$10,000(Sunday Sch.).

Total: \$851,844.70.

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231)\$94.20(Filipina F.); 232)\$2,207.

LOANS:

8)\$180,000.

Total Loans: \$516,000.

GRAND TOTAL: \$1,370,145.90.

Words of Encouragement from Lovers of God:

1. "Please find enclosed 2 Amex money orders total \$300 for whatsoever is urgently needed . . . Always pray for you and all."
2. Bringing to the Lord \$1,000 from his son, an undergrad of NUS, this lover of God relays the burning zeal of one of the younger generation. While he himself has not the thousands, he exhorts his B-P friends to help Life Church at this eleventh hour.
4. *Calvary Session*: "We are in whole-hearted support of your 'Eye Clinic Project' . . . Your loan . . . will be repaid in Feb. (or earlier) as God enables. We are pleased that our Session unanimously voted a sum of \$100,000 as a bare expression of our deepest gratitude for your help . . ."
5. "Your Session has acted wisely in investing in Beulah Land at 10 Gilstead Rd. What an investment! It is an investment in the precious lives God will be pleased to put into your trust. This is what we can truly call a longterm investment — for eternity.

Your people have made Dolores and me feel a part of your church family. We want to join them in the march to Beulah Land." — Dr Arthur Steele, Clearwater Christian College.



VIII

EXTRAORDINARY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NEXT LORD'S DAY, 10.15 AM 26th November 1989

A letter notifying the ECM was mailed to you November 21. The law requires that the decision of Session to purchase No. 10 Gilstead Road be endorsed by the Congregation. Four trustees are to be appointed, viz., Rev T. Tow, Elder Seow Chong Pin, Elder Edmund Tay, Elder Lim Teck Chye. Also, approval is to be sought for the freezing of Designated Funds temporarily and use them for the purchase of the above-mentioned property. May I exhort you who attend the 10.30 am service especially to come 15 minutes early.

*"The God of your Church is greater than
the God of other Churches"*

This sparkling statement by Mr W. K. Tham, the contractor who built 9 & 9A was in acknowledgement of our Treasurer's paying him always on time (not so with other Churches which relied on concerts and funfairs.) So were we enabled to pay the contractor who built New Life. The question now is: Will we be able to pay the owner of No. 10 without borrowing from the bank? "Never pay interest!"

What is \$7.2 million (if we add 3% tax) to the God who owns "the cattle upon a thousand hills" (Ps. 50:10), who declares by His prophet Haggai, "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts" (Haggai 2:8)?

As you have obeyed the clarion call from Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi, so our giving and loans at 1/4 million per week is keeping up almost to schedule, hallelujah! We must not leave out fraternal associations that have and are helping us — Kelapa Sawit, FEBC, Life Chinese Service, Calvary BPC, Sharon BPC, Korean Church and School, FEK, Chin Lien, Rawang and Muar, Tamil Churches, Filipina Fellowship, Thai Service, Kebaktian Indonesia, New Life and Kindergarten, Tabernacle BPC, Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, Zion Presbyterian

Evangelistic Band, and not a few anonymous lovers of God. One who gave \$20,000 hinted he would give more. Another loans an equal amount, also anonymously. Have I left out anybody? God loves each cheerful giver, and "God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (*II Cor. 9:7, 8*).

A YAFer Loans \$10,000 for a Year



She writes to the pastor: "You were right when you said that we can never outgive the Lord. Even as I prepare to make out the little loan to the Beulah Land Fund, the Lord has blessed me bountifully in my job. He has given me a whopping pay rise, much to my surprise. 'My cup runneth over.' Surely, I didn't deserve this salary increase, but it was granted me 'according to the good hand of my God upon me.'

"I'd like to close this letter with the words of the Prophet Malachi, which were quoted by you in the Church bulletin: 'Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse . . . and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.' Praise the Lord! Jehovah Jireh."

Now, if a young lady can do this bit for the Lord, surely there are scores of others who can do the same. Another told me she would get 3 *months' bonus* which she would render unto the Lord. So, not only will there be an extra month's pay, I'm told even the Government will give more than usual. Isn't it wonderful that such good times will work to the provision of His House?

Giving to the Lord is not a burden but a blessing. It is not the amount, but the proportion to one's possession. Did not the Lord declare the widow's two mites more than all that was given by the rich? (*Luke 21:3*). And was not Mary's pound of spikenard ointment, worth \$3,000 in our day, well received with the Lord's commendation: "Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman

hath done, be told for a memorial of her" (Matt. 26:13). Giving is loving. Do you love Jesus? Giving is sweetest when it proceeds from a loving heart, not a calculating mind.

*A Hidden Poetess Blossoms in Sylvea Wong
(who was recently received into our membership)*

*Breast cancer, stomach cancer, whatever-the-cancer,
My friends have succumbed by the number,
While I'm still hale and hearty, happy and healthy.
Thank God for strength to enjoy a life so lengthy.
A life I've taken for granted in my youth and prime,
Not now when I'm old and can be taken Home any
time.*

You ask me: "Do I fear death?"

"Yes," says my flesh.

"No," replies my spirit.

*For in death what do I stand to lose
But this temporal life and my 'earthly tabernacle'?
Then I'll cross over to another life in a better place,
Best of all to meet my Saviour face to face.*

*Yet I cringe when I dwell on such a thought,
Because I've not done all that I ought.
Alas! What can I do, now that I'm living on borrowed
time,*

Having exceeded my three score years and ten?

*Healthy I may be, but sapped is my strength.
Each day I pray for health to serve Him while I can,
To bring some old crony or backslider into His Fold,
That I may not be ashamed to face my Saviour so.*

*Young reader, whoever you may be,
Take this advice from a silver-haired lady:*

*Do what you can to serve the Lord in the heyday of
your life,*

*Better still give your life to serve Him full-time.
Don't wait until you're old like me in my winter years,
To realise a little too late
That there is much truth in this well-quoted adage:*

*"Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done of Christ will last."*

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$3,135* (8.00 am); \$10,974* (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND:

233)\$400; 234)\$3.50; 235)\$14; 236)\$180(Boxes);
237)\$3,000; 238)\$100; 239)\$20; 240)\$100; 241)\$200;
242)\$300; 243)\$20; 244)\$800; 245)\$200; 246)\$400;
247)\$50; 248)\$116(S.S. Adults); 249)\$50; 250)\$150;
251)\$2,000; 252)\$500; 253)\$200; 254)\$3,135*;
255)\$10,974*; 256)\$10,000.

Total: \$886,858.40.

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257)\$100; 258)\$400; 259)\$500; 260)\$1,950.

LOANS:

9)\$10,000; 10)\$160,000; 11)\$10,000; 12)\$1,000.

Total Loans: \$697,000.

GRAND TOTAL: \$1,586,808.40.

OFFERING FOR MISSIONS:

\$50.

Words of Encouragement from a Lover of God:

"Since I read about Beulah Land in the B-P Weekly, I feel very much the urgency of time and prayer. And I believe His leading hand in this matter. I remember a chorus learnt by my son in Sunday School: 'Little drops of water make the mighty ocean, little grains of sand make the pleasant land.' I feel myself as one drop of water and one grain of sand. There is no greater joy, privilege and better investment in being a part of Beulah Land enterprise. I'll have the bank to write out a cheque. It is on the way. I prefer that my name is not mentioned at all, if you don't

mind. I just feel compelled to give and feel as a duty to do so. The cheque takes about 2 weeks to get there. It has been very encouraging thus far to see the speedy growth of the Beulah Land Fund." — from FEBCer, Holland.



IX

A STITCH IN TIME SAVES NINE

3rd December 1989

Once I had a little tear in the centre seam of my trousers. Because I did not stitch it up, the whole trousers split in two right through under heavy strain. What a loss, what an embarrassment!

We have to find \$5 million to close the gap of our deal to purchase No. 10 Gilstead Road. If we do our uttermost now by gifts and loans, it will save us half a million paying interest in years to come. Such a drain will affect all our mission outreaches.



One good stitch in time was your 13th month, I said. As we had the desire to offer this to the Lord, so are we not doubly rewarded with 2 5/12 months from a benevolent Government under God? Nay, even 3 months or 4 from more generous quarters! Here is where we can put in our stitches.

"Economy is the mother of prosperity." Had we not traded our talents wisely, we would not have the \$2 million in reserve. These are two big stitches in time to save the nine.

As of the present date, you have done your best, so we have crossed the half-way mark! Praise the Lord. As the gradient of the climb now gets steeper, so must we (in the words of the motorist) step harder on the accelerator! How do you climb the Benjamin Sheares bridge?

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (II Cor. 9:7, 8).

This is the way of funding a Church's needs, inasmuch as Christ the Head has chosen to become poor for our sakes that we through His poverty might be rich (II Cor. 8:9). Our Lord did not own a donkey, though we own one car, two cars. Thus he had to borrow one from

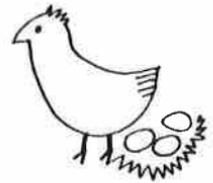
a disciple. How you wish you were there at the road junction to offer to your Lord (*Mark 11:4*)! What an honour and privilege! But does not Christ come our way today? Is it your pastor's plea to help in this hour of need, or our Saviour's?

As the people offer freely and willingly, soon the Lord's coffers will overflow. As in Moses' day when the people brought an over abundance for the Tabernacle, so will the opportunity to put in your stitch, your gift in time to save the nine, be gone!

"The Hens Did It"

Juana, a Filipino woman, brought 500 pesos to her pastor for the building fund. She said, "The hens did it. I can't get the tithing business through my head, but there were my hens laying eggs, on the Lord's Day! Somehow it didn't seem right to use the eggs laid on His Day for ordinary purposes. And so for several months I have been setting those eggs apart, and have sold them separately. Well, here's the money!"

Methinks, she is right. Our monthly salary includes that of the Lord's Day, and we do no work. Giving 1/10 is less than 1/7. Now we can get the tithing business through our head!



LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$3,437* (8.00 am); \$9,753* (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND:

261)\$100; 262)\$300(Boxes); 263)\$5,000; 264)\$100;
 265)\$2,250(AF); 266)\$500(SS Jr Dept); 267)\$50(SS Adult
 Dept); 268)\$100; 269)\$2,000; 270)\$2,800; 271)\$2,500;
 272)\$1,201.50; 273)\$200; 274)\$100; 275)\$214.65(AF);
 276)\$1,000; 277)\$3,437*(8.00 am); 278)\$9,753*(10.30
 am); 279)\$2,500.

Total: \$923,914.55.

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280)\$10,000.

LOANS:

13)\$19,700; 14)\$160,000; 15)\$40,000; 16)\$500.
 Total Loans: \$917,200.

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281)\$50,000.

GRAND TOTAL: \$1,851,114.55.

Words of Encouragement from Lovers of God

1. A student anonymously offers an envelope of \$450, being "part of my vacation pay."
2. A happy father offers \$1,000 "for a new born son."
3. A sister pledges "\$5,000 from my year-end bonus."
4. A brother loans US\$10,000 "from my unused education fund."
5. An FEBC student puts an \$100 envelope into the box.
6. A \$100 envelope from "2 young people who have experienced God's great blessings during the 'A' Level exams."
7. "Give and it shall be given unto you" (Lk. 6:38). When Calvary BPC voted to give us \$100,000, they received the following week a gift of equal amount to be "equally divided between Bethel and Calvary Jaya"!
8. "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" (Ps. 116:12)

Although this contribution is but a tiny fraction of the multitude of blessings that God our loving Father had poured on us, it is nevertheless a small way to show our deep gratitude to Him.

Just want to let you know, Pastor, that we are behind you and the Church, daily praying for this project and we are continuously amazed and yet so encouraged by the amount of money that has been pouring in.

"MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR THEE"

(II Cor. 12:9)

There is never a day so dreary,
 Nor an hour so filled with despair,

That help is not ours for the asking
If we knock at heaven's door in prayer.

At the moment we ask, He'll answer,
He's never asleep or away;
He doesn't remove every burden
But always gives strength for the day.

He does not say life is painless,
That we'll never grow tired or grieve,
He promises rest for the weary
And comfort to all who believe.

His grace abounding is sufficient,
In our weakness, He helps us to stand;
And problems and trials are lighter
When we know He's holding our hand.

— *Amy Phua*



X

DOES CHRIST COME TO OUR EMMAUS ROAD?

10th December 1989



The road from Jerusalem to Emmaus was “three score furlongs” or $60 \times 582 \text{ ft} = 7 \text{ miles}$ (NIV). Two disciples, one Cleopas by name, were walking to Emmaus. As they indulged in the talk of the town, viz., the crucifixion of Jesus only three days before, the Risen Saviour joined their company. While the conversation went on, our Lord expounded the Scriptures to them, “the things concerning Himself,” “beginning at Moses and all the prophets” (*Luke 24:27*). How long did our Saviour walk and talk with the two disciples? For half-an-hour, one hour? Oh, how you wished you’re there too — the blessing of having the Lord’s divine company! But Cleopas and his friend did not recognise Jesus until grace was said at the village inn and Jesus had served! “And their eyes were opened, and they knew Him, and He vanished out of their sight” (*Luke 24:31*).

Today, we are heading laboriously towards the Beulah Land across the street, our Emmaus Road, so near yet so far. Our countenance betrays the burden on our heart, like the two disciples, but ours rather is a financial one. How wonderful it would be if the Saviour should show Himself to us! Because we did not see Him, our senses are blurred. Does Christ come to our Emmaus Road? We need not wait until the Day we enter Beulah Land, as the two disciples arrived at the village, to see Jesus face to face. We should be lightened by His beaming countenance even now! As your pastor, we can testify to His presence through signs that come in moments of our greatest need. Thus, we can advance with greater confidence in the “last three miles” of our journey.

Does Christ come to your Emmaus Road when you

are sad (*Lk. 24:17*)? O may you feel Him as He walks each day with you! Then will your heart burn within you, and when He blesses you as you pray, you will see Him face to face! Amen.

My Testimony About the Eye Clinic Property

Although our 1989 Church Calender displays a photo of Life Church facing the Eye Clinic and there is a "box" with this caption, "Guess what this space stands for?", I had given up the idea of acquiring the property, until late September when we got wind that the owner was going to sell. A year or so before this, we had enquired, but to no avail. I had given up on the property because the price of land kept on rising.

When Elder Dr Lim Teck Chye took a bold stand to acquire what is now called our Beulah Land (it has marriage value), I sensed this was from the Lord. So I cast in my lot with him. We had also the strong support of Rev Dr Tan. When a vote was taken at one of the crucial Session meetings and the decision was unanimous, my faith was further confirmed. I have no doubt but that Beulah Land is reserved for us by the Lord's Hand. If it is the Lord's Hand, what is \$7 million to Him?

By His grace we have a \$2 million reserve. Now, we have given and loaned another \$2 million. What we need is \$3.2 million. The Lord has made Himself poor that we may be rich (*II Cor. 8:9*). He gives each member his or her opportunity to give to His Cause. Suppose, there is one tycoon who will write a \$3.2 million cheque? Where then is your share of blessing by your loving gift to Him? All through His life on earth, our Lord was served and supported by lowly and loving hands, Interestingly, by the women. "And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils, and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto Him of their substance" (*Luke 8:2, 3*). Brothers, buck up! The ECM last Lord's Day has recognised the Lord's approval. So let us all go forward with one accord.

Why Didn't We Think of This?

A B-P minister of no mean standing, seeing our strategy of gathering interest-free loans being mightily blessed of God, remarked, "Why didn't we think of this?"



Yes, the strategy of closing the gap of our \$7 million deal for Beulah Land is interest-free loans from members and friends! Your having a share in God's investment is one not only of guaranteed repayment (*Prov. 19:17* says, "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will He pay him again"), but also of multiple good dividends. In Malachi's call to an unthankful congregation to revive giving their tithes, does not the Lord promise, "And prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (*Mal. 3:10*). This blessing is experienced by a YAFer who wrote last week to the pastor, "Your were right when you said that we can never outgive the Lord. Even as I prepare to make out the little loan to the Beulah Land Fund, the Lord has blessed me bountifully in my job. He has given me a whopping pay rise, much to my surprise . . ."

Conversely, when we flout His call to give Him His dues, Haggai has this to say, "Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in cieled houses (with flowery ceilings, in Chinese translation) and this house lie waste? . . . Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes" (*Haggai 1:4-6*).

In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I appeal to every God-loving and God-fearing Lifer to bring in your tithes into the Storehouse. If you have neglected throughout the years, let this be your opportunity with your double and triple year-end bonus (SIA gives 6 months). And why not also loans from your little-productive savings which now can earn ten-times, yea, a hundred times more, by putting them into God's hands?

Surely He will bless you when you respond cheerfully,
He will bless your wife and your children!

“Why didn't we think of this?”

Celebrating Christmas Without Christ

“And when ye did eat, and when ye did drink, did ye not eat for yourselves, and drink for yourselves?” (*Zech. 7:6*). These words of admonition from the lips of the prophet Zechariah aptly describe the Orchard Road spirit that is pervading Singapore these days.

The first Christmas rather saw the Christ-child shivering cold that wintry night as He was laid in a manger. Soon after the visit of the Wise Men, the Holy Family was on the run from Herod's Sword. Providentially, the Magi had brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh which helped supply the needs of the fleeing trio.

Does Christ visit every Church purporting to celebrate Christmas? Methinks, He will not come until we invite Him. Not for show, but sincerely from our heart. (Is your heart cleansed by His precious blood?) As it is stated often that giving is loving, there can be no love expressed until we have worshipped Him with our substance. Will He bless our home as we celebrate Christmas this year?

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$2,479* (8.00 am); \$13,491* (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND:

282)\$1,000; 283)\$1,000; 284)\$210; 285)\$20; 286)\$500;
287)\$300; 288)\$700(WF); 289)\$50; 290)\$112; 291)\$100;
292)\$50; 293)\$35; 294)\$50; 295)\$100; 296)\$200;
297)\$15; 298)\$50; 299)\$200; 300)\$70; 301)\$500;
302)\$500; 303)\$100; 304)\$500; 305)\$1,000; 306)\$1,000;
307)\$1,899(Chinese S.); 308)\$5; 309)\$15; 310)\$2,479*;
311)\$13,491*; 312)\$100,000(Calvary BPC).

Total: \$1,110,165.55.

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313)\$146; 314)\$200; 315)\$300; 316)\$21(Boxes).

GRAND TOTAL: \$2,027,365.55.

OFFERING FOR:

Ulu Tiram Ch. \$250(AF),

Words of Encouragement from Lovers of God:

1. Herewith my cheque for \$10,000 to help the Church complete its purchase of the Gilstead Rd property. I am sure we will collect enough before the scheduled completion date . . . Best regards.
2. When the pastor visited this lady who had pledged \$2,000, she added, "Here's another \$500 which I owe the Lord!"
3. A young lady handed an envelope: "This is my second \$1,000."
4. A Sharonite put an envelope of \$210 into the bag which was transmitted to Life.
5. An LBCer said to the pastor after Prayer Meeting, "I shall give my year-end bonus."
6. An Elder at the same Prayer Meeting quoting I Chron. 29:3, "Moreover, because I have set my affection to the House of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given to the House of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house . . ." disclosed how he had the concurrence of his wife to give a further sum over and above that which they had already pledged.
7. An FEBC lecturer said, "I'll give last semester's honorarium to the EBF."
8. Kim Kah Teck, upon returning from Kuching, said to his principal, "Our small congregation has a sum for the FEBC Extension Fund. We remember our Alma Mater."
9. Rev Liew Hon Seng reports in his KL Weekly on sending Life Church EBF another M\$300.
10. The whole Life Church staff including the Chinese and Tamil services have voted to offer their 13th month.

XI

DOES THE LORD NEED OUR ENCOURAGEMENT?

17th December 1989

Though Jesus is the Lord God Almighty, He is also the Son of Man. He is fully human, yet without sin, and He feels as we feel. In the gloomiest moments of His days on earth, in dark Gethsemane, did He not take Peter, James and John along, and ask them to "watch with Me" (*Matt. 26:38*)?

Gethsemane had cast a long shadow even to Bethany. Thus, when Mary took a pound of very costly spikenard ointment to anoint Jesus, how encouraged He was to receive her lovingkindness that He said to the dissenting disciples, "Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this" (*Jn. 12:7*).

Let me share with you the dark and lonely moments that I go through in our efforts to acquire the Beulah Land property. How to find at least \$1/4 million every week if the target of \$7.2 million is to be reached? In such moments of despondency, God sent His very own to encourage me with words and deeds. (Please read words of encouragement from lovers of God overleaf.)

Last Monday afternoon, while I was very down in spirits as I surveyed the \$3.2 million that we still had to find, an FEBC student came with a \$1,200 from her youth group. No sooner had she left than the phone rang. A John Sung old-timer kindly offered \$1,000 from her Church fund. Then she followed up with another \$5,000 from a lady of her church who loves the Lord and Life Church. Although the three sums add up only to \$7,200, they are sweet-savour offerings, all from outside of Life Church. Does the Lord need *our* encouragement?

Kelapa Sawit



means "Oil Palm." This flourishing village derives her name from the oil palm estate that dominates its environs. Our Church, occupying the highest point, is no less prosperous. Sitting on an half-acre of prime

land, it is a miniature Life-FEBC complex. For 1990, the Kindergarten will open a fifth class.

The Kindergarten is a nursery for the Church. Little tots who learn the Word are saved at a young age. This was evidenced by a string of 6 children I baptised last Lord's Day together with their mother. The father is an old-timer, but the mother has just been converted. The joy of baptising her six children was from the knowledge of their salvation by attending our own kindergarten. Baptised with their mother and children was another adult.

Another pleasantness was the spontaneous gathering of offerings by her members for our EBF. This is the third time of expressing their liberality. I must also thank Elder Sng Teck Leong for driving me in, which gave me a time for relaxation and meditation. Elder Sng visits Kelapa Sawit once a month and preaches at Air Bemban the same evening, where we have another flourishing kindergarten. (Air Bemban is 3 miles up the road.)

Out of Kelapa Sawit are borne half-a-dozen sweet fruits. These are those who have or are being trained at FEBC and are serving the Lord fulltime. Miss Ng Sang Chiew, one of FEBC's earliest students, is the lady missionary. Miss Esther Chai serves at Air Bemban. Jit Thye is preacher at Calvary Jaya BPC, Petaling Jaya. Elder John Ling is in the last semester of his study at FEBC. Two other fruits, one graduated from Chin Lien is serving at Tampoi Johore; another, from SBC, is serving at Scudai. Kelapa Sawit, where the Gospel has flourished the last 35 years, is extending her branches beyond to other parts of Malaysia.

Yours faithfully, T.T.

Giving and Living (I Cor. 16:2)
by Sylvea Wong

Many people who didn't leave a will might "roll over in their graves" if they knew how poorly their wishes were carried out. No doubt that's why someone has given this advice: "Do your giving while you're living, then you're knowing where it's going." Now I realise it's not at all that simple. No one knows for sure how long he is



going to live or how much is needed to provide for the future. We should be diligent, however, in giving to the Lord on a regular basis, as He prospers us.

A pig was once lamenting his lack of popularity. He complained to the cow that people were always talking about her gentleness and her kind eyes, while his name was used as an insult. He admitted that cows gave milk and cream, but he maintained that pigs give more. "Why, we give bacon and ham and bristles,

and people even pickle our feet," he grumbled. "I don't see why you cows are so highly esteemed." The cow thought a while and then said gently, "Maybe it's because we cows are giving while we're living."

You can't take money to heaven, but you can send it on ahead to Life B-P Church and invest it for eternity and for future generations to worship the Lord.

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$6,919 (8.00 am); *\$7,456 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND:

317)\$250; 318)\$100; 319)\$60; 320)\$150; 321)\$20;
 322)\$5,000; 323)\$90; 324)\$205; 325)\$158; 326)\$72;
 327)\$151.20(Peace BPC); 328)\$564; 329)\$1,200(Calvary
 YAF); 330)\$200(Shalom BPC); 331)\$925; 332)\$300;
 333)\$200; 334)\$50; 335)\$50; 336)\$200; 337)\$1,000(Ev.
 China F.); 338)\$300; 339)\$1,600; 340)\$1,000; 341)\$50;
 342)\$100; 343)\$800; 344)\$1,000; 345)\$5,000; 346)\$100;
 347)\$50; 348)\$400; 349)\$3,000; 350)\$1,000; 351)\$500;
 352)\$400(Chinese YF); 353)\$100; 354)*\$6,919;
 355)*\$7,456; 356)\$5,000.

Total: \$1,156,552.75.

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357)\$3,000; 358)\$1,356.50; 359)\$500; 360)\$24,000.

LOANS:

17)\$10,000; 18)\$10,000; 19)\$8,000; 20)\$50,000;
21)\$10,000; 22)\$10,000; 23)\$3,050.

Total Loans: \$1,018,250.

GRAND TOTAL: \$2,213,659.25.

Words of Encouragement from Lovers of God:

1. We saved some money from the love gifts from various churches in our North Malaysia Mission Trip. We hope it (\$564) adds a little help to the EBF — FEBC Team.
2. Jehovah has granted Life Church a mansion for the extension of His work. From a human stand-point, this is a very difficult project, but the Lord can do anything. Praise the Lord, He has given you strength to do His work. Here is my small offering which I pray God will accept. - From an old lady, Kelapa Sawit
3. A visitor to Life Church writes: "I became a Christian a month ago, but my family is against all forms of religion. I'm going to tell them of my newfound faith, and I pray that they'll understand me even though they've told me never to get involved in religion. I also want to pray for your Building Project and I hope that enough money is raised."
4. A sister brought a \$5,000 cheque with the added encouragement, "This is the first instalment of a \$50,000 pledge."
5. A new Lifer brought a \$8,000 cheque and joyfully declared it was a loan from him and his wife.
6. A Chinese Service old lady gave a thankoffering of \$5,000 on behalf of her son-in-law who has had a successful operation.
7. "Enclosed is a cheque for \$1,200 for the Eye Clinic Property. We thank God and rejoice with you and your Church for the purchase of this building." — YAF of a BP Church
8. A John Sung old-timer phoned to offer \$1,000 from her Church Fund, plus \$5,000 from a lady who loves the Lord and Life Church.

9. A year-end bonus offering of \$925 from a young brother — “a sinner saved by grace, just repaying what the Lord has given me.”
10. Our plumber phoned to say, “Don’t send me the payment for my bill of \$40. Give it to your Church Building Fund.”
11. Phone message: “We just heard that Life Church is buying the next door property. Our Chinese house-church group would like to loan you \$10,000, being all of our savings.”
12. A student Lifer writes, “Attached is a cheque for \$3,000 being my bonus salary received yesterday, to express my thanks to the Lord for His goodness towards me, and to play a small part in the Beulah Land work. I want to give immediately so that I won’t be tempted to spend unnecessarily during the festive season. Also I want to thank Him for helping me pass my part-time exams and giving me a new job too. ‘What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me’ (Ps 116:12). Attached is also another cheque of \$1,356.50 from my sister, who writes, ‘I want to have a part in God’s work too. Here’s my allowance from my bursary award. God has provided for His children well and above all that we need! Though this is like a big mountain to us, with our Almighty God on our side, nothing is impossible!’”

XII

PEACE ON EARTH?

24th December 1989

This Christmas we hear of peace talks everywhere, especially the sweet-cooings between the Super Powers. So the United States is going to reduce a big chunk of her national spending on weapons of war.

The people-power that is toppling over 40 years of totalitarian rule in East European countries without bloodshed (so soon the massacre of thousands of innocent students at Tiananmen is being forgotten) seems also to lull the world to peaceful slumber. What does the Bible say to all these things?

Paul forewarns, "For when they will say, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape" (*1 Thess. 5:3*). While the thinking of the world is misguided by the doctrine of evolution, that somehow things biological, economic or political are working upwards to better realms, the Bible declares that because of SIN, these tend to work downwards to perdition. According to Paul's warning, we can predict that the peace that swirls smoothly before our eyes is but an illusion. I must tell you, my Readers, that hard times rather are ahead! A first breath of warning has already come from the Eastern Bloc, whether plainly or veiled, that the hastening of German Reunification will result in WAR. Far from solving the quagmire situation in Eastern Europe, Africa, South America or Asia (Cambodia is a decade of headaches), according to Jason Linn, "There can be no peace until Jesus comes!"

Insofar as Singapore is concerned, Christmas 1989 still echoes the Peace Message of the First Christmas - not from Orchard Road, but from every faithful pulpit of the Island. The message of Peace is from the announcement of the angels, the amnesty message from heaven to a sin-cursed earth, to every sin-sick soul. That peace cannot be received but by the humble heart, not of haughty tyrants but of the lowly shepherds. Have you received the Christ-Child into your heart in all lowliness of

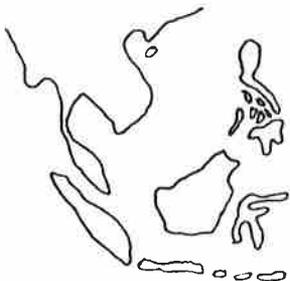
mind, confessing you are a lost sinner without hope and without God outside Jesus? Have you knelt before Him, Prince of Peace, to receive Him as your Saviour?

The Message of Peace we hear this Christmas, as it is being preached anew, is not to lull us to self-indulgence in luxurious spending and surfeiting, careless tourism with no thought of the greater needs of our missionary responsibilities to all the world. Therefore I would challenge you once more to give to the Lord's present needs in Beulah Land and to such an urgent need as Rev Dan Ebert's Hill Top Project, for His Kingdom!

Singapore's Growth Must Be Seen To Benefit Region — PM

These words of wisdom by our Prime Minister in last week's Sunday Times have been enacted by our Church ever since ASEAN was formed! The offerings you have designated for Missions have gone a long way not only to promote God's Kingdom but also relieve the poor (*Gal. 2:10*) Through faithful hands in three ASEAN countries — Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines, and even Burma.

Since we have the visit of Rev Dan Ebert III in our midst, we take pleasure to recall how your offerings in the past five years have helped build 3 Filipino Churches and another 3 "by the wayside." Before the Beulah Land project, \$30,000 had been given to help Rev Ebert acquire some Hill Top property with the view of building a proper Bible College.



With our tight situation prior to Feb. 28, '90, when we must pay up US\$6.95 million + 3% stamp duty, the \$30,000 for Philippines is temporarily frozen. Since Rev Ebert must pay US\$55,000, half of the Hill Top land price, by Dec. 31, '89, Calvary BPC has stepped forward to underwrite this urgent need. This means, after Feb. 28, '90, Life Church must come in with hers. To send \$30,000 to

some charitable organisation in Manila would evaporate into thin air in the face of overwhelming physical needs. To invest it in sacred property whereby pastors will be trained will result in much greater benefit to our ASEAN — Filipino friends.

If the Holy Spirit should touch you, my Reader, to lend also a hand, to go a second mile, in the good work you have done, there's no one to forbid you! "Singapore's growth must be seen to benefit Region" shall be realised through our Missions Outreach according to Matt. 28:19-20. And we have the power of God that transcends heaven and earth to further back us up. This is Christmas!

BEHOLD, HE COMES!

*When came in flesh the Incarnate Word,
The heedless world slept on,
And only simple shepherds heard
That God had sent His Son.*

*When comes the Saviour at the last,
From east to west shall shine
The awful pomp, the earth aghast
Shall tremble at the sign.*

*Lord, who could dare see Thee descend,
In state, unless he knew
Thou art the sorrowing sinner's Friend,
The Gracious and the True?*

*Dwell in our hearts, O Saviour blest:
So shall Thy advent's dawn,
Between us and Thee, our Bosom Guest,
Be but the veil withdrawn.*

— Amy Phua

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$11,905 (8.00 am); *\$15,977 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND:

362)\$10,000; 363)\$600; 364)\$450(Hope BPC); 365)\$550;
366)\$250; 367)\$100; 368)\$500; 369)\$3,000; 370)\$97.50;
371)\$1,000; 372)\$2,200(Box); 373)\$200(Box); 374)\$1,000;
375)\$50; 376)\$95; 377)\$100; 378)\$207.69; 379)\$482.48;
380)\$15,000; 381)\$500; 382)\$700; 383)\$1,000;
384)\$200; 385)\$720; 386)\$200; 387)\$1,000; 388)\$150;
389)\$50; 390)\$100; 391)\$1,000; 392)\$50; 393)\$850;
394)\$200; 395)\$500(Children's Min.); 396)\$900;
397)\$1,500; 398)\$1,300; 399)\$1,000; 400)*\$11,905;
401)*\$15,977; 402)\$80.

Total: \$1,271,173.92.

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403)\$1,000; 404)\$1,925; 405)\$500; 406)\$300; 407)\$20;
408)\$1,000.

LOANS:

24)\$50,000; 25)\$75,000; 26)\$15,400; 27)\$3,500;
28)\$10,000.

Total Loans: \$1,172,150.

GRAND TOTAL: \$2,448,068.92.

OFFERINGS FOR:

NBC \$100; Missionaries Fund \$50.

Words of encouragement from Lovers of God:

1. "The Lord has prospered me in my business. So I'm offering another \$10,000 on top of my first gift."
2. "Dear brothers & sisters at our Mother Church, we love you and pray for you (Phil. 4:19)," with enclosed gifts from Hope BPC and the Paauwes, Adelaide.
3. Through the kind offices of a Life Church lover a one-year loan of \$50,000 is pledged by his sister, truly a sweet-savour offering unto the Lord, for she worships in another Church. The blessing of God according to Judges 5:24 be hers.
4. "I feel there is a great need for all members of Life to do their part to raise the fund for acquiring the land opposite our Church. Therefore I'm enclosing a cheque for \$10,000 being loan for the said acquisition."

5. "How precious and priceless have been the reports of God's significant work there in the Far East . . . Beth and I want to have a part in the 'march to Beulah Land.' As I spoke to her this morning, our hearts were joined together in the desire to offer this small sum but heartfelt gift for the EBF" — American pastor.
6. "These two sums are windfalls which I must return to the Lord."



XIII

TANJUNG PINANG
31st December 1989

My visit to Tanjung Pinang this year sees a breakthrough in the work of the Church. A new generation of young people, pupils both of the Day School and Sunday School, has flooded the Church. At the Saturday evening service, three choirs, each 40 strong, sang. Sunday morning, 6 adults and 3 infants were baptised. The Lord's Supper was served to nearly 100.



Kiantoro, FEBC Senior, returned home to visit his people. He spoke several times to the younger generation in Bahasa Indonesia.

The Church collected 3/4 million rupiahs for Beulah Land, but this amounts to S\$800. More offerings are on the way. Spontaneous offerings from a daughter church are honey-sweet.

This is an age of rampant tourism. Travel by speed-boat to Tanjung Pinang, a distance of 48 miles in 2 1/2 hours, makes it ever more popular. If not for Deacon Linus' good offices, I might not have come back in time for Christmas Eve, despite my confirmed return booking. Old traveller's advice: Make ample preparations before leaving Singapore anywhere. Have cheers, not tears!

Another Year of Peace — and Plenty . . .

The Lord has favoured Singapore with another year of peace — and plenty As for Lifers, "The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance, and of my cup, thou maintainest my lot" (Ps. 16:5). Is the Lord the Treasure of your heart? Has He kept you through this year?

"The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places, yea, I have a goodly heritage" (Ps. 16:6). The lines in this verse refer to the surveyor's measuring lines, to mark out the portion of land that is given for my possession. Have you been awarded an HDB flat with a location to your delight? Such as with a good view, a high ground, or near an MRT station? Corporately, Lifers have been given a most delightful property, ready for use, just one hop from this side of Gilstead Road. Are we thankful for all these inheritances?

The Psalmist is thankful, so in the verse following he says, "I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel; my reins also shall instruct me in the night seasons." When we are in the right communication with the Lord in praises and thanksgivings, He will give us Wisdom, yea, even when we are resting at night will He direct our thoughts aright. Let us, at the close of 1989, turn unto the Lord again with grateful worship. (And why miss out His special blessings on Watchnight Service tonight, 10.45 pm?)

While we Singaporeans are favoured with peace - and plenty, there are countless places in the world that are not so. Romania and Panama, now most prominent in the news, are in turmoil. Here we see anarchy and bloodshed, revolution and demolition. So close to our ears are the cries of Hong Kong refugees, yea, the voices of blood-soaked Tiananmen are still howling in our ears.

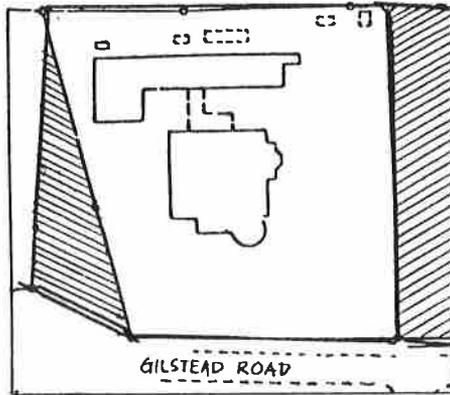
There is a Chinese saying, "In time of peace, reflect on the eventuality of war." We can not say, "We have never had it so good" all the time. There are 14 million refugees (official count) in the world today. The BBC seminar projects a possible 50 million by A.D. 2000. Why? Wars are increasing, not diminishing!

*"And in despair I bowed my head,
There is no peace on earth, I said,*

*For hate is strong and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men."*

While we still have peace and plenty in Singapore into 1990, let us extend God's Kingdom, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. Come, Lord Jesus, and rule over this earth, Thou Prince of Peace. Maranatha. Amen.

For Future Record!



Upon receipt of an urgent communication from Ms. Lim Li our solicitor requesting action be taken on the Sales Agreement advanced by the Vendor, an emergency meeting of the Trustees was called by Dr Tan to meet with her the same afternoon of 28 Dec., '89. Elder Chia also came along as Session representative.

The Sales Agreement was signed by pastor on behalf of Purchaser except Clause 11 for adjustment with Vendor. On Friday, 29 Dec., '89, a cheque for \$695,000 was delivered to our solicitor for transmission to Vendor, being the usual 10% deposit. What brought great relief was that the previous Date of Completion of Payment (28.2.90) is now extended to 30 April 1990! This extension is to allow us time to apply for Permission to Purchase and to obtain Change of Use of the said property. Praise the Lord for His Higher Hand in this transaction, for God is faithful, "who will not suffer you to be tempted (tested) above that ye are able, but will with the temptation (testing) also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (I Cor. 10:13).

This extended date gives us a breather. With a little relenting in our uphill climb, we shall renew our strength, and shall mount up with wings like eagles (Isa. 40:31)!

TIME AND TIDE WAITS FOR NO MAN

*Time is like an ever rolling stream,
Ever rolling on;
We are like little floating leaves,
Floating like a dream.*

CHORUS

*Floating on, floating down,
Time and tide waits for no man;
Time is like an ever rolling stream,
Ever rolling on.*

*A thousand years is to Thee like a day,
Like a day to Thee;
Our life span at most is ten times eight years,
Soon we'll fly away.*

*O teach us our days to number,
Number our days;
Help us spend our time ever with the wise,
Never to slumber.*

*One by one we are carried to sea,
And we say adieu;
Blessed are they whom the Lord receives
Into His glory.*

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$7,412 (8.00 am); *\$28,616 (10.30 am); *\$27,799 (Christmas Eve Service)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND:

409)\$100; 410)\$2,000; 411)\$1,500(Bethel BPC); 412)\$1,000; 413)\$100; 414)\$50; 415)\$672(Tg Pinang Ch.); 416)\$200; 417)\$1,000(Box); 418)\$2,000; 419)\$2,000; 420)\$10,000; 421)\$300; 422)\$160(Box); 423)\$200(Box); 424)\$50; 425)\$1,000; 426)\$200;

427)\$930; 428)\$5,000; 429)\$2,000; 430)\$1,000;
 431)\$1,000; 432)\$15,000; 433)\$1,665(LBC); 434)\$100;
 435)\$147.56; 436)\$50; 437)\$231; 438)\$100; 439)\$400;
 440)\$600; 441)\$50; 442)\$900; 443)\$2,400;
 444)\$3,650(AF); 445)\$1,650(AF); 446)\$1,677(YAF);
 447)\$1,000; 448)\$50; 449)\$200; 450)\$5; 451)\$1,500;
 452)\$4,500(FEK); 453)\$250; 454)\$1,000; 455)\$400(LCSS,
 Pri. 3); 456)\$1,500; 457)\$3,000; 458)\$212; 459)\$100;
 460)\$88.42; 461)\$50; 462)\$200; 463)\$40;
 464)\$2,300(Servitors); 465)*\$7,412; 466)*\$28,616;
 467)\$27,799(Ch'mas Eve).

Total: \$1,417,223.90.

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468)\$200; 469)\$1,355(Combined Tamil BPCs); 470)\$200;
 471)\$400.

LOANS:

29)\$7,000; 30)\$1,500; 31)\$2,000,
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 Total Loans: \$1,182,650.00.

GRAND TOTAL: \$2,602,028.90.

Words of Encouragement from Lovers of God:

1. Take heart, dear Pastor,
 'Tis not time to fluster,
 The Lord is at hand,
 Anxious moments to amend.

We have Christmas Eve -
 Love-offerings we'll give!
 Chinese New Year red packets
 To fill our offering bags.
 Bonuses and tithes,
 Many are piling high.

Take heart, dear Pastor,
 For nothing will hinder!
 Those who love the Lord
 Will give yet a lot.

— Koh Lynn

2. "We truly appreciate . . . and fully support all your endeavours. God add His bountiful blessings to your ministry." — AF
3. "The Lord has given me much. This is but a little that I offer Him in return. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!"
4. "If the Lord blesses us with good profits, then it is only right for us to contribute back for the expansion of His Kingdom. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Enclosed is my cheque for the sum of \$15,000."
5. "We're blessed by God the Father with yet another piece of land across the street. We'll endeavour with His showers of blessing and grace to purchase the Land. May you continue to be zealous for the Lord in His Kingdom . . ." — YAFer
6. Offering to the Lord a hard-earned sum, this mother prays for the well-being of her son, on eve of entering National Service.



SOUTH WEST ELEVATION

XIV

THE HIGHER FACTOR OF GOD

7th January 1990

As we enter the New Year and Decade of the Nineties, we hear of forecasts of one sort or another. Though the market will not be as brisk as in 1989, the trend is still up insofar as Singapore is concerned. And as the Chinese saying goes, "We make the year's plans in spring"; we say to ourselves, "we will do this or that." Do not be so sure.

James says, "Go to now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil. Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (*James 4:13-17*). Don't forget the higher factor of God in your plans. Corollary: Did you plan anything for God? To wish one another a prosperous New Year, for Christians, we must include "in the Lord" or "by the Lord."

The Higher Factor of God in Our Favour

That the Vendor of 10 Gilstead Road has spontaneously extended the Date of Completion of Payment from 28 February to 30 April 1990 is due to the higher factor of God in our favour.

With 16 weeks for a breather, the 1/4 million we had to gather each week is now reduced to \$162,500. To make up this sum, we still need loans to bolster gifts. Here's another promise from the Lord to those who lend to His House, "He (the offerer) is ever merciful and lendeth; and his seed is blessed" (*Ps. 37:26*).

The higher factor of God in our favour for every cheerful giver is: "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: (As it is

written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth forever . . ." (II Cor. 9:8, 9).

To the tither the prophet Malachi says, "Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Mal. 3:10).

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$6,519.00 (8.00 am); *\$10,867.00 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND:

472)\$795(WF); 473)\$325(SS Pri. Dept); 474)\$150;
 475)\$500; 476)\$2,000; 477)\$50; 478)\$30; 479)\$350;
 480)\$1,000(Servitor); 481)\$635; 482)\$1,000; 483)\$200;
 484)\$5,000; 485)\$5,000; 486)\$12,000; 487)\$1,500;
 488)\$50; 489)\$55(Boxes); 490)\$50; 491)\$10,000;
 492)\$771.50(YF/YAF); 493)\$2,000; 494)\$2,000;
 495)*\$6,519; 496)*\$10,867; 497)**\$9,926; 498)\$70;
 499)\$200; 500)\$1,000; 501)\$2,000; 502)\$200; 503)\$71;
 504)\$190; 505)\$3,800; 506)\$1,000; 507)\$1,000(Pepsi);
 508)\$3,000; 509)\$500(YF); 510)\$240; 511)\$12,000(New
 Life BPC); 512)\$1,000; 513)\$100.

Total: \$1,518,523.40.

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514)\$50; 515)\$25.30; 516)\$400.

LOANS:

33)\$2,000; 34)\$10,000.

Total Loans: \$1,194,650.00.

GRAND TOTAL: \$2,713,173.40.

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE OFFERING:

**\$9,926.

In Memoriam Caryn, infant daughter of Mr & Mrs Lee Theng Kiat, went home to be with the Lord, 30 Dec. '89. Funeral 31 Dec. was officiated by the pastor at CCK Protestant Cemetery. "Safe in the arms of Jesus."

Words of Encouragement from Lovers of God:

1. Enclosed please find a cheque (US\$2,000) for the Lord's service. I understand the Church is purchasing some property — I hope everything goes well. — Lifer in USA
2. This \$10,000 cheque for EBF is on top of what I have given at the outset. The Lord has prospered me.
3. Pastor, I don't know much about words of encouragement but I know that our Lord has promised to be with us His servants . . . Pastor, as we continue to pray for the Church's new project, I believe the Lord will be faithful to answer our prayer. — Regular visitor
4. (I enclose) an insignificant contribution to the millions. May our Church continue to be a movement, not a monument.
5. Your congregation has responded wonderfully to the appeal for funds . . . I have no doubts that your church will be able to meet your commitments in the near future. My prayers are with you . . . — Elder Ang Kheng Leng
6. Our Church Session, as an expression of our gratitude, decided to give \$12,000.00 as a love-gift to our Mother Church, for a share in Beulah Land. We will channel all our collections for the first week of each month in 1990 to our Mother Church. Enclosed is also a cheque for \$1,000 from a Session member.

XV

VISIT TO BATAM MISSION STATION

by Elder Eric Mahadevan

14th January 1990

Last Sunday, 7 January, Pastor Tow, Preacher J. P. David and I, after attending the Kebaktian Indonesia (Holy Communion) Service, left for Batam from Finger Pier by the 6 pm launch. Batam is a fast-growing tourist attraction made even more popular by Singaporeans flocking in and out of the Island. The launch ride was pleasant and comfortable, and in 30 minutes we were in Batam. This is much faster and has less hassle than journeying to J. B.



Sister Roska Sihombing (the young soprano who gave us 'Prodigal Son,' etc.) was at the jetty to drive us to the mission station located in the Batamas Shipyard. This shipyard is on the west of the Island and is a half-hour's drive by car from the jetty. Batamas is a huge complex under construction by a Korean conglomerate. The Koreans have set up a pleasant housing complex made up of converted cargo containers. A large indigenous (Batak) workforce lives in similar quarters nearby.

It is with these workers that Sister Roska has been evangelising since January 1989. Hence our visit was on their first anniversary and, together with two Korean couples, we were there to share their joy in the Anniversary service.

This work was made possible by the kindness of the Korean Church (who worship at Life Church). The work that started with a handful has now about 25 attending the service. Some of them are new converts, very enthusiastic and eager for God's Word. They sing lustily in perfect harmony. Certainly, the doings of our Lord in this mission station is a testimony of God honouring His Word, His servant and people. The faithful, consistent sowing of the Gospel seed to such a workforce, bur-

dened with uncertainty and in a harsh environment, is proof of God's loving care, power and provision. The task undertaken by Sis. Roska is commendable. This is a challenge not only to FEBC students but also to all of us, especially our fellowship groups. You should make an effort to visit this mission field in Batam. We truly thank the Lord for this visit which was made so comfortable by the excellent Korean hospitality. Certainly this Judean ministry of our Church in Batam has been also largely due to our good connection with the Korean Church and School that uses our premises. Kindness begets kindness. The next morning we were back in Singapore by 11.30 am. We thank the Lord for a safe return, for coming back it was raining and our car experienced much difficulty slithering through a muddy river of red earth! We thank the Lord for preserving our lives, through this part of pioneering evangelism.

A Family Camp on the Family

Every year we hold a Family Bible Camp somewhere outside Singapore. Of recent memory was last year's at Shah's Beach Resort, Malacca and the year before last at Tanjung Pinang. This year we're going to Awana Country Club, Genting Highlands, 13-17 March. This year's theme is on *The Family*.

This is an age of increasing divorces (over 10% in Singapore) and broken homes, delinquent parents and delinquent children. The higher our standard of living materially, the lower is that standard spiritually. The trend of imbalance is like see-sawing. See-sawing can be very



traumatic when your partner suddenly backs off while you are up in the air.

As to our members' homes, it seems few can escape from having a black sheep here and a spotted lamb there. Come up with us to Awana and bring your whole family. We have a special speaker in Rev Carl Martin, of Spring City, Pennsylvania, U.S.A., a good friend of Rev Dan Ebert III. He is also my friend.

The Ministry of Encouragement

is everybody's ministry, as manifested by those who have spontaneously contributed a part to the column "Words of Encouragement from Lovers of God." I was about to write on this subject when I came across Mark R. Littleton's article in Reader's Digest, Jan. '90, "The Fine Art of Encouragement" - the right words at the right time can work wonders. And he quotes Solomon: "Like apples of gold in the settings of silver is a word spoken in right circumstances" (*Prov. 25:1*). And do you know that while our Lord gave face not so much as an inch to hypocrites, he was full of commendation to those who sincerely loved Him and served Him? What did He say of Mary of Bethany who anointed Him? What did He remark about those who earned 100% from the talents the Master had given them? You who are leaders of the Church especially, have you said a kind word to some younger brother? Commended a co-labourer who has made a good effort? You preachers, when applying the sermon, have you only admonition and no commendation?

Not only words of encouragement, but deeds also. Solomon observes further and dictates: "Withhold not good from them to whom it is due when it is in the power of thy hand to do. Say not unto thy neighbour, Go to, and come again, and tomorrow I will give, when thou hast it by thee" (*Prov 3:27, 28*). The story is told of a long line of visitors to a sick brother in a hospital bed. Everyone of the visitors prayed a long prayer for the patient's recovery. The last one did not pray, but handed him an envelope that enclosed a \$100 note. Whose visit encouraged most? The Lord is similarly encouraged, I'm sure, when there are those of His children that rush to His succour

like Mary of Bethany, while the apostles looked askance and criticised. Not only Mary but her sister Martha, who served the Lord again and again, had found a place in Jesus' heart. What a ministry of encouragement! (Learn to appreciate and say a kind word sometimes!)

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$6,106 (8.00 am); *\$14,819 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND:

517)\$50; 518)\$1,000; 519)\$240(YF/YAF); 520)\$100;
521)\$100; 522)\$150; 523)\$1,030; 524)\$40; 525)\$930;
526)\$815.75; 527)\$658.20; 528)\$50; 529)\$69.85;
530)\$1,000(Pepsi); 531)\$40; 532)\$300; 533)\$530(Chinese
S.); 534)\$500; 535)\$3,000; 536)*\$6,106; 537)*\$14,819;
538)\$200; 539)\$1,150; 540)\$2,500; 541)\$300;
542)\$1,000; 543)\$25; 544)\$114.

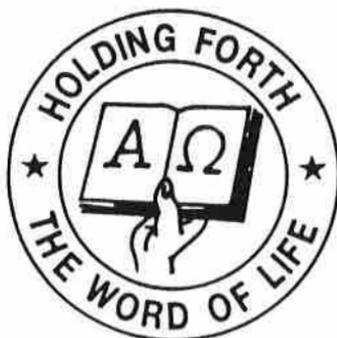
Total: \$1,555,816.50.

LOANS:

35)\$5,000; 36)\$2,000.

Total Loans: \$1,241,650.00.

GRAND TOTAL: \$2,797,466.50.



XVI

THE HONGBAO AND WHAT IT MEANS

21 January 1990

According to "Chinese Custom and Festivals in Singapore" published by the Singapore Federation of Chinese Clan Associations, the giving of hongbaos is the most popular feature of Chinese New Year, next to Mandarin oranges. Red is an important colour to the Chinese because it symbolises life, happiness and good luck. The custom of giving hongbao to the young as well as to seniors signifies the transmission of good wishes and good fortune. The expression of good fortune is represented by the *red* envelope that contains the money.



The Chinese use of red coincides with the Jewish New Year's use of the Blood of the Passover Lamb, which is splashed over the lintel and door posts. It is this red of the Lamb's Blood that preserves the life of the inmates, for without this red sign, the Angel of the Lord would enter and slay the firstborn. Let the red packets we are giving and receiving this Chinese New Year remind us of the life God has spared us from year to year, with many attendant blessings from the Lamb of God, our Lord Jesus Christ. If He did not die to pay for the penalty of our sins and grant us life everlasting, all the good wishes the hongbaos are supposed to bring us are short-lived. Chinese New Year is meaningless when we celebrate without any thought for Christ. Before you go visiting during Chinese New Year, start out well by worshipping at our traditional Combined Chinese New Year Service, Saturday, 27 January, 8.00 am.

"What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all His people" (Ps. 116:12-14).

A Parable from the Airport Travellator

Those of you who have flown out of Changi Airport

have experienced the accelerated speed of forward movement by walking on the Travellator. Suppose you do it the reverse way, you will find your progress from 3 cut down to 1.

Our interest-free loans thrust us forward like the traveller, but paying interest on bank loans, like walking in reverse, will retard our financial power from 3 to 1 (i.e., if the traveller's momentum is 1 and yours is 2).

In the event of our having to take a bank loan, say for \$1.5 million, at 6.5% interest, we will have to pay \$97,500 interest per year. Now, should our obligation on say \$2 million interest-free loans take us 3 years to clear, we would have to pay nearly \$300,000 on the bank loan, plus the interest to be paid while clearing the bank loan itself which might amount to \$200,000. That is to say, we will be burdened by \$1/2 million interest. If we will give and loan enough without taking a bank loan, this \$1/2 million can be saved for Missions around the world, yea, even hasten the coming of His Kingdom!

How can we avert this heavy burden that retards the Gospel? Let everyone who cares to come and pray Friday night meet at the Parsonage from 8.00 to 9.30 pm, commencing 2 February 1990. Prayer changes things!

P.S. Although we have \$2.8 million on paper, many pledges have yet to be honoured. Then there is an average expenditure of \$25,000 for the running of the Church. This sum is taken from EBF, please note!

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$6,430 (8.00 am); *\$9,334 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND:

545)\$300; 546)\$50; 547)\$1,600(E Band); 548)\$100; 549)\$50; 550)\$5,000; 551)\$1,300; 552)\$800; 553)\$400; 554)\$930; 555)\$1,000; 556)\$100(Indonesian S.); 557)\$1,456.69(Bethel BPC); 558)*\$6,430; 559)*\$9,334; 560)\$50; 561)\$1,010; 562)\$500(Thai S.); 563)\$18; 564)\$600; 565)\$12; 566)\$660(Children's Choir); 567)\$50; 568)\$95; 569)\$190.

Total: \$1,587,852.19.

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570)\$2,500.

LOANS:

37)\$5,000.

Total Loans: \$1,246,650.00.

GRAND TOTAL: \$2,834,502.19.**Words of Encouragement from Lovers of God:**

1. A Malaysian guest at FEBC Hostel writes: "We were deeply touched by the love of our Lord manifested in you all. Our spirits were revived . . . Enclosed is a small amount for buying the eye hospital."
2. Praise God, this is my savings — a loan to the Lord Jesus Christ toward Beulah, S\$2,000. — a Sharonite
3. (Enclosed is a \$2,000 hongbao,) my love-offering for God's Extension Work. God bless you in His work.

What is Greater than a Father's Love?

Message delivered by Rev. T. Tow over Radio Singapore, Lord's Day, 14 January, 6.30 pm

Text: Luke 15:11-24

There is a lament by the prophet Jeremiah for God's rebellious children in the Old Testament, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved" (Jer 8:20). This is 1990, the beginning of another year, and of another decade. The eighties and our failures have become history. But will there be a new beginning? Or are we still in the grip of our sinful self? Are you a prodigal son? a prodigal daughter? are you the black sheep of the family? Are you playing truant from school? Are you joining a gang? Are you now taking drugs?

The story of the Prodigal Son as told by our Lord Jesus Christ is a marvellous revelation of the sinful nature in each of us. But this is not all. The story has a happy ending. The story is not complete until you read the second part more carefully, to see the overwhelming love of the father for his long-lost son.

Let us read again verses 20 to 24: "And he rose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. And the son said unto

him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him: and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry."

If I should ask you how the prodigal son had come to himself, how one so lost in sin, like sunken in a quagmire, could pluck himself up, you will agree with me this is due to his recollection of his father's uplifting love. Did he not say to himself, "How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare . . ." Not only this recollection of his father's ample provisions, but the resolve to go home, "I will arise and go to my father . . ." How did he decide, after all, to return? The prayerful longing of a father's heart, as manifested in his running from a great distance to receive his son is that remote yet irresistible cause, I'm sure.

There is a saying, "The son of a praying mother cannot be lost." This was said of St. Augustine, how he, a playboy son, was converted by his praying mother to become a bishop. By corollary, the straying husband of a praying wife must come home! In the story Jesus has told, the lost son of a longing father must come back! What is greater than the love of a father for his son? Dear listener, what is greater than your father's loving concern for you? Oh, how he is praying for you to go home!

Let me give you a modern and living version of the prodigal son. This modern prodigal son is Rev An Yohan, or John An, a Korean pastor. He is 50 years old. He has a Church to the Blind in Seoul and he publishes a Braille Gospel magazine in Korean. He visited Singapore last year, to appear before hundreds of his fans.

When John An was born, his pastor father dedicated him to be a servant of God. But when he grew up and achieved great success in his university education and career to be a diplomat, he rebelled against his father. As things turned out suddenly against him, for he became blind soon after he had won an appointment with the U.S. Army in California, then came the loving hand of

God to lift him from darkest despair. God came to him when he tried twice to commit suicide. As the Lord showed His love to him step by step, the Blind Korean Pastor, as he is now known, was returned to a life of a hundred-fold usefulness. Now he can say, "Thank you God for my blindness. When this body leaves the earth my sight will be gone with it. With my new spiritual eyesight, I am ready to obey your will and glorify your name until the day you call me to heaven . . ." This statement is taken from his autobiography that has gone through 54 printings in Korea, making it the best seller. Incidentally, the story of the Blind Korean Pastor that is made into a Film will be shown at Life Church, Gilstead Road, next Saturday, January 20, 7.45 pm for the 40th and last showing before it is returned to Korea.

In this film story, you will see enacted the theme of this radio message, "What is greater than a father's love?" Dear listener, are you also another modern version of the prodigal son? Come back, come back to your loving Heavenly Father who is longing for you, who is longing for your return!

After the Prodigal Son's return, the Father made him a big feast. He killed a fatted calf, which is the highest expression of honour to an invited guest, according to the Jews. Does this not remind us of God sending His Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross for our sins? "But God commended His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom 5:8). Dear listener, Christ has not only paid the penalty for your sin by dying on the cross, He is able to save you by the power of His resurrection. So the Bible continues, "For if when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life" (Rom 5:10). We have the testimonies of drug addicts cured once for all, never to go back to their old ways, by trusting in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Why won't you come to Him today? He can cure you and save you to the uttermost! (In conclusion, read John 3:16-21.)

XVII

BEHOLD HE COMES! WHY BUILD?

(by Rev Timothy Tow at the Sunset Gospel Hour,
Calvary Pandan, 14 January 1990)
28 January 1990

Text: Luke 19:11-26

"Behold He comes! Why build?" Apparently, the person who talks like that queries building God's House, while he is subconsciously building his own!

In the Sunset Gospel Watchman the background of this statement is clarified: "Today, Life Church is committed to a S\$7 million fund-raising project to acquire a property across the road from its present premises. *Question*: What is the rationale for this huge expenditure? What if the Lord should return next year?

So, the person who says, "Behold He comes!" is thinking of the Lord's Return in terms of a year or two. When I was a student in Nanking, a Pentecostal missionary asked me how long my seminary training was to be. When I said, three years, he replied, "Too long! Christ is coming real soon. Go out and preach." That was 1946.

Behold He comes! But while we believe that Christ's return is even at the door, we must not speak beyond our puny knowledge. Remember Calvin's three rules of humility in the study of theology? We know, and yet, we do not know! That is to say, while signs of the times point to His imminent return, we must never presume to speak beyond our human limitations. To the disciples, who were curious to know how soon Christ would re-establish Israel, He said, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power" (Acts 1:7). To emphasise the futility of date setting (one Dr Chan Kai Lok had predicted Christ would return between 1986 and 1988), our Lord declared, "But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels in heave, *neither the Son*, but the Father" (Mark 13:32).

In regard to Christ's Second Coming, we, being serv-

ants, are enjoined in parable after parable to be at the ready. In Luke 12:35, 36, Jesus says, "Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him *immediately*." We are to be at the alert, waiting to hear the Master return and ring the door bell and open to Him immediately. Are you prepared for His coming? When He comes will you be rewarded or will you be embarrassed, yea, even fearful, because you have no account to render? Can you say for sure you are saved? Your sins forgiven?

While Jesus tarries, we have one job on earth to do, apart from preparing ourselves to meet Him without shame, and that is to "Occupy till I come." The parable we read in Luke 19, very similar to that given in Matthew 25:14-30, is trade wisely with the money He has given us. That is to say, the Church is like a business enterprise that must be run daily with a view to profit, and more profit for the Master. Thus the first two servants who made great gains were highly commended, but the third one who wrapped up the money committed to him for trading and made no progress was condemned. In fact, with inflation on, what was returned had shrunk almost to nothing. Have you wasted the Lord's talent by being an armchair Christian? With folded arms and idle talk?

Life Church, by God's grace, is blessed with ten services every Lord's Day, wherein seven languages are used. The congestions on the limited Church grounds — men, women, children crowding one another, and cars bumper to bumper — pose a crying need for expansion and extension. Two years ago we tried to acquire land obliquely across the street at a good price, but the deal was overtaken by a developer who paid \$15 more per square foot. He is now building on this property a 17-storey condominium. As we perceived it was the Higher Hand of God overruling, we acquiesced, we submitted to His Sovereign will.

Now, the Eye Clinic property at No. 10 Gilstead Road that sits right opposite us is deemed by realtors a much better deal because it has marriage value. At \$240 per sq. ft., this price is good market value. For us it is

priceless since it is "married" to our Church-College-Kindergarten Complex. What price, a wife?

The purchase of the Eye Clinic property which we now rename Beulah Land (Beulah means *married*) will ease this present congestion. Our growing Sunday School with over 400 will be the first to flow across the road. Life Church has a half-dozen Fellowships. Several of these having no room of their own will each claim one. Far Eastern Bible College, which is expanding as never before, will find great relief by being housed in the new premises. Staff workers, quartered in the same building, can minister directly to the needs of the congregation. Besides, there is need of a proper sanctuary for the Chinese Service, and bigger meeting halls for the other vernacular services. The acquisition of the Beulah Land is definitely in the spirit of the Lord's Business of growth and expansion.

If it is said that such a big sum as S\$7 million is a burden on the Lord's people, my answer is, it all depends on whether there is the will to acquire and extend. Now, there were the Jewish Returnees from Babylon who had left off building the Second Temple for fifteen years, while they built and decorated their own houses. The Lord was displeased with these who knew only to feather their own nests. So He rebuked them through Haggai the prophet: "Now therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways. Ye have sown much, and bring in little; . . . and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes" (*Haggai 1:5, 6*). In fact the Jews had money aplenty, but they thought what they earned belonged to themselves. Today, there are Church members who think the Lord owes them a living and growl at any Church project that needs their support. To justify their highmindedness they complain the project is too costly. Let us find some cheaper property to save the Lord money, they say!

Whatever money we have is not ours by right. We are mere stewards. Therefore the Lord declares through Haggai again: "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts" (*Haggai 2:8*). Now, the Lord requires from us not what we have not but what we have. It is an immediate love-giving plan and not a future

faith-promise plan as propounded by a pastor of a Toronto church. That immediate love-giving plan is most genial from the hand of a gracious Heavenly Father, who by Malachi asks of us only one-tenth. Don't keep back that sacred tenth, which if we do, is robbing God! (*Mal.* 3:8).

In business enterprise there is constant expansion. The trend today is multi-national and international corporations. When we develop and expand the work of the Church, the next step is missions — into all the world. By God's grace our B-P Churches are missionminded churches. Life Church, in taking over Beulah Land across the street, can only develop more mission stations beyond our shores. We cannot use it solely for ourselves. This is "occupying till He comes," for much more money will be required in the days ahead to pay off our interest-free loans. By not paying bank interest, our mission projects will be carried on smoothly without fiscal restraint. The rationale of spending S\$7 million is a most cost-effective expenditure, in harmony with the Lord's enterprising spirit.

Behold He comes, Why Build?

Behold He comes, so let us build faster!

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$5,388 (8.00 am); *\$16,769 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND:

571)\$525(AF); 572)\$1,000; 573)\$190(Boxes);
 574)\$50(Boxes, K. Sawit); 575)\$1,000; 576)\$500;
 577)\$1,000; 578)\$574; 579)\$635; 580)\$3,000(AF);
 581)\$300; 582)\$100; 583)\$5,000(Choir); 584)\$500;
 585)\$2,000; 586)\$50; 587)\$200; 588)\$200; 589)\$5,000;
 590)\$300; 591)\$351(Child. Ministry); 592)\$500; 593)\$410;
 594)*\$5,388; 595)*\$16,769; 596)\$19,000; 597)\$500.

Total: \$1,655,394.

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598)\$1,000; 599)\$50.

LOANS:

38)\$5,000; 39)\$2,000(Choir).

XVIII

"THE TRIBULATION IS NOT FOR CHRISTIANS"

(Synopsis of message by Rev T. Tow

at Sunset Gospel Hour,

Calvary Pandan B-P Church, 28 January 1990)

4 February 1990

To this statement, I'd like to end with a Question Mark (?). That is to say, there is an area of ignorance to each of the three views generally held by Bible students of Eschatology (the Doctrine of Last Things). The *Sunset Gospel Watchman* of 23 Dec. 1989 puts it this way: "What is the 'Tribulation'? What will happen during the Tribulation? Must Christians go through it? What is 'Pre-Trib,' 'Post-Trib' and 'Mid-Trib'? Come and find out for yourself."

Although there are those who hold strongly to each of the three views above-stated, the principle of humility thrice averred by Calvin should deflate our ego somewhat. If this will not bring us down from our dizzy heights, then let us hear from the mouth of the Son of God. "But of that day and that hour, knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, *neither the Son*, but the Father" (*Mark 13:32*). In things divine, the first law of hermeneutics (science of interpretation), I say, is, "I don't knowism."

To be true to the Lord and to our own selves, it behoves us, therefore, to be charitable to those who take a different position from us. At Far Eastern Bible College we are careful not to fall into a dogmatism of futility, inasmuch as it is reiterated by our Lord, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power" (*Acts 1:7*).

For the purpose of tonight's presentation, a certain amount of definition is necessary. Among Bible students it is agreed that in the end-times, there will be a super world-ruler who will flourish for one week, or seven years. This period is generally called "Tribulation Week" (*Daniel 9:27*), the last seven years of Gentile rule before Christ destroys it and brings in the Thousand Years of Peace on earth.

Now, if we study the Book of Revelation, those who hold to the Pre-Tribulation position identify the Rapture of Christians as taking place at Rev. 4:1, "After this I looked, and behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking to me; which said, Come up hither . . ." Scofield comments, "This call seems clearly to indicate the fulfilment of I Thess. 4:14-17. The word 'church' does not again occur in the Revelation till all is fulfilled." I leave it to you to decide whether the Rapture does occur at this point.

The Post-Tribulation position holds the Rapture to occur in Revelation 19, with Matt. 24:27-31, etc., as its support. In this case, the Rapture occurs almost simultaneously as Christ descends to earth. When asked how long after the Rapture would Christians come down with Christ, one student who held the Post-trib position replied, "Five minutes!" - I can still hear the roar of laughter from my seminary days!

The Mid-Tribulation position identifies the Rapture as occurring at Rev. 11:15-18, coinciding with the rising of the Two Witnesses, 3 1/2 days after being killed by the Beast, when "they ascended to heaven in a cloud." The seventh angel who sounds the trumpet (v. 15) coincides with the last trump of I Cor. 15:52. "But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as He hath declared to His servants the prophets" (*Rev 10:7*). This coincides with I Thess 4:16, 17 where the trump(et) of God is mentioned again. "The mystery of God" that "should be finished" is the "mystery" of the "fulness of the Gentiles be come in," the "mystery" of the number of Gentiles that should be saved, known only to God. This is Dr Buswell's position, which I have studied together with the Pre-Trib and Post-Trib positions presented at Faith Seminary, and I hold to the Mid-Trib position. But, yielding to what I'd like to call "the second law of hermeneutics," namely, "I part-knowism," from Paul's "For we know in part and prophesy in part" (*I Cor. 13:9*), I have charity to my brethren who hold either of the two other positions. Let me say it again for future generations: This is the charitable position of Far Eastern Bible College.

Brethren, the coming of the Lord is at the very door.

The crumbling of communism in Eastern Europe heralds the coming of the Super World Ruler and the End. More important than these theological viewpoints is your position before Christ, who shall judge "the quick and the dead," "for we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men . . ." (*II Cor. 5:10, 11*).

Three passengers are intended on a flight to London. While two are arguing about the time-table, the other one secures his ticket. When the time to fly comes, who goes up, the two with time-tables or the one with ticket?

"The Tribulation is not for Christians" is best stated with a Question Mark (?). But the Rapture of Christians must include me without question! Can you say that? "Behold, He cometh with clouds, and every eye shall behold Him, and they also which pierced Him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him." Even so, Amen.

In Memoriam Mrs Lim Hong Hock

Mrs Lim Hong Hock is now in glory when the Lord took her peacefully at the ripe old age of 82 on Chinese New Year's Day, 27 January 1990.

Mrs Lim, together with her husband Elder Lim Hong Hock and three children, Evelyn, Ruth and Edmund, are founder members of Life B-P Church. When the first Prayer Meeting was held the Wednesday night after 20 October 1950 at Prinsep Street Life Church, Evelyn and Ruth were there. This Prayer Meeting was advanced to Tuesday, when a Friday night Family Worship was instituted. The venue of Prayer then shifted to the home of the Lims at Hooper Road.

1960 saw Life Church begin earth-filling operations at Gilstead Road because the land, now beautifully built up, was three to four feet below its present level. Elder Lim Hong Hock would join Elder Heng Mui Kiah to supervise the earth-filling work. At the height of this labour of love, Elder Lim suddenly took ill, was admitted to General

Hospital and called home 11 September 1960. Nevertheless, his name as one of four trustees of our Gilstead Road property is perpetuated in the B-P Church Magazine, 1950 - 1971.

For thirty years after her husband's departure, Mrs Lim Hong Hock continued to serve the Lord in her capacity as mother and grandmother. And she has been well taken care of by daughter Ruth and Ruth's husband Dr Andrew Heng. Her presence in the house as grandma has blessed each one of the grandchildren. She has also played a part in bringing the family servant to Christ.

Elder Lim Hong Hock is one of several sons of Patriarch Lim Nee Tiew, a convert of the English Presbyterian Mission to Swatow, South China. In 1881 Lim Nee Tiew was brought to Singapore by Rev John A. B. Cook, first EP missionary to Singapore and Malaya, as his valet. As the Lord prospered His servant, Patriarch Lim Nee Tiew found a place in the Teochew Christian Colony, which still exists today, around the present Glory Presbyterian Church, Bukit Timah.

Mrs Lim Hong Hock's part as one of the roots of Life B-P Church is hereby recorded for the younger generations.

*"Look unto the Rock whence ye are hewn,
And to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged"
(Isa. 51:1)*

BEHOLD, BEHOLD, THE SON OF GOD IS COMING AGAIN!

Behold, behold, the Son of God is coming again!

With thousands angels and saints, (x2)

He comes, He comes, He comes in clouds of heav'n

To judge the world.

Awake, awake, you children of men, awake, awake! (x2)

Prepare now to meet the Lord, (x2)

He comes, He comes, He comes in clouds of heav'n

To judge the world.

Behold, behold, the Son of God is coming again! (x2)

With thousands angels and saints, (x2)

Believe, believe, believe in Him just now

And you'll be saved.

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND:

600)\$40; 601)\$100; 602)\$2,000; 603)\$70; 604)\$500(Child. Choir); 605)\$50; 606)\$1,000; 607)\$70; 608)\$300; 609)\$100; 610)\$584(K. Sawit); 611)\$37; 612)\$200; 613)\$500; 614)\$100; 615)\$580; 616)\$4,488(Chinese N. Year); 617)\$200; 618)\$1,488.83(BPCWA); 619)\$288; 620)\$2,500; 621)\$200; 622)\$500; 623)\$200; 624)\$1,000; 625)\$1,000; 626)\$800; 627)\$1,200; 628)\$2,800; 629)\$1,260; 630)\$770; 631)*\$8,097; 632)*\$14,612.

Total: \$1,704,079.02.

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633)\$2,000; 634)\$500.

LOANS:

40)\$20,000; 41)\$12,000.

Total Loans: \$1,285,650

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635) US\$495 (New York).

GRAND TOTAL: \$2,989,729.02.

OFFERINGS FOR:

Charles S. \$200, \$132; Colin W. \$400; J. P. David \$200; Jemima T./Jeffrey K. \$390.



XIX

11 February 1990

From the financial report you will see this week's column rise rather sharply to \$3.17 million. Praise the Lord! But with only 12 more weeks to go, and another slightly over \$2 million to bring before the Lord, this means we need to see \$175,000 come in every week. One young teen writes on his (or her) hongbao: "I believe in miracles. With God nothing is impossible." But if God is going to do it, we must the more seek His help. Pray, Pray, pray! Will you pray everyday for Beulah Land? Will you come Tuesday night? Will you come specially Friday Night to pray at the parsonage? This is our only way!

To enlighten our understanding on building God's House, I cull from our Weekly dated 13 March 1983 this short exposition by Rev Frank Mood of the USA. He writes:

Building the Church

The Bible gives many directions about building the work of the Lord. I Chronicles 29 deals with our attitude toward the work before us. Verse 1 gives the picture. *"The work is great: for the palace is not for man, but for the Lord God."* David says it is "great." We are doing a work which is not some run-of-the-mill work, not an everyday job, not a common thing, not a routine event, but *"it is a great work."* This makes it something very special and outstanding, something that demands our very best.

Building the Church requires that we give our best. The best of our time, the best of our years, the best of our life, the best of our efforts, the best of our talents, the best of everything. *I cannot be sloppy and careless in building the Church;* it demands my best. I must be precise and exact, it must be the best I can give and do.

The greatness that demands so much in building Churches is found in the fact that "it is not for men, but for

the Lord God." This shapes my whole concept concerning the building of the Church. The work that I am called upon to perform is not something for man and his standard. It reaches far above the level of man to the very peak of perfection. It is "for the Lord God." And the Lord God is holy and His house is holy (v. 3). When we realised this aspect, then our attitude falls into its proper place. *Then Church building supercedes everything else, it becomes a great work, the greatest work in all the world.* It must come first and it calls forth my best in meeting God's holy standard.

David knew the greatness of the work and gave his best, his all. He says, "I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God" (v. 2). It was a personal work for his God that required the preparation for building with all his "might," his wisdom, his abilities, his time, his wealth, his all. It was always the pre-eminent thing in his life.

Again, David says, "*I have set my affection to the house of my God*" David's heart belonged to God and that is where his treasure was. "I have of my own proper good . . . given to the house of my God over and above that which I have prepared for the holy house" (v. 3). In the vernacular of today, we could say that David was all wrapped up in the work of building the Church. It is this attention I give to this important work that soon reveals if my attitude is right or wrong.

May we realise that building Churches is a great work that *we are not labouring for men and their praise, but we are working for the Lord God* and He is holy. If this is our attitude, then we can proceed with the work of building true Churches.

Ministry at Rawang and Muar

This Lord's Day we are on the road again. We are preaching at Rawang and Muar. We helped Rawang build their Church in 1972. Today, they have established a branch church at Bukit Gambir, 13 miles inland, where crosses the new north-south super highway. From Bukit Gambir to the headwaters of the Muar River, Rawang Church has extended a Sunday School to Kundang Ulu.

It was not in vain, building Rawang Church.

Today Rawang has reciprocated by loaning us a sum from the accumulated Building Fund (for Bukit Gambir). I am glad to hear further of their hongbao offering this Chinese New Year!

Muar B-P Church is founded by Rev Koa Keng Woo, one of FEBC's outstanding graduates. They have now over 30 congregating, with a flourishing Sunday School. Though a small church, they have also loaned us a sum. Everywhere we go, those who have fellowship with us show their support in a practical way.

Pray for us that fruit might be borne in these out-stations, and pray for our safe return.

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$3,975 (8.00 am); *\$22,617 (10.30 am)

Bl. Korean Pastor Film: \$421

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND:

636)\$1,000; 637)\$2,000 638)\$500(Changi Mission Chap.);
639)\$565(Boxes); 640)\$600(Child. Choir); 641)\$100;
642)\$50; 643)\$50; 644)\$50; 645)\$450(WF); 646)\$100;
647)\$50; 648)\$770; 649)\$1,030; 650)\$400; 651)\$1,000;
652)\$1,230(Chinese S.); 653)*\$3,975; 654)*\$22,617.

Total: \$1,744,031.77.

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655)\$1,000; 656)\$70; 657)\$195.

LOANS:

42)\$30,000; 43)\$100,000; 44)\$5,000.

Total Loans: \$1,420,650.00.

GRAND TOTAL: \$3,164,681.77.

Words of Encouragement from Lovers of God:

1. Enclosed herewith my cheque for \$5,000 (\$3,000 being my year-end bonus). Although this is but a small amount, I'll continue to do my utmost to empty my all for the Lord. I count it a privilege to be able to have a share in God's investment. . . . I'll see you the moment I acquire some more funds.

2. The Lord is on our side, and He will surely make a way for us and see us through. This huge sum that is before us, He will size it down and make it easier for us to bear - as He has promised - "my yoke is EASY and my burden is LIGHT." . . . Enclosed is a small sum which we wish to loan to Beulah Land. This money was meant for the purchase of a family car. As the present car, though 10 yrs old, is still serviceable, we have decided not to scrap it but use it for the next 3 or more years. So we can now make use of the money for a more urgent purpose - Beulah Land. We are praying for Beulah Land daily.

3. I have here \$100 for the EBF from the pay increase from my recent rank promotion. I thank God for His mercy and goodness and especially for granting safety during my NS training in 1989. I hope my humble contribution will go a long way in the extension of God's Kingdom and may it also encourage others to give cheerfully and willingly.

4. We are pleased to give back this portion of the Lord's blessings to Him at this time. It's not because we have in excess, but rather we are concerned about the growth of His Kingdom on earth. We are sorry we cannot do much. But will continue to pray.

XX

"EXCEPT THE LORD . . ."

18 February 1990



“. . . build the house, they labour in vain that build it” (Ps. 127). These words for Solomon could come from none other than his illustrious father David. Speaking from the Blessing Nathan the prophet had conferred on him by the Word of the Lord, he has a gem of encouragement for lovers of God in and beyond our Church too.

In II Samuel 7 we read of the background of Psalm 127, viz., David's holy desire to build God's House. This heart-worship so pleased God that He sent Nathan with this “hongbao”: “Also the Lord telleth thee that He will make thee an house . . . I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom” (*II Sam. 7:11,12*).

Dear Reader, you have done your utmost to build God's House in Beulah Land. It is not the amount, but the amount in proportion to what you have (not what you have not) that is noted of the Lord. It is also the motive behind the act that counts — solely to worship the Lord, for His glory (not for ours). You have encouraged the Lord, the Lord encourages you! The Lord bless you who have given or loaned according to the promise He has given David's household. May the chiefest blessing be yours, that is, your children who will grow up to honour you and be a joy to you in your advancing age.

“EBENEZER”

This word from Samuel means “Stone of Help,” which testifies, “Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.” The background of these words is the Lord's deliverance of Israel from the Philistines in the nick of time by thundering “with a great thunder.”

Hitherto, the Lord has also helped us, and has He not spoken loud enough with the many gifts and loans

spontaneously showered upon our Church? For example, a couple newly joining our Church but for four weeks or months give the pastor a cheque for \$4,000 for Beulah Land as they shook his hand under the Jesus Saves gate. These are those who leave each service with gladsome heart for the saving grace they have found in His House. (Another Ebenezer blessing is a \$10,000 loan just come to hand from a Sharon BPC couple).

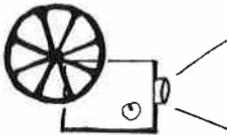
Lovers of God, let us therefore pursue with all diligence this project of God. This is the spirit that brings glory to Him: "I'll continue to do my utmost to empty myself all for the Lord. I count it is a privilege to be able to have a share in God's investment. . . . I'll see you the moment I acquire some more funds" (from last Week's column). There's always a Mary of Bethany to cheer our Lord in His ministry, who for our sakes has made Himself poor!

Behold, as I conclude this paragraph, here comes a loan of \$70,000 from another Mary, an old-timer Lifer. Attached are words of encouragement she's received from the Lord for other lovers of God. She writes:

It would be great, it would be great!
Every loan or gift, be it small or big,
Placed in His Hand . . . we'll succeed, we'll succeed.

Little drops of water, little grains of sand
Make the mighty ocean and the pleasant land;
So may our gifts increase by Your helping Hand.

What Greater Gospel Outreach Than by YAF'S Film Ministry?



The effectiveness of such a ministry has been proven by the sustaining power of the Blind Korean Pastor through 40 showings during the last year. And, lo and behold, the 41st showing will come to Hermon BPC,

Saturday, 10 March, at the Boys' Brigade Headquarters, Convent Garden, Ganges Avenue.

The showing of "Flame in the Wind" with Dr Bob Jones appearing in person drew about 350 to Gilstead Road last Thursday night. Many who saw were first-timers. This

film is no fiction, but a true re-enactment of the Inquisition. The darkness of that foul system, the burning at the stake of those who owned a Bible, may not prevail today, but the priestcraft in auricular confession, prayers for the dead and indulgences remain to strangle the souls of men, all the same. Praise the Lord, the way of salvation in Jesus Christ alone was made as bright as the noonday sun in the said film. Dear Reader, have you received Christ as your Saviour since seeing "Flame in the Wind"?

Owing to the breakdown of the projector the other night, the "Years of the Beast" was postponed. Wait for the coming announcement to make good the showing of this timely film. The "Years of the Beast," the Seven Years of Super-Dictator rule over Europe (the revived Roman Empire) before our Lord's Return is looming large with the collapse of Communism in Eastern Europe. German Reunification augurs not peace but trouble. Uncertainty is the current word of politicians both West and East. We see in all these changes the inevitability and nearness of Christ's coming.

What can better awaken a slumbering Laodicean Church from this sleep of death? What can better infuse the Gospel into masses of confused souls than Jesus Christ offered through the silver screen! Dr Bob Jones commented, "Paul would have used TV and the screen to preach the Gospel were he living today." Finally, a word of commendation to our YAFers and the PA systems engineers! Amen.

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$3,873 (8.00 am); *\$21,154 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND:

658)\$6,127.20; 659)\$1,000; 660)\$100; 661)\$5,000;
 662)\$50; 663)\$200; 664)\$517.70; 665)\$1,000; 666)\$200;
 667)\$50; 668)\$1,000(SS Jr Dept); 669)\$50; 670)\$800;
 671)\$260; 672)\$400; 673)\$300; 674)\$300;
 675)\$4,500(FEK); 676)*\$3,873; 677)*\$21,154;
 678)\$30(Boxes).

Total: \$1,792,208.67.

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679)\$1,000.

LOANS:

45)\$10,000; 46)\$70,000.

Total Loans: \$1,500,650.

GRAND TOTAL: \$3,292,858.67.

Beulah Land Latest Ms. Lim Li our solicitor advises that "approval to purchase" No. 10 Gilstead Road was granted 12 February 1990 by the Controller of Residential Properties. Calling all pledges of gifts and loans! Please "bring them in" before April 15!

At the rate we are going, we would need a bank loan of \$1 million. At 7%, to clear the loan in 3 years, we would have to pay \$210,000 interest. You who now rally to the Lord's help, according to Deborah in Judges 5, will be doubly blessed! Every extra dollar you give now is worth \$1.21!

Life Church Bible Camp, March 1990: Today is the last day of registration for this camp. We will not be able to arrange travel to Awana for those registering late. So, get your camp forms from the Church Information Counter and submit them today!

Words of Encouragement from Lovers of God:

1. Thank you for your letter. Has it really happened that you've got the Eye Clinic across the street near you? Congratulations! And I am just sending like the widow's "farthing" my gift to the Alma Mater for excellent help!
2. (We are) a new and small congregation. We are unable to help in big ways. Last Sunday we collected \$517.70 for our Mission Offering in support of your building project.
3. I would like to make a love-offering of us\$10,000 in Miss Alice Doo's name as a token of her appreciation for the kindness and love that she had received from her relatives during her earthly years.
4. My husband has just ventured into his own business and we are . . . committing this business unto the Lord. Lord willing, we are pledging 10% of our share

of the profits annually to the Life Church Missionary Fund.

5. Enclosed is a cheque of \$15,000 for the building of God's house. As Christians, we are able to give cheerfully without worrying about our future needs or contingencies.

BEHOLD, BEHOLD, THE SON OF GOD IS COMING AGAIN

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Behold, Behold, the Son of God is Coming Again". The score is written in 4/4 time and features a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, while the bass clef provides a harmonic accompaniment. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

XXI

"IT IS BETTER TO TRUST IN THE LORD
THAN TO PUT CONFIDENCE IN PRINCES" (Ps. 118:9)

25 February 1990

There's a Chinese saying, "As you grow old, thus you know-so," meaning to say, you are surprised by new experiences even in your old age. Though I know Ps. 118:9 full well, I have learned in the present Building Fund struggle many a new lesson. Our Fund is not built by the mighty and doughty, but by the lowly and loving!

As you know, our EBF's increase has slowed down quite a lot after Chinese New Year. At the rate we are going, I estimated in the last Weekly we might have to take a \$1 million bank loan. Hopefully paying off the sum in 3 years, on top of an estimated \$2 Million free loans, we would require expenditure of \$210,000 on bank interest alone. (But my grandpa taught me never to pay interest.)

Reading this and of the extra dollar to make the million, if given now, to be equal to \$1.21, a brother phoned me, "I'd like to loan \$5,000 plus a gift of \$1,500 to encourage your heart." This call came 15 minutes before I went downstairs to teach the Calvin & Psalms classes. Lo, and behold, when I finished the Calvin class, a smiling sister put into my hand an envelope with a \$20,000 cheque. But I must not forget another envelope of \$1,000 given by a new Lifer through an FEBC student the early morning of the same day. Oh yes, at the Information Counter the previous Sunday morning, another sister cheered me, "Next Lord's Day I'll bring a loan of \$5,000." All these sums have not come from "princes," but from the lowly and loving Marys of Bethany, and from one to be counted with Mary's brother.



The Real Fight is On!

With only 9 more Sundays left before completing payment of \$6.95 million plus 3% tax, we must all arise — the real fight is

on! As we need \$1.8 million between now and April 30, this works out to \$200,000 per week!

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (*Mal. 3:10*). Here's another way to help build the Lord's House: Give a year's tithe in advance. Can you, as the Lord moves your heart, send in advance your tithe from March to December 1990? Or a portion of last year's annual bonus? A member of the Chinese Service told me she wanted to sell her jewelry to add her widow's mite to the EBF. "Where there's a will, there's a way."

O BEULAH LAND

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

O Beu-lah Land, Sweet Beu-lah Land, Jor-dan be-yond with Man-sion fair,
 I will a-rise and join the Band That pray and give their strength to share: To-
 ge-ther as one; we'll wor-ship there at Je-sus' feet, in Beu-lah Land.

To further impress on the congregation the need to rally to His cause, we will henceforth sing some song on the Beulah Land. If you have a composition of your own, will you hand it to me, with accompanying music? Here's one we'll sing this week.

If we all make an effort now to offset the \$1 million bank loan as forecast above, let me emphasise again, every \$ you give or loan now is worth \$1.21. We had a battle slogan when building 9 & 9A Gilstead Road: "If everyone will do his best, God will take care of the rest." Let's all rally to help poor Mother Church! And does not Solomon assure us, "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the lord, and that which he hath given will he pay him again" (*Prov. 19:17*).

The \$210,000 saved can boost mightily our dwindled Missions Fund. For example, Rev Thawn Luai in Burma has 27 students in his Bible College (we helped him start it). He is in great need of financial help, seeing that Burma is a hermetically sealed country to foreign missionary help. But our Lord's command is, "Into all the World." (Every \$ you give now to offset the \$1 Million loan is worth \$1.21!)

Regarding loans to EBF, our policy is to start returning to those who have an immediate need. "'Owe no man anything" (*Rom. 12:8*), our desire is to get the loan-burden off our chest the sooner the better!

Every Church a Missionary Society!

The Great Commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" (*Mark 16:15*), is indeed the First Commandment to the Church. To go is the first divine imperative. That being the case, it behoves us to remind our Readers not to forget our responsibility to Missions.



At present, we are giving support to:

1. A number of *Life Church and foreign* theological scholarships at FEBC.
2. *FEBC* maintenance and utilities.

3. *Malaysia*: a) Taman Sri Melati, KL; b) Bukit Batu; c) Air Bemban.
4. *Indonesia*: Batam Island.
5. *The Philippines*: Hilltop Project (Rev Dan Ebert III).
6. *Burma*: Rev Thawn Luai's Fundamental School of Theology, Rangoon.
7. *Perth*: BPCWA (Our part in recent renovations).

May we assure you that every dollar given to extend God's Kingdom is fully and meticulously used, with no overhead expenditure whatsoever!

It is proposed that a missionary conference be held in the near future that members will be totally involved, more than merely giving of the substance. We are happy that Charles and Frieda Seet are making a missionary survey trip to Manila, 12 March 1990.

Words of Encouragement From Lovers of God:

1. It was God's love and grace for me and my family that have constrained us to give. "Gratitude is the memory of the heart."
2. This loan (\$5,000) is just a very little of what I can return to God. I wish I had faith to return it to God as a gift. I must say that it is very little compared to what God has given me.

For the last few years of my life, God has propelled me through difficult times. During those difficult moments, I murmured promises. Yet, I've forgotten exactly what they were.

I'm not smart, my English isn't good; yet God has put me into Law School (NUS) on a Government scholarship. I'm now in my 3rd year. For my last 2 exams I've always requested Life Church to pray for me. I still need prayer support. As I sat down today I realised I've not replied to the Church after my last exams to thank God that I've cleared. I felt so bad. May God continue to be gracious to me. . . . Once again, I request the Church's prayer support for my exams, starting on 19/2 and ending in mid-March.

3. I am giving the enclosed \$500 in return for the blessings God has bestowed on me — a good job and much angpow money. May the Lord continue to

- work in us that the remaining sum can be raised in time. — A Lifer
4. Enclosed is a small gift for the Building Fund. May the Lord strengthen and uphold you as you extend His kingdom. . . . The Lord is great, yesterday, today and forever. Praise His Name. Thank God for His blessings on our family, especially for giving us a new house.
 5. As a token of my appreciation to God for His Daily care and protection, and for the 5 1/2 months' aside this sum for the extension of God's House. Agape. — YAFer
 6. This is my angpow for the Lord and to thank Him for His faithfulness and His goodness! — In His Love, a sister from LBC
 7. I am following through with the tele-conversation we had concerning an interest free loan of \$100,000 to Life BP Church for the extension project of FEBC. We are praying that the Lord will continue to bless the work of the Bible College in preparing more preachers and pastors for the ministry. To this end, we are happy to render our humble support. Do pray for us too, as we also trust the Lord to lead us in our search for a permanent place of worship.

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$4,287 (8.00 am); *\$9,997 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND:

680)\$100; 681)\$100; 682)\$100; 683)\$2,000; 684)\$1,030;
 685)249.20; 686)\$730; 687)\$310; 688)\$1,200;
 689)\$15,000; 690)*\$4,287; 691)*\$9,997; 692)\$100;
 693)\$20; 694)\$30; 695)\$20,000; 696)\$50(Box);
 697)\$300(Box); 698)\$500; 699)\$1,000; 700)\$300;
 701)\$300.

Total: \$1,850,911.87.

LOANS:

47)\$50,000.

Total Loans: \$1,550,650.

GRAND TOTAL: \$3,401,561.87.

XXII

JESUS IS COMING AGAIN REAL SOON!

4 March 1990

This is the watchword of Rev C.T. Hsu, one of the "three musketeers" for the defence of the faith since the founding of the BPC Movement in 1950. This rallying cry is all the more needed today as the Church falls into deep slumber. There is that slogan "Evangelism 2000" splashed by many a big ecumenical church, but none has added "while He tarries" or "till He come." They are not aware of the prophecies on Christ's Return, nor are they alert to the signs of the times.

We believe Christ's Return is near, even at the door! This last decade of the Second Millennium A.D. or Sixth Millennium since Eden, when it is consummated, will it lead into the Golden Sabbath of Christ's millennial reign? No one can forecast the Day and the Hour, not even our Lord while on earth (*Mark 13:32*), but we must be ready to join the Great Air-lift at a split-second's notice. To alert Lifers we are preaching from Revelation this epochal year of the nineties.

Since Christ is coming real soon, all the more are we to "lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth easily beset us" (*Heb. 12:1*). Let us run with patience the race that is set before us. What race? We believe it is the race of end-time evangelism! "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come" (*Matt. 24:14*).

Now, insofar as Singapore is concerned, only 20% can claim a place under the banner of Christianity (including Roman Catholics). So there are 80% who have not named the Name of Christ. If charity begins at home, we have plenty to do here to "bring them in."

We have a good supply of Gospel tracts at the front of the Church. We see they are being taken in quantity for distribution. The Evangelistic Band has a Sunday afternoon outreach to Toa Payoh. The YAF has a monthly Gospel Film Ministry, etc., etc.

In this connection, we are glad to have used the YAF's services to show the Blind Korean Pastor Film on

numerous occasions. As the Film has not been flown back to Korea as previously anticipated, we have introduced it to Hermon BPC, using the Boy's Brigade Headquarters at Ganges Avenue to show to a new class of audience - to the boys of the BB and their young friends, almost all of whom are outside Christ. The Blind Korean Pastor is suitable particularly for prodigal sons. Are parents of such mindful of our efforts to help them bring back their wayward children to Christ? I'm sure there are a goodly number of Lifers who have not seen the Blind Korean Pastor Film. Here is the unexpected 41st offer, made to you at the BB Headquarters at Ganges Avenue. The Date is Saturday, 10 March, 7.30 pm. Invite your children to the show!

Jesus is coming again real soon! These words of warning sounded by Rev C.T. Hsu of New York, an old Lifer still supporting us, yea, even the Beulah Land project, cannot be taken lightly. "For yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry" (*Heb. 10:37*). (Outside of Singapore, we have listed the ASEAN countries under our support. We should not rest on our laurels, but rather press on to new frontiers, till He comes. Amen.)

An Open Letter to Lovers of God

In the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, this letter comes to you with a heavy burden upon my heart.

"Ebenezer, hitherto has the Lord helped us." You have given, pledged and loaned a grand total of \$3.5 million, and we have a reserve of \$2 million. Hallelujah, praise the Lord! But we still need \$1.7 million to meet the target of \$7.2 million, which is the land price of \$6.95 million + 3% tax. And April 30, the date when the complete payment must be made, is 1 3/4 months away!

Many of you have given sacrificially, not once, but twice, thrice! How can I burden you further? However, there is a chorus:

*"Only Jesus, only Jesus, only He can satisfy;
Every burden becomes a blessing When I know my
Lord is nigh."*

If you have the Lord, if you regard the Beulah Land project as your own business, you will not be crossed by this appeal letter! You will want to do whatever you can for His sake, while He gives you more strength to do it; "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you: that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: (He hath dispersed abroad: he hath given to the poor (Mother Church): his righteousness remaineth forever" (II Cor. 9:8,9).

Yours faithfully in His Service, T.T.



NORTH-EAST ELEVATION

O Beulah Land, Sweet Beulah Land!
 Jordan beyond with Mansion fair.
 I will arise and join the Band
 That pray and give their strength to share.
 Together as one, we'll worship there
 At Jesus' feet, in Beulah Land.

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERING:

*\$3,085 (8.00 am); *\$13,646 (10.00 am)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND:

702)\$1,500; 703)\$100; 704)\$527.67; 705)\$50; 706)\$300;
 707)\$20; 708)\$1,400; 709)\$27; 710)\$3,520; 711)\$1,000;
 712)\$2,000; 713)\$200; 714)\$200; 715)\$100; 716)\$39;
 717)\$500; 718)\$50; 719)\$818; 720)\$1,030; 721)\$570;
 722)\$1,800; 723)\$520; 724)\$750; 725)\$1,500; 726)*\$3,085
 727)*\$13,646.

Total: \$1,886,164.54.

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728)\$1,000; 729)\$1,600.

LOANS:

48)\$5,000; 49)\$5,000; 50)\$2,000; 51)\$10,000
52)\$50,000.

Total Loans: \$1,622,650.00.

GRAND TOTAL: \$3,508,814.54.

Words of Encouragement from Lovers of God

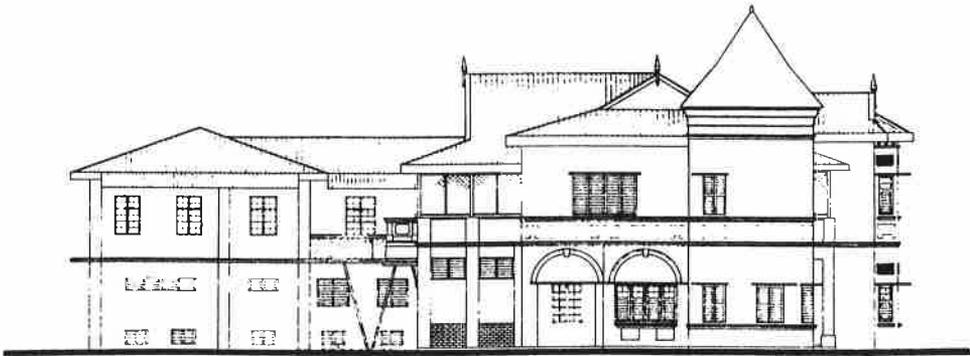
I have been caught speeding twice. Today is the 3rd time. I suddenly remembered your sermon in which you mentioned those who make more for themselves at God's expense: "earn wages to put it into a bag with holes"(Hag. 1:6). Please accept this \$100 as my "payment of fine to the Lord"

Our Valentine Gift to God. — J & C

This is the third time I send my widow's mites.

For the furtherance of Fundamentalism.

I would like to loan \$2,000 to Life BP Church for the Church Building on Beulah Land because of God's goodness towards me all these years — AFer



NORTH WEST ELEVATION

XXIII

MAKING THE MOST PROFITABLE USE OF BEULAH LAND

11 March 1990

The beauty of the Beulah Land property is that it is available for use immediately upon entry. We need but some thousand dollars to alter and touch up. The buildings are in a healthy state.

1. All empty ground space to relieve our ever-growing car parking problem.
2. Rooms to departments and fellowships that have none this side of Gilstead Road.
3. Quarters to Church staff whose staying on the premises serves to guard the Lord's House and minister to members "on the spot."
4. Dormitories to married students of FEBC whose presence should enhance security and contribute to the good maintenance of the campus.
5. Rooms to take care of passing-through missionaries, etc., an extension of the ministry of hospitality by our Church-and-College (*Ill John 5-8; I Tim. 3:3*).
6. Halls enlarged affords more facilities to worship and holding of fellowship meetings.
7. These buildings must be fully used until the day the Church should decide to build anew, so that out of the two combined properties will go forth the Gospel ministry to the uttermost parts of the earth, while He tarries. Amen.

Making the Most Profitable Use of Your Surplus Dollars

1. Instead of earning a few percent interest from the bank, your loan that saves the Lord a higher interest, becomes your wise trading, well commended of God.
2. Last week a lady brought a \$15,000 cheque, being her son's education fund to loan to the Lord. Surely God has taken notice and will bless both gift and giver's future career. (as we write, here comes her offer of a second loan!)

3. Withholding the tithe, the sacred tenth, is robbing God (*Mal. 3:8*). Giving of the tithe opens windows of heaven that pour out a blessing upon the tither "that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (*Mal. 3:10*). "Consider your ways. Ye have sown much, and bring in little . . . and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes" (*Hag. 1:6*).
4. A Calvarian family converted a trip to Europe to a shorter and nearer one - to Batam. The several thousand dollars saved has helped the Mother Church in no small measure. We can save on our costly comforts to alleviate the Church's burden.
5. Every dollar you give or loan now to offset that impending \$1 million bank loan = \$1.21!
6. For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his soul? What shall it profit a Christian to hoard from the Lord, and receive His condemnation as in the parable of the talents (*Matt. 25*)?
7. God loveth a cheerful giver (*II Cor. 9:7*).
8. "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again" (*Luke 6:38*).



Words of Encouragement from Lovers of God

I've been very encouraged by your faith and the faith of our Church leaders in raising the huge sum for Beulah Land. I sometimes feel that the owner of the Land has taken advantage of the fact that we need the land badly to jack up the price. But I also feel that it may simply be God's way of pulling the Church closer together, and at the same time that we may see His wondrous works. (Ed. note: The price is the market price. After we accepted at \$6.95 million, the next day another buyer offered \$7.2 million.)

My only concern right now is that our missions and other evangelistic outreaches do not suffer as a result of

our zeal to meet the target. Certainly, if this happens, then we would be guilty of being self-centred, and if I may say, "hitting the wrong target." . . . Anyway, I'm enclosing a cheque for \$527.67 for the building extension. The amount is the bonus I've received this year. A small sum because I just started work about middle of last year, and also because I'm working and studying at the same time, so I'm not getting my full pay. I was not even sure that I would get the bonus. Since I prayed about it, and the Lord answered my prayer, the amount is rightly His.

The enclosed cheque is not a means to ease my guilty conscience, neither is it a way to cover up my sin. I was rebuked by the Lord for my greed and I felt very ashamed of myself. How can I grieve the Spirit by holding back what actually belongs to the Lord — my wages! The more I write, the more I feel like giving. Now there is so much peace in my heart and happiness that I cannot help but praise the name of the Lord. God has put a new desire in my heart and that is to do all things that count for eternity, not for my own glory but His. — from a member of another BPC

Thank you very much for the book, "Prophets of Fire and Water," and the letter about the Church Extension Building Fund. Herein is enclosed \$2,000 draft as a token unto my God for EBF. Though I haven't been regular in Life Church, Singapore, I always consider Life Church as my home church. "But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (*Phil. 4:19*). "For with God nothing shall be impossible" (*Luke 1:37*).

. . . He heard my feeble prayer. Therefore, it is right for us to offer a gift of thanksgiving to the Lord. The psalmist says, "What shall I render unto the LORD for all His benefits toward me?" (*Psa. 116:12*). Again he says, ". . . and forget not all His benefits" (*Psa. 103:2*). Yes, God has indeed showered much blessing upon us. "Many O LORD my God, are Thy wonderful works which Thou hast done, and Thy thoughts which are to usward: they

cannot be reckoned up in order unto Thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered" (Psa. 40:5).

Please accept this gift for the extension of God's Kingdom. The Lord is very good. Amen.

I enclose a bankdraft for a small amount. I hope you can use it for the building fund or wherever you see the need. Thank you. (Monash University, Melbourne)

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$6,950.00 (8.00 am); \$25,390.50 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND:

730)\$200; 731)\$57(Box); 732)\$3,000(LBC); 733)\$100; 734)\$200; 735)\$570(Tamil S.); 736)\$500; 737)\$50; 738)\$590(WF); 739)\$50; 740)\$150; 741)\$500(YAF); 742)\$100; 743)\$3,000(AF); 744)\$1,000 745)\$900; 746)\$35; 747)\$1,200(Chinese S.); 748)\$600; 749)\$410; 750)\$500; 751)\$500(Servitor); 752)\$1,000; 753)\$285; 754)\$1,000; 755)\$200; 756)*\$6,950; 757)*\$25,390.50.

Total: \$1,937,802.04.

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758)\$400(YF/YAF); 759)\$1,000; 760)\$1,720; 761)\$200.

LOANS:

53)\$15,000; 54)\$3,000; 55)\$12,000; 56)\$5,000.

Total Loans: \$1,657,650.

GRAND TOTAL: \$3,595,452.04.

BEULAH LAND LATEST The owner of the Eye Clinic has confirmed her willingness to let us use Beulah Land for Easter Breakfast. Commencing this year there will be only one Easter Service (April 15, combined with Chinese) to begin at 7.00 am sharp in Church, overflowing to the Church grounds. With baptisms, the service should end by 8.45 am. Thereafter, Breakfast on Beulah Land Lawns. We extend a most cordial welcome to Sharon BPC joining us this Happy Day.

Good Friday Service as usual at 8.00 pm (April 13) combined with Chinese Service. Dr Tan speaking, with in-

terpretation into Chinese.

We extend a very warm welcome to Rev Carl Martin of USA, the Lord's messenger for the 10.30 am Service today.



XXIV

GOD'S WORK IS OFTEN LIKENED TO WARFARE

18 March 1990

God's work is often likened to warfare. Entrusting Timothy the work he had accomplished for the Lord, Paul wrote, "This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare . . ." (*I Tim. 1:18*). Concluding the same epistle to Timothy, the aged apostle cried, "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who only hath immortality dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen. Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen." (*I Tim. 6:12-21*).

Life Church is now at war as never before! Particularly, as the Lord has given us Beulah Land to conquer! He expects everyone to play a part, whether rich or poor, to bring our tithes, our love-offerings, our profits, yea, even our savings and children's education funds to loan. Are you concerned for the remaining \$1.6 million, which,

if we will contribute a part, will save us two hundred thousand dollars in interest? Your \$1.00 given now before April 30 = \$1.21? Thank God, you have exerted to give and loan to date \$3.6 million. If the whole Church, every member high or low, boy or girl, men's fellowship or women's fellowship, etc., etc., will arise as one, in concerted action, "we will succeed, we will succeed."

As your old pastor, thinking of the younger generation's needs, the Lord has put on me a burden I must discharge. Will you respond (not to me) but to the Lord? Now the Lord has given me a more effective way of calling Lifers to total mobilisation, as I awoke one morning last week there flashed in my mind, "Read Judges chapter 5." Here it is, a whole chapter from the Bible:

Deborah's War Song (Judge 5)



Then sang Deb'o-rah and Ba'arak the son of A-bin'o-am on that day, saying,

- 2 Praise ye the LORD for the avenging of Is'ra-el, when the people willingly offered themselves.
- 3 Hear, O ye kings; give ear, O ye princes; I, even I, will sing unto the LORD; I will sing praise to the LORD God of Is'ra-el.
- 4 LORD, "when thou wentest out of Se'ir, when thou marchedst out of the field of E'dom, the earth trembled, and the heavens dropped, the clouds also dropped water.

- 5 The mountains melted from before the LORD, even that Si'nal from before the LORD God of Is'ra-el.
- 6 In the days of Sham'gar the son of A'nath, in the days of Ja'el, "the highways were unoccupied, and the travellers walked through byways.
- 7 The inhabitants of the villages ceased, they ceased in Is'ra-el, until that I Deb'o-rah arose, that I arose a mother in Is'ra-el.
- 8 They close new gods; then was war in the gates: was there a shield or spear seen among forty thousand in Is'ra-el?
- 9 My heart is toward the governors of Is'ra-el, that offered themselves willingly among the people Bless ye the LORD.
- 10 Speak, ye that ride on white asses, ye that sit in judgement, and walk by the way.
- 11 They that are delivered from the noise of archers in the places of drawing water, there shall they rehearse the righteous acts of the LORD, even the righteous acts toward the inhabitants of his villages in Is'ra-el: then shall the people of the LORD go down to the gates.
- 12 Awake, awake, Deb'o-rah: awake, awake, utter a song: arise, Ba'rak, and lead thy captivity captive, thou son of A-bin'o-am.
- 13 Then he made him that remaineth have dominion over the nobles among the people: the LORD made me have dominion over the mighty.
- 14 Out of E'phra-im was there a root of them against Am'a-lek; after thee, Ben'ja-min, among thy people; out of Ma'chir came down governors, and out of Zeb'u-lun they that handle the pen of the writer.
- 15 And the princes of Is'sa-char were with Deb'o-rah; even Is'sa-char, and also Ba'rak: he was sent on foot into the valley. For the divisions of Reu'ben there were great thoughts of heart.
- 16 Why abodest thou among the sheepfolds, to hear the bleatings of the flocks? For the divisions of Reu'ben there were great searchings of heart.
- 17 Gil'e-ad abode beyond Jordan: and why did Dan remain in ships? Ash'er continued on the sea shore, and abode in his breaches.

- 18 Zeb'u-lun and Naph'ta-li were a people that jeopardated their lives unto the death in the high places of the field.
- 19 The kings came and fought, then fought the kings of Ca'naan in Ta'a-nach by the waters of Me-gid'do; they took no gain of money.
- 20 They fought from heaven; the stars in their courses fought against Sis'e-ra.
- 21 The river of Ki'shon swept them away, that ancient river, the river Ki'shon. O my soul, thou hast trodden down strength.
- 22 Then were the horsehoofs broken by the means of the pransings, the pransings of their mighty ones.
- 23 Curse ye Me'roz, said the angel of the LORD, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the LORD, to the help of the LORD against the mighty.
- 24 Blessed above women shall Ja'el the wife of He'ber the Ken'ite be, blessed shall she be above women in the tent.
- 25 He asked water, and she gave him milk; she brought forth butter in a lordly dish.
- 26 She put her hand to the nail, and her right hand to the workmen's hammer; and with the hammer she smote Sis'e-ra, she smote off his head, when she had pierced and stricken through his temples.
- 27 At her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay down; at her feet he bowed, he fell: where he bowed, there he fell down dead.
- 28 The mother of Sis'e-ra looked out at a window, and cried through the lattice, Why is his chariot so long in coming? why tarry the wheels of his chariots?
- 29 Her wise ladies answered her, yea, she returned answer to herself.
- 30 Have they not sped? have they not divided the prey; to every man a damsel or two; to Sis'e-ra a prey of divers colours, a prey of divers colours of needle-work, of divers colours of needlework on both sides, meet for the necks of them that take the spoil?
- 31 So let all thine enemies perish, O LORD: but let them that love him be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might. And the land had rest forty years.

THERE COMES A TIDE TO EVERY CHURCH

(to the tune of "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind")

There comes a tide to every Church,
 Which, taken at the flood,
 Leads on to undreamt realms of power,
 To showers of blessing from above -
 The Holy Ghost of God!

Comes now a flood-tide to our Church,
 Who'll go to meet this hour?
 'Twill lead to shores yet unexplored,
 This tide that bears you up yonder -
 The flood-gates of our God!

Help us to toil for Thee, O Lord,
 Upon this flowing tide,
 And quicken our hands and our feet
 To snatch the souls of men adrift -
 The coming Day of God!

Come ye, and hear the Saviour's Word:
 This tide for no man waits.
 The hour is late, the work undone,
 As ebbs the flow below the sun -
 The judgement Day of God!

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$3,872 (8.00 am)*; \$14,032.50 (10.30 am)*

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND:

762)\$600; 763)\$4,600; 764)\$1,000; 765)\$5,000
 766)\$102(Boxes); 767)\$20; 768)\$2,800; 769)\$200;
 770)\$2,000; 771)\$5,000 772)\$1,000; 773)\$170;
 774)\$1,600(AF); 775)\$50; 776)\$500; 777)\$81.80(Chinese
 S.); 778)\$50; 779)\$300(E. Band); 780)\$300;
 781)\$558;(US\$300); 783)\$300(Indonesian S.); 783)\$1,500;
 784)\$3,000; 785)\$100; 786)\$300; 787)\$3,872*;
 788)\$14,032.50.*

Total: \$1,990,158.34.

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789)\$2,400; 790)\$200; 791)\$4,680.

LOANS:

57)\$2,000.

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58)\$5,000.

Total Loans: \$1,659,650.

GRAND TOTAL: \$3,649,808.34.

Camp Echoes The Lord has mightily blessed this Camp up Awana, in sending Rev Carl Martin of the USA to speak on the theme, "My Family and I." The Chinese Section was ministered unto by the pastor, while Mrs Ivy Tow instructed the children. Various ladies took turns to oversee the Nursery. A retreat also from the heat-wave, the days were spent in balmy spring. With good food to match the spiritual, the campers voted to come to Awana next March. A thank-offering taken at the close of camp for the EBF yielded S\$1,936.10 + M\$932.65 + US\$100 + 3 pledges of S\$200, S\$2,000, S\$5,000. Total = \$9,973.85 + (\$26.15) = \$10,000. Praise the Lord, and thank the Lord for safety in travel each step of the way.

"All I Hear"

"All I hear is money," said the barber. "The Church is always asking for money. I think a person should give as he feels like it, instead of tithing." When the haircut was over the pastor got out of the chair and gave the barber 50 cents. The barber told him it wasn't enough. The pastor commented, "I thought I would give as I felt like it."

XXV

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

25 March 1990

During these months of revolutionary Democracies shaking Eastern Europe, I remember hearing from the BBC of the naive suggestion by one acclaimed national leader that armies of NATO and Warsaw Pact countries be disbanded, and only a police force be maintained to fight terrorism. This is one aspect of everybody wanting to believe that this somehow makes the world a safer place, "because the prospects of individual freedom in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe look better than they have for 40 years." Continuing to quote from the newspaper article by Peregrine Worsthorne on the right column, "It does nothing of the kind . . . Ludicrously high expectations are building up for the next century, expectations which take little or no account of how fragile the world order has now become. . . . History teaches only one lesson: that those whom the gods wish to destroy they first make optimistic."

This interpretation of the volatile situation in Eastern Europe that leads, ultimately, not to peace, but rather to war, comes under the purview of Paul's prediction on the phony peace of the end-times. In I Thessalonians 5:1-3, the apostle says, "But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape . . ."

That this peace and safety in the wishful thinking of the world in these deceptive end-times will manifest itself in merry abandonment is predicted by our Lord in Luke 17:26-30: "And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in

the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed."

In Luke 21:34-36, Jesus comes to us with this warning: "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."

Dear Reader, listen to what the apostle Paul concludes of this warning by our Lord. He sums it up in the I Thessalonian passage (5:4-10): "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him."

In Matthew 25, Jesus applies these end-time forewarnings to our lives, how we must be ready to stand before His judgement seat (*II Cor*, 5:10-11). This He makes vividly clear in three parables:

1. *The wise and foolish virgins (Matt. 25:1-13).*
Will you go with Christ, in the Rapture of saints (*I Thess. 4:13-18*) or will you be left behind?
2. *The talents to three servants for trading.*
This is a judgement of works, of whether we work for the prosperity of His Kingdom or for our own. A young lady, commenting on this parable, writes, "I have been very much ministered to by 'The Parable of the Talents' (*Matt. 25:14-30*). Indeed, this world is not our home. Even all worldly possessions are

(Enclosed a cheque of \$1,500 . . . for EBF.)

3. *The parable of the sheep and goats.*

Judgement on our attitude to the poor and needy around us. We have hitherto helped to build six unfinished Filipino Churches because they were poor and needy. This is your good work which God has blessed.

"Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last."

— T.T.

Dangerous Optimism Over Future of Brave New World
Peregrine Worsthorne, in an editorial in
The Sunday Telegraph.

HISTORY is starting up again, after 45 years of petrification.

Nor does it look like Sleeping Beauty awakening after a long sleep; more like a kennel of sleeping dogs suddenly prodded into snaring life — old hatreds, old rivalries, old territorial claims, above all old nationalisms, notably those of Germany and Japan.

There is nothing to fear but fear itself, said Franklin Roosevelt in 1933.

Today it is the lack of fear that should frighten - the Titanic-like ignorance as much among rulers as ruled of the dangers ahead.

Because the prospects of individual freedom in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe look better than they have for 40 years, everybody wants to believe that this somehow makes the world a safer place. It does nothing of the kind.

Civil rights in the Balkans, Independence for Lithuania, unity for the Germans and all these other blessings now falling like pennies from heaven recreate conditions that existed in the bad old pre-war days.

They were no guarantee of a stable Europe then and there is no obvious reason why they will be any more so now. The more peoples there are free to make history, the more peoples there are free to make war.

Ludicrously high expectations are building up for the next century, expectations which take little or no account

of how fragile the world order has now become.

Visible dangers can be averted.

That is why the mushroom cloud that for 45 years has darkened the horizons of mankind may prove to have been less doom-laden than today's promise of blue skies.

History teaches only one lesson: that those whom the gods wish to destroy they first make optimistic.

THE STRAITS TIMES, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 1990

Farewell Message from Rev Carl Martin

Thank you for the privilege of ministering in your midst this past week. Surely the fellowship across the tables and in the meetings is just a touch of what heaven will be. I pray that the families of the Life Church family will be stronger for the Lord as a result of our time together. I pray that the singles will be encouraged at God's sufficiency to meet their needs and to use them for His glory regardless of whatever state they are in.

I was encouraged by the way the men led the services. There was also an unusual depth of insight to the messages brought in the devotionals. I trust that such maturity continues to grow and develop in Life Church.

As I bid farewell to all of you, I want you to know that I have been ministered to by your kindness, your prayers, your hospitality and your encouragement. Keep looking to Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith. He will meet your needs and lead you into your Beulah Land property interest free. The grace of our Lord be with you all.

HE'S ABLE

He's able, He's able, I know He's able!
I know my Lord is able to carry us through.
He's given us six million —
There's one last lap to grind.
We can make it, we must make it,
To take Beulah on time!

He's able, He's able, I know He's able,
I know my Lord is able to carry us through.

He's able, He's able, I know He's able!
I know my Lord is able to carry us through.
Our Lord will reward us all,
Who serve with cheerful heart.
"He who goes with Me through my Trials,
My joys he'll share a part."
He's able, He's able, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Hallelu, Hallelujah!

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$6,027 (8.00 am); *\$15,095.50 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND:

792)\$700; 793)\$140; 794)\$500; 795)\$100; 796)\$500;
797)\$400; 798)\$165(Boxes); 799)\$50; 800)\$200;
801)\$795(Sun. Sch.); 802)\$600(AF); 803)\$20,000;
804)\$50; 805)\$800(S.S. Jr Dept); 806)\$35; 807)\$40;
808)\$6,000(Sun. Sch.); 809)\$154(Child.min.); 810)\$100;
811)\$150; 812)*\$6,027; 813)*\$15,095.50.

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814)\$200; 815)\$130; 816)\$930(US\$499); 817)\$2,500.

Total: \$2,050,039.84.

LOANS:

59)\$1,500; 60)\$100,000; 61)\$100,000; 62)\$50,000;
63)\$50,000; 64)\$50,000.

Total Loans: \$2,016,150.00.

GRAND TOTAL: \$4,066,189.84.

Offering from USA for Malaysia:
S\$40.

Words of Encouragement from Lover of God:

1. This is a loan to the EBF. We do hope it will help the Church not to have to pay interest for the purchase of Beulah Land.
2. Enclosed is another cheque for \$200 as my love gift

for Beulah Land. (Ed. note: With 2 other gifts this adds up to \$1,000.)

“Hilltop Philippines” Rev Dan Ebert III would like to meet with Lifers who could help with advice on developing the Hilltop Land (eg. architects, civil engineers, building consultants). He will be coming to Singapore, 27 April-2 May 1990.



HILLTOP BIBLE (CHRISTIAN)
RETREAT CENTRE - ARTIST'S IMPRESSION

XXVI

1 April 1990

In my Chat with you on 25 February, I said, "As you know, our EBF's increase has slowed down quite a bit after Chinese New Year. At the rate we are going, I estimated in the last Weekly we might have to take a \$1 million bank loan. Hopefully paying off the sum in 3 years, on top of an estimated \$2 million free loans, we would require expenditure of \$210,000 on bank interest alone. (But my grandfather taught me never to pay interest)"

"A Stitch in Time Saves Nine"

Last Lord's Day, you rallied as never before in gifts and big loans totalling over \$400,000. This lifted us out of the doldrums of the mid-three millions, so that, as we had earnestly prayed, the \$4 million mark was pierced before the crucial month of April was upon us.

Today we are on "the last lap of our grind, oh, let us take Beulah on time!" There is great incentive to give every dollar now, because it goes to offset the \$1 million bank loan that loomed large when for weeks our giving was sluggish. Can God deliver us out of the last last million before 30 April? When \$6.95 million must be paid plus 3% tax?



As it is said that God helps those who help themselves, we must each play our part. God does not require what we have not. God, testing our love, requires but 1/10 of what we have. One way of helping is to give our 1990 tithes one year in advance! Every dollar you give now = \$1.21. Every \$100 = \$121. Every \$1,000 = \$1,210. Every \$10,000 = \$12,100. Every \$100,000 = \$121,000! "A stitch in time saves nine."

Is \$6.95 Million an Exhorbitant Price?

Some members of our Church berated the lady owner for overcharging us — this big sum of \$6.95 mil-

lion! I have heard others say the same. Are leaders of Life Church ignoramuses? Do we throw God's money away like spendthrifts?

We had the best advice from one of our own in the property business, an eminent realtor. We had the confirmation from another, also a Lifer. The fact is that after the owners accepted our price of \$6.95 million, there came an offer of \$7.2 million to them the next day through a solicitor of another race. Despite this higher offer, our friends across the street kept their word, because "you are a lively and growing Church." Put yourself in the seller's position. You might have changed your mind and sold your freehold, prime land (so near to MRT and Orchard Road) to the higher bidder. To complain we're paying too much is quite groundless.

Beautiful Beulah Mansion

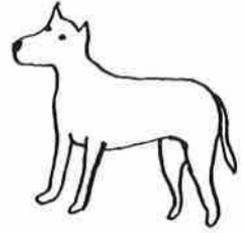
Had we taken No. 6 Gilstead Road which was our first intention, we would have to pull down the building and rebuild! It was in a dilapidated condition insofar as the outhouses were concerned. The main building could be used, but needed extensive repairs - leaking gutters, cracked walls, weather-worn outer surfaces, etc. \$100,000 would barely be sufficient for renovations.

As for no. 10, the L-Block Building behind the main building is of a later date, almost as new as our L-Block this side of Gilstead Road. A few thousand dollars would suffice to make alterations here or there and to touch up. As you can see, the Building was renovated and repainted only three or four years ago. It is ready for immediate occupation. These premises could last at least a decade before any master-plan for future expansion be considered. We should not stretch our members' financial sinews any further than paying the price to take the property over.

SPCA

Some people also say they are more concerned for dogs than for souls. Conversely, we may be so con-

cerned for the heavenly that we are of little earthly good! In all fairness, SPCA is a Biblical society. Is not God the Creator of dogs and cats and cares even for birds and flowers? Are not unscrupulous owners of oxen and asses commanded to give rest to their animals on the sabbath day? "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that threadeth the corn," an injunction on feeding the animals well, is also a hint to unscrupulous towkays over their servants. For Paul adds to the Animal Commandment immediately: "The labourer is worthy of his hire" (1 Tim. 5:18). Are domestic servants given their day off in the week, according to the Fourth Commandment?



The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has a positive blessing from the Lord. Solomon the Wise King says in *Proverbs 12:10*, "A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast." In contrast, "But the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel." Remarked our Lady Owner, "It was the callous treatment of dogs and cats by the Chinese people that prompted me to promote the SPCA." God has evidently blessed them with good health and long life, and we pray His further blessings upon them. Amen.

Holy Week Round the Corner

Every year for the last 40 years we have commemorated our Lord's Death and Resurrection in a special way during what is known as Holy Week. And we start off with Palm Sunday which is 8 April, next week! When we humble ourselves as little children to the King of Israel, then His Spirit comes down to bless us, and lead us gently to Calvary. A special letter will be sent to remind you of our Services. This Easter we inaugurate Easter Sunrise Service to begin at 7.00 am in Church with Breakfast in Beulah Land! We cordially welcome Sharonites to join us! Hosanna in the Highest!

O BETHANY!

O Bethany, my Home Sweet Home,
 Where my Lord is wont to stay,
 Unworthy as I can be,
 He has forgiv'n me by His grace,
 What a blessing 'fore Him seated,
 Who can take away my part?
 O Bethany, my Home Sweet Home!
 God and man share heart to heart.

CHORUS

My heavy burdens He puts them on Himself,
 Through Valley of Tears no more bereft,
 For Jesus is my Home Sweet Home,
 I must see Him day to day.
 His love endures till worlds be gone,
 With Him life brings no dismay.
 His love endures till worlds be gone,
 I'll go with Him all the way . . .

My Home Sweet Home by Olivet
 Finds grace in Emmanuel's eyes.
 Where joined in one are heart and heart,
 Then soar our souls to the skies.
 I pour on Him my ointment sweet,
 Little token of my love.
 O Bethany, my Home Sweet Home,
 Endless blessings from above.

I have turned my back to the world,
 Peniel, His face to see.
 To Him I've given my heart,
 Ebenezer, He strengthens me.
 Blow thou North Wind, and thou South Wind!
 What sweet odours fill my Home!
 My Lord and I, we are as one -
 Peace and Joy forever more.

(Music and lyrics by Rev John E. Su, translated by T.T.)

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$4,464.00 (8.00 am); *\$9,788.50 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND:

818)\$170; 819)\$140; 820)\$1,400 821)\$1,000(AF)
 822)\$200; 823)\$75; 824)\$20; 825)\$100; 826)\$50;
 827)\$680(S.Sch.); 828)\$1,000 829)\$100; 830)\$500;
 831)\$150; 832)\$30; 833)\$30; 834)\$780; 835)\$1,030;
 836)\$300; 837)\$950; 838)\$2,000; 839)\$300; 840)\$100;
 841)\$300; 842)\$1,000(AF); 843)\$6,000; 844)\$2,000
 845)\$20,000 846)*\$4,464; 847)*\$9,788.50.

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848)\$55(Box); 849)\$800(NCB Tampines); 850)\$200;
 851)\$50; 852)\$500; 853)\$500; 854)\$50; 855)\$600.

Total \$2,108,457.34.

LOANS:

65)\$25,000; 66)\$30,000; 67)\$2,000; 68)\$45,000;
 69)\$10,000; 70)\$70,000; 71)\$20,000; 72)\$50,000;
 73)\$40,000; 74)\$5,000.

Total Loans: \$2,313,150.00.

GRAND TOTAL: \$4,421,607.34.

Offering for Missionaries;

\$100.

Words of Encouragements from Lovers of God:

1. Even if praises were forced to stop,
 Rocks would start to sing.
 Even if funds were withheld to flow,
 Would stones become dough?

Whether I am needy or wealthy,

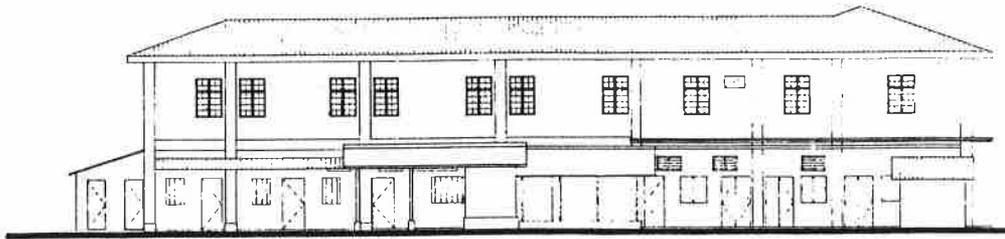
I will love my LORD.

Whether I have any of savings,

Offerings I will bring. — Returnee Lifer

2. I enclosed a cheque of \$20,000 as a loan to Beulah Land. \$16,000 of this sum is actually my late father's bequest to his life-long church. In his will, he instructed that the money to was to be handed over as

and when it had plans to build another church. My mother has not only agreed to loan this sum to Life Church for 3 years or until — plans to build another church, whichever comes first, but also “topped up” the loan to \$20,000. When I told her that my father would have agreed to this plan if he were alive because he would be helping two churches instead of just one, she agreed immediately. . . . I agree that this mite, by itself, is just a drop in the ocean. However, we seem to forget that our Lord who fed the thousands with just 5 loaves and 2 fishes is more than able to repeat this miracle. At the risk of sounding trite, may I say that man’s mite plus God’s might make a miracle.



SOUTH-EAST ELEVATION

XXVII

NOT 52 WEEKS BUT 52 DAYS!

8 April 1990

The epic story of the rebuilding of the Wall of Jerusalem in 52 days, not 52 weeks, is told in Nehemiah 4-6, "for the people had a mind to build" (Neh. 4:6). That members of Life Church, with the enthusiastic support of innumerable fraternal organisations and individuals have given, in 6 months, \$4.7 million (+ \$2 million reserves) towards the \$7.2 million for the purchase of Beulah Land, is due to your cheerful, spontaneous giving and loaning. With \$0.5 million to bring to the Lord's storehouse before April 30, there is heard a chorus of rejoicing: "We can make it, we must make it." By His mercies we pray we will, but I must urge you not to relax!

Of our \$2 million reserves, \$75,000 loaned to younger churches have yet to be returned (we are waiting). Certain pledges, due to changing circumstances, might not be honoured in time. If you have pledged to give or loan, may I remind you to bring in at least one week before April 30. Since all offerings are channelled to the EBF, the running expenses of the Church are taken from the EBF, which amounts to about \$25,000 a month. (Interest earned from the accumulating funds, however, have helped to offset a fraction of it.)



O the sense of release from the shackles of paying \$210,000 in the next three years, had we to take that \$1 million bank loan (not counting legal and administrative charges). And the joy of being enabled to support without encumbrances our Gospel commitments both at home and abroad!

More important, it is the ability of returning what we have borrowed in good time! We shall make every effort to answer those who urgently need it. "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will He pay him again" (*Proverbs 19:17*)

Holy Week Begins Today!

And today is Palm Sunday. This is the Day our Lord enters Jerusalem riding a donkey to receive the hosannas of the children before He goes to His Crucifixion on Friday. "He stoops to conquer," a suffering King for the moment. "He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a Name which is above every name, that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow . . ." (Phil. 2:8-10). Let us take time specially to meditate on the awesome events of the Holy Week, that we might know "the power of His Resurrection, and the fellowship of His Sufferings, being made conformable unto His Death" (Phil. 3:10).

As usual I shall be away at Tanjung Pinang, Maundy Thursday, 12 April, to administer the Lord's Supper and to baptise. This year the Lord has given us an opening to bring a party of eleven to fellowship with the local church and to see the mission work on



the other side of the island. The brethren there are overjoyed to hear of our visit. We return the next day by 5.00 pm, in time for the Good Friday Service in Church at 8.00 pm.

Being a combined worship with the Chinese Service, Dr Tan will preach and I interpret. Bring your Chinese-speaking parents, uncles, aunts and friends.

As for Easter Sunday, we have only one service, to begin at 7.00 am sharp in Church and the Church grounds. Sharon Church will join us, as well as our Chinese congregation. The whole service should end by 8.45 am, after which Breakfast will be served across the street at Beulah Land. We are inviting the owners, Dr & Mrs Oh, and Elder & Mrs Ang Kheng Leng to join us.

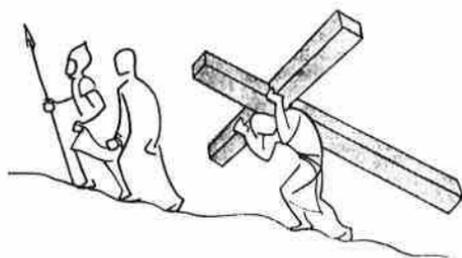
The commemoration of the Death and Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ reinforces our joy of salvation. He paid the penalty of our sins on the Cross. By His Resurrection and Victory over sin and death, even Hell from which we are delivered, we have salvation doubly assured. If Christ did not rise from the dead, we are still in our sins (*I Cor. 15:17*). Hallelujah, He is risen!

The tradition of our Church to baptise at Easter is most appropriate. "Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism unto death, that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (*Romans 6:4*). Amen.

*Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free?
No, there's a cross for everyone, and there's a cross for me,*

*The consecrated cross I'll bear till death shall set me free,
And then go home my crown to wear, for there's a crown for me.*

— Thomas Shepherd



- UNDER THE SUN -

1. Under the sun we strive To what purpose is life?
 2. Naked came we from the womb Naked we go to the tomb
 3. In days of strength and youth, Thy faith in God renew

To earth we come from earth we go The earth goes on and on
 We eat and drink in darkest gloom Birth, age and death comes too soon
 Before His Throne we all shall stand Will He say to Thee well done?

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$11,553.00 (8.00 am); *\$52,406.00 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND:

856)\$1,000; 857)\$300(Life Teens); 858)\$50; 859)\$50;
 860)\$5,000 861)\$50; 862)\$500; 863)\$400; 864)\$188;
 865)\$1,000; 866)\$50,000; 867)\$50; 868)\$5,000;
 869)\$128(Filipina F'ship); 870)\$870(WF); 871)\$50;
 872)\$1,000; 873)\$50; 874)\$500; 875)\$200; 876)\$50;
 877)\$863(Sunday School); 878)\$100; 879)\$400;
 880)\$600; 881)\$500; 882)\$20; 883)\$5,000; 884)\$4,000;
 885)\$727.20; 886)\$200; 887)\$3,000; 888)\$90;
 889)\$1,104(Child. Min.); 890)\$500; 891)\$500;
 892)\$864(Chinese S.); 893)\$200; 894)*11,553;
 895)*52,406.

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896)\$4,000 + 897)\$4,000(Chinese S.).

Total: \$2,260,275.54.

LOANS:

75)\$10,000; 76)\$45,000; 77)\$10,000; 78)\$20,000;
 79)\$20,000; 80)\$10,000; 81)\$10,000; 82)\$10,000;

83)\$1,000; 84)\$5,000(Chinese S.S.); 85)\$8,000,
Total Loans: \$2,462,150.00.

GRAND TOTAL: \$4,722,425.54.

Words of Encouragement from Lovers of God:

1. Yes! The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad. Great is His faithfulness and with faith, we are paying our monthly tithes 6 months in advance.
2. God has granted me countless blessings. With my low pay as a temporary clerk, I am still able to give to Beulah Land not once but three times. Thank God for everything. This is my love-offering for miracle results in my exams. To God be the Glory! — A Lifer
3. Since the Beulah Land Project was announced, I have prayed that my daughter and son would respond. This \$500 is their gift to our Church. May God's Spirit work on every individual to support this Extension Project.
4. This is our loan of \$12,000 to the Church for the acquisition of Beulah Land. The Lord will enable, for He is Jehovah-Jireh.
5. During our ACM last Sunday, all our members agreed to take part of our building fund as a love gift for Life EBF. Enclosed here please find M\$2,000. — from a Malaysian BPC
6. Even a great building is made up of a pile of small bricks. It is our prayer that God may bless the contribution of this small brick toward the acquisition of Beulah Land.
7. The enclosed amount of money is the money-reward my parents gave me for the good results the Lord blessed me with, for my 'O' Level examinations. As all good gifts come from God, I am returning Him a gift, as a token of my gratitude to Him, although this amount is not even worth one-millionth of what the good Lord has blessed with.
I pray that the Lord will continue to bless us and work in our hearts, so that we can pay for Beulah Land on time.

— An 'O' Level Student

8. I would like to express my support for your wise decision to "invest" in Beulah Land. Enclosed is a cheque for \$5,000 being my token contribution for this project. Also enclosed is another cheque for \$20,000 being a loan to Life Church.
9. We have been worshipping in Life Church for more than 5 years. We have been blessed by the pulpit ministry. As an expression of our joy and appreciation, we would like to present a little gift towards Beulah Land.

A PSALM OF BROTHERLY LOVE

SCOTCH AIR

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing harmonic support. A section of the score is marked 'REFRAIN' and is repeated three times. The notation includes various rhythmic values such as quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and accidentals.

Behold, how good and how pleasant,
 When brethren dwell in peace.
 What heavenly sweetness and fragrance,
 This Christian Unity.
 How gracious is the Saviour's love,
 That binds our hearts in one:
 It flows like streams of sacred oils
 Down Aaron's beard and gown.

Behold, how good and how pleasant,
 When brethren dwell in peace.
 What heavenly sweetness and fragrance,
 This Christian Unity.
 How gracious is the Saviour's love,
 That binds our hearts in one:
 It rains like Hermon's dew above
 Upon the hills of Zion.

Behold, how good and how pleasant,
 When brethren dwell in peace.
 What heavenly sweetness and fragrance,
 This Christian Unity.
 How gracious is the Saviour's love,
 That binds our hearts in one:
 'Tis life abundant from above
 To love both foe and friend.

Scripture: Ps. 133.

XXVIII

15 April 1990

The decorating of the Church auditorium and FEBC Hall with palm leaves and white lilies last Lord's Day incidentally heralded our 40th Anniversary. The purpose, however, was to emphasise the importance of commemorating Holy Week beginning with Palm Sunday. Everyone was gripped by this palm-welcome to our Saviour while the Children's Choir sang hosannas to mark His Triumphant Entry to the City of the King (so were the Koreans, Sharonites and Tamils at the services that followed).

At Prayer Meeting, we traced the Events of Holy Week to the Cursing of the Barren Fig Tree and Cleansing of the Temple on Monday. On Tuesday the disciples saw the withering of the Tree, a lesson to every barren Church. The same evening the Jewish leaders plotted to kill Jesus. Wednesday was spent in silence at Bethany, lull before the storm. Thursday evening saw Jesus and the disciples keep the Passover in the Upper room in Jerusalem which ended with Gethsemane and the Betrayal and Arrest . . .

Our emphasis on Holy Week brought a record attendance good Friday, while the Maundy Thursday Service at Tanjung Pinang this year was augmented with our Singapore Contingent singing "O Bethany."

My heavy burdens He puts them on Himself,
Through Valley of Tears no more bereft.
For Jesus is my Home-Sweet-Home, I must see Him
day to day,
His love endures till worlds be gone, With Him life
brings no dismay,
His love endures till worlds be gone, I'll go with Him
all the way . . ."

As we assemble in Church with Sharon and the Chinese congregation this year at 7.00 am, we are also starting a new pattern of Easter worship and Family Get-together, eating the traditional breakfast with gladness. Let there be no more unforgiving spirit between mem-

bers, for if we do not forgive others, neither will the Lord forgive us. Let us rise with Christ from the deadliness of our sin because He has conquered it by way of the Empty Tomb. "And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins" (*1 Cor 15:17*). Let us not be entombed in our old pride but say Peace to one another, as He comes in like manner to us!

This Easter's message is beamed particularly on non-Christian relatives and friends who come to witness the baptisms. May you resolve this year to bring some unsaved relative or friend to Christ. And here's an advance announcement - the Life Bible Class is holding a Family Salvation Night, 8 May, using the Hokkien medium.

Every Easter we cannot express our joy to the Saviour without bringing a beautiful offering wrapped in Lilies! Let this Easter's gifts surge to a victorious climax in our 6-month pilgrimage to Beulah Land! To encourage you further, there was received in the offering bag an anonymous sheaf of 5 x \$10,000 notes in an Easter Lilies envelope last Lord's Day, while the Chinese Service brings in \$70,000 loans this week! From USA, three Lifers sent a total of US\$1,200 + (498 + 497), "\$500 from my wife's secret saving hidden somewhere . . . Always praying for the EBF, to the glory of god."

Praise the Lord, we shall not have to pay that estimated \$210,000 bank interest. We have two victory choruses to sing next week instead!

HALLELUJAH, HE IS RISEN!

— T.T.



Easter Testimonies

Forcita H. Dalin

I started attending Life B-P Church about 1 year and 7 months ago. I remember when I first came to the Sunday Service, I felt very sleepy. But after observing everybody, I saw how attentive they were. I became curious. Slowly, I began to understand the message of Christ. After listening to the sermon every Lord's Day and reading the Holy Bible, my mind was enlightened. Now I felt I wanted to serve Christ. I am so happy that I would finally become a true member of the Church, and would make my Life worth living.

I am very thankful to our Lord Jesus Christ for His unspeakable gift of salvation.

Edna A. Enricoso

I was born into Catholic religion . . . Since two years ago, I came to Singapore and attended Life B-P Church and the Filipina Fellowship. I believe differently now, compared to those I had learnt before. I have learnt the truth through reading the Bible. I know all the answers I am searching for.

Before, I felt guilty each time I know that I had committed sin. I did not know what to do. I felt miserable, and I doubted every faith. I did not feel secure in any religion. Now I know Jesus Christ by reading the Bible. The most important thing is that I know through Jesus Christ we can ask for forgiveness of our sin to God. It is not necessary to go to the Priest and confess

NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH SESSION 1990 — 1993

Pastor: Rev (Dr) Timothy Tow; *Associate Pastor:* Rev (Dr) Patrick Tan; *Elders:* Chia Kim Chwee, Khoo Peng Kiat, Koh Kim Song, Lim Teck Chye, Eric Mahadevan, Seow Chong Pin, Sng Teck Leong, George Tan Chin Peng, Edmund Tay; *Deacons:* Charlie Chia, Han Soon Juan, Ong Eng Lam, Pang Leong Siang, Seow Chong Kiong, Jack Sin, Sng Jin Seng Francis, Geoffrey Tan, Tan Nee Keng, Wee Chin Kam, Paul Wong, Roland Wong, Yiew Pong Sen.

The Church Elections, together with the Annual Congregational Meeting, will be held on 29 April 1990 at 9.30 am. All members are reminded to be present.

LAST LORD'S DAYS GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$9,815 (8.00 am); *\$64,711 (10.30 am)

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE OFFERING:

**\$12,897(including \$1,000 from NBC Henderson)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND:

898)\$500; 899)\$213; 900)\$110; 901)\$7,000; 902)\$1,000;
903)\$117(Boxes); 904)\$2,244; 905)\$1,850.65;
906)\$1,000; 907)\$50; 908)\$1,000; 909)\$500; 910)\$50;
911)\$1,000; 912)\$100; 913)\$50; 914)\$81.86; 915)\$270;
916)\$35; 917)\$70; 918)\$35; 919)\$70; 920)\$70; 921)\$35;
922)\$35; 923)\$1,000; 926)\$100; 927)\$50; 928)\$545(S.S.);
929)\$600; 930)\$100; 931)\$50; 932)\$35; 933)\$1,080;
934)\$1,800; 935)\$350; 936)\$40; 937)\$500; 938)\$50;
939)\$550; 940)\$30; 941)\$1,900; 942)\$1,100;
943)\$800(Indonesian S.); 944)*\$9,815; 945)*\$64,711;
946)\$50.

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947)\$4,008(Men's F'ship); 948)\$3,000; 949)\$50;
950)\$366.25; 951)**\$12,897; 952)\$50; 953)\$50.

Total: \$2,372,123.90.

LOANS:

86)\$1,000; 87)\$10,000; 88)\$10,000; 89)\$5,000;
90)\$1,000; 91)\$6,000; 92)\$10,000; 93)\$20,000.

Total Loans: \$2,525,150.00.

GRAND TOTAL: \$4,897,273.90.

Addendum:

852)\$500(Children's Choir); 855)\$600(Pepsi).

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ON THE HOME STRETCH!

22 April 1990

Praise the Lord, our Extension Building Fund this week has pierced the \$5 million mark! So, we are short of under \$200,000 to reach \$5.2 million. With \$2 million reserves we can attain to \$7.2 million, the sum we need to pay in full to the vendor, inclusive of 3% tax.

Now, in the beginning we have announced the figures we were publishing to include pledges of gifts and loans, loans not only from members and friends, but also loans from our Church to daughter churches from the \$2 million reserves. In view of the fact that \$38,000 *loaned out* is not yet recoverable, and we during the last 7 months have had to spend out of the EBF to run the Church (about \$25,000 per month), and certain pledges and gifts are not forthcoming, we have *need of \$385,000 to close the actual gap.*

"And there is not strength to bring forth"?

Alas, we have only one more Lord's Day left, and the final hour is come! Are we hearing a cry from King Hezekiah, "This is a day of trouble . . . for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth"? (Isa. 37:3). Shall God's people, giving so hilariously, be laid low in the final hour, like a woman drained dry of strength to give birth? Shall we fail our God because there are those who can and should give now are still withholding? Your vow, made before God, is now brushed aside?

As it is said, "*Self help, with God's help, is the best help,*" may this be your pastor's last appeal in our struggle to take Beulah Land. And may your response to the Lord's call be made right now as you worship in His sanctuary. Can you not afford to give all you have on your person this day of Trouble? or, if you have not the amount the Lord is prompting within, use one of the blue prayer cards and state the amount you'd bring next week? Please put your card in the offering bag! And bring what you pledge next week in cash or cash cheque.

There is one memorable episode in our struggle to build New Life Church at Woodlands that needs to be told. We had a big bill to pay, amounting to \$450,000. But we had gathered only \$350,000 by the Lord's Day. That Morning, as we worshipped, we felt the solution to the \$100,000 deficit was in asking you to give all you had on your person and for those who had little, to write an I.O.U. chit to the Lord, to bring the promised sum the following week. We proposed to announce the sum collected or promised right away before the threefold Amen. When we saw the Treasurer beaming cheerily to the pulpit we knew the battle was won! Deacon William Teo said, "We have collected \$101,000 in cash and pledges!" We rose as one man to sing, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"! Now that we are more than twice the strength of what we were in 1983, we can fully contribute to the \$385,000 needed, with His help! And remember, every \$1 now given = \$1.21.



Hear ye the Master's call, "Give me thy best!"

For, be it great or small, that is His test.
Do then the best you can, not for reward,
Not for the praise of men, but for the Lord.
Every work for Jesus will be blest,

But He asks from everyone his best.
Our talents may be few, these may be small,
But unto Him is due our best, our all!

Do you know
 $\$385,000 \times 1.21$
 $= \$465,850$

In the matter of fiscal transactions between brother churches, *here is another anecdote* to cheer your heart. Three years ago we loaned Calvary BPC \$500,000 to help them purchase Bethel BPC in Melbourne and thereafter \$450,000 to acquire Calvary-Jaya Mansion in the Malaysian Capital. Tonight, at the Sunset Gospel Hour, they will return us both sums plus a gift of \$150,000 in appreciation. When we did our part to help out a brother church, did we have the slightest inkling how the Lord is

openly rewarding us today? How true the promise, "God loveth cheerful giver. And God is able to make *all grace abound toward you, that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound toward every good work*"(II Cor. 9:7,8).

Words of Encouragement from Lovers of God

Initially, we intended to go for the SIA European Tour this coming June, but because the Lord needs the money which He has so generously given us in the form of savings, we book to go for a short holiday nearby instead of splashing this amount on the European Tour. There's always another chance to go for such a holiday, but there's no other chance to purchase such a property as "Beulah Land." Hence my husband and I have decided to loan this five-figure amount (though a pittance compared to the six-figure amount loaned by others) to the Lord for as long as it is needed. (We don't mind being paid last.)

You suggested the advance tithing scheme and I fully support it. So I'm giving the "profits" as my advance tithes.

The Lord is better than good. In addition, He has given me, through my company, a merit allowance (which is given to those who perform well during the past year). So despite not having any savings, the Lord has enabled me to give \$7,000 (including \$3,000 I gave last December). As He has enabled me to give, He will enable others to give, too. PRAISE HIM! PRAISE HIM!

I appreciate receiving the Life Weekly, and eagerly read of the Lord's blessing upon you, and of your "Beulah Land" project. I pray for you, and for God's blessing on this project. God will provide! Enclosed is a small gift - rather than apologise that I cannot give more, I thank God for the opportunity, and am also thankful that the U.S. dollar is multiplied by two when converted to Singapore Dollars! May this encourage others in the States to give to the cause of our Lord.

I am enclosing my tithes for this year and some savings. Exams can come as blessings in disguise. During those trying weeks, He strengthened me with His power and grace, and also gave me the opportunity to save this small amount of money since I took practically all my meals at home.

Please continue to persevere in the buying of Beulah Land. Our Heavenly Father will hear and remember our pleadings before His throne of grace. All of us will pray and our Heavenly Father will move more hearts to give towards the building fund.

I read in Hebrews 3:8-13 and it reminds me of my faithless heart if I forget all His benefits and take on an evil heart of unbelief. Our Heavenly Father has answered countless prayers and He will not forsake us as we pour out our souls before Him. I'm very persuaded that our Heavenly Father's testing of our faith is but for a while, for we shall all see His blessing if we fail not to disappoint Him in this challenge to buy Beulah land.

It is good to remember the water, which I drink in and through FEBC. I thank God for that . . . Herewith we enclose a small gift towards the Church Building fund. We like to express our gratitude in this simple way. — FEBCer in India

I really marvel at the way our God moves the hearts of church members to contribute towards the Beulah Land project. Indeed, He works in mysterious ways! He says, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isa. 55:8,9). And again He says, "I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images" (Isa. 42:8; 48:11).

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:
\$71,525.75.

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND:

954)\$100; 955)\$300; 956)\$1,000; 957)\$1,000;
958)\$1,000; 959)\$376; 960)\$1,000; 961)\$360; 962)\$100;
963)\$1,00; 964)\$1,000; 965)\$50; 966)\$284; 967)\$50;
968)\$1,000; 969)\$70; 970)\$5,000; 971)\$120; 972)\$50;
973)\$100; 974)\$4,000; 975)\$1,000(Henderson NBC);
976))\$150; 977)\$100; 978)\$50; 979)\$10,000; 980)\$300;(E.
Band); 981)\$2,000; 982)\$2,000; 983)\$71,525.75(Easter
Offerings).

Total: \$2,497,630.90.

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984)\$200.

LOANS:

94)\$1,000; 95)\$2,305; 96)\$500; 97)\$5,000; 98)\$10,000.

Total Loans: \$2,543,955.00.

GRAND TOTAL: \$5,041,585.90.

EBENEZER

HITHERTO HATH THE
LORD HELPED US

(I SAM.VII:12)

I PRINSEP ST. 1950
II GILSTEAD RD. 1962
III WOODLANDS 1983
IV BEULAH LAND 1990

Our Best

S. C. KIRK

GRANT COLFAX TULLAR

1. Hear ye the Mas-ter's call, "Give Me thy best!" For, be it great or small,
 2. Wait not for men to laud, Heed not their slight; Win-ning the smile of God
 3. Night soon comes on a-pace, Day has-tens by; Workman and work must face

That is His test. Do then the best you can, Not for re-ward, Not for the
 Brings its de-light! Aid-ing the good and true Ne'er goes unblest, All that we
 Test-ing on high. Oh, may we in that day Find rest, sweet rest, Which God has

CHORUS

praise of man, But for the Lord.
 think or do, Be it the best. Ev-ery work for Je-sus will be blest,
 prom-ised those Who do their best.

But He asks from ev-ery-one his best. Our tal-ents may be few,

These may be small, But un-to Him is due Our best, our all.

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BEULAH LAND, BEULAH HOUSE

24th April 1990

“Beulah” is another name given to Canaan, the Promised Land to God's People. “Beulah” means “married,” God's people in sweet communion with their Maker and Redeemer (*Isa. 63:4,5*). Beulah Land, this name to our newly-acquired property, is given by a brother of Life Church who loves the Lord, whose hopes and aspirations are on things above, not on things below. Now we have officially named the house across the street “Beulah House.”

When Israel under Joshua entered their Beulah Land, they had to step by faith, trusting God, into the River Jordan, then at its floodtide. The waters overflowed both banks, so the crossing was no less than crossing the Red Sea under Moses. To enter our Beulah Land, our Jordan crossing was to find \$7.2 million in 6 1/2 months. With \$2 million reserves, we have prayed and worked together to present to the Lord \$5.2 million. Of this sum, \$1.5 million comes from non-Lifers, from many groups and individuals who love our Church.

How Did We Cross Our Jordan Last Week?

Last Lord's Day, of all the Days, was most crucial. This Day, the 22nd of April, was appointed of the Lord for the crossing of our Jordan. We had \$385,000 still to surmount (with one more week left), but this sum, though formidable like the waters overflowing Jordan, receded and the riverbed appeared when the Lord moved you in a final spurt to give as follows:

I. 8.00 AM SERVICE

1. Cash & Cheques	\$18,000.00
2. Pledges	\$16,160.00
3. Loan	\$10,000.00

\$44,960.00

II. 10.30 AM SERVICE

1. Offering bags	\$ 35,010.00
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2. Gifts	\$ 87,052.85
3. Loans	\$160,000.00
4. Pledges	\$ 67,820.00
5. Loans(pledged)	\$ 68,000.00
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	\$417,882.85
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HALLELUJAH, THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US, SO WE ARE GLAD!

He has delivered us from Jordan's whelming flood.

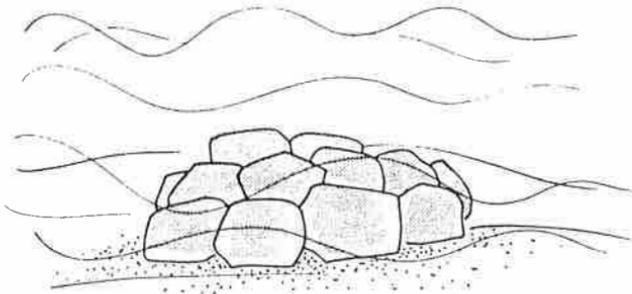
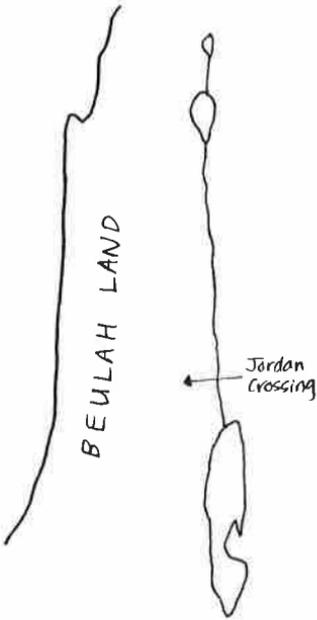
Onward we march to Beulah Land
And into all Canaan, the fight is on!

Hallelujah, the Lord has done great things for us, so we are glad!
He has delivered us from Jordan's whelming flood.

Old Jericho comes tumbling down!
That load of bank interest sinks to the ground.

Hallelujah, the Lord has done great things for us, so we are glad!
He has delivered us from Jordan's whelming flood.

From Jericho to Canaan's end,
The fight is on, forward, till Jesus comes!



Significance of our Jordan Crossing

By fully offering \$7.2 million so we can pay vendor plus 3% tax, and not borrowing \$1 million, even as certain Session members were obliged, you have saved at least \$210,000 bank interest the next three years. Moreover, your \$2.6 million interest-free loan is actually saving the Church another \$182,000 per annum! But, this mammoth sum must be paid, and we must honour our pledge to repay on demand any who has an urgent need. Those who happily leave their money in the Lord's Bank are, however, accruing interest unto life eternal. So we bless you, dear depositor, as you let your money "trade" for the Lord. You earn much more dividends, health and happiness, which money cannot buy, than when you deposit with the secular!

In order to make good our pledge to repay the loans, we must not slack in our weekly giving and monthly tithing. Let us not retreat from this area of work for the Lord, with His attendant blessing! Lest, we begin to drift from Him, and His appointed blessings too. "God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you . . ." (*II Cor. 9:7,8*). God bless every giver who gives in the spirit of Mary of Bethany!

— T.T.

HALLELUJAH, THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS
FOR US, SO WE ARE GLAD!

Words of Encouragement from Lovers of God

Rev Carl Martin phoned in from USA on Monday, 23 April, to inquire about Beulah land, and sends heartiest congratulations on our Jordan-crossing last Lord's Day.

Our Second Loan: This amount (\$10,000) has been set aside for a tour of Europe in June to celebrate our 25 years of marriage. Since we have postponed it, we would loan it to the Lord for as long as it is needed. Gift \$1,000.

Throughout my education, I never had to worry about school fees, pocket money, etc. God always provided me in times of need through bursary, scholarship and study loans, even right up to my tertiary education. And now He has blessed me with a stable job and income. In gratitude to God, I would like to give \$1,000 for the extension of Life B-P Church to Beulah Land.

— Lifer for 4 years

This is but a small token of my appreciation to God for having led me through 5 years of university education, especially the last 2 years. I just received my examination results today, thanking God that I passed. I would be starting work only in May and therefore cannot wait for my first pay since it would be after the deadline for payment for Beulah Land. Please accept this small sum.

Enclosed is my love gift for your church building fund. I count it a great joy giving to the ministry of God. I was greatly moved by the Holy Spirit to give as the Lord has given me so much.

— YFer, BP Church of Australia

My heart rejoices as I read the Weekly about the progress of the building fund. The Lord will definitely bless this mission. Enclosed is a small gift towards this fund. I Chronicles 29:13.

— Lifer in Australia

I would like to contribute a couple of bricks for your Extension Building! All the Best.

— Uncle Paul

It touched my heart very much as I saw the response to the appeal for funds for "Beulah Land." It is God's Will that we claim that land. Indeed, God is good. He has enabled the Church to raise so much in such a short time. Anyway, I feel that it is only right for me to support the Church at this time. I would like to loan the Church \$10,000. As I do not need this amount for the next two years, I find that I should loan it to the Church interest free rather than leave it in the bank to accumulate interest. If \$1.00 now is worth \$1.21, then, it is indeed a

哈 利 路 亞; 我 心 快 樂, 所 以 我 要 說 讚 美 主; 因

他 爲 我 捨 命, 還 清 我 衆 罪 債, 從 今 以 後 我

要 見 證, 到 處 奔 跑, 直 到 萬 民 歸 主。

worthwhile investment.

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$8,800 (8.00 am); *\$35,060 (10.00 am)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND:

985)\$570(Bishan NBC; 986)\$7,000; 987)\$1,000;
 988)\$200(YF); 989)\$50; 990)\$70(Henderson NBC);
 991)\$4,000; 992)\$2,000; 993)\$500 994)\$1,000;
 995)\$2,000; 996)\$5,000; 997)\$14,508.97 998)\$150;
 999)\$100; 1000)\$500; 1001)\$50; 1002)\$10,000;
 1003)\$100; 1004)\$10; 1005)\$331; 1006)\$300;
 1007)\$700(WF); 1008)\$20; 1009)\$861.85(S.S.);
 1010)\$700(YAF); 1011)\$336(S.S. Snr 3B); 1012)\$200;
 1013)\$50; 1014)\$10,500(FEK); 1015)\$115(Child Min.);
 1016)\$400; 1017)\$755; 1018)\$690; 1019)\$16.80;
 1020)\$3,000; 1021)\$20,000; 1022))\$2,000; 1023)\$2,800;
 1024)\$120; 1025)*\$8,000; 1026)*\$35.060.

Total: \$2,634,415.52.

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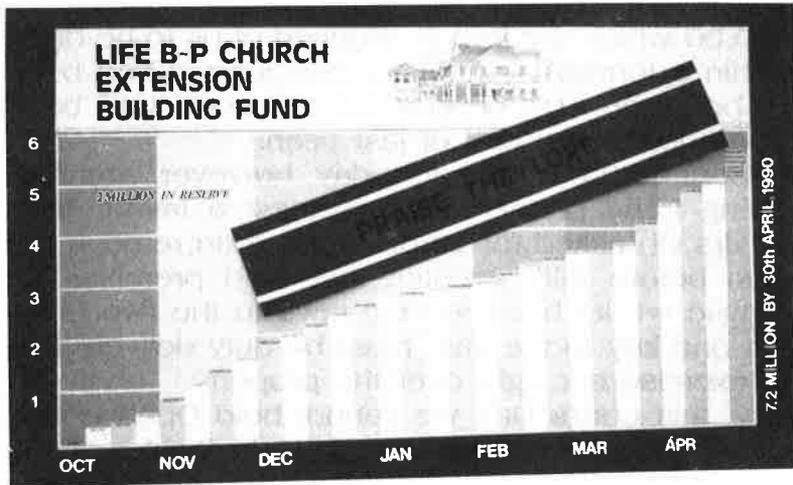
1027)\$114(Cr. Stitch); 1028)\$2,000.

LOANS:

99)\$10,000; 100)\$1,000; 101)\$50,000; 102)\$20,000;
103)\$10,000; 104)\$5,000; 105)\$6,000; 106)\$2,000;
107)\$1,000; 108)\$10,000; 109)\$10,000; 110)\$10,000;
111)\$5,000; 112)\$5,000; 113)\$20,000; 114)\$2,000;
115)\$100,000.

Total Loans: \$2,810,995.00.

GRAND TOTAL: \$5,445,370.52.

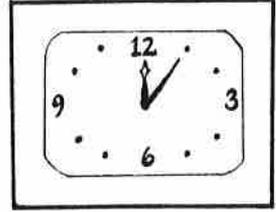


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FOR FUTURE RECORD . . .

6 May 1990

Three trustees and Deacon Charlie Chia arrived within minutes of one another at Cooma, Lau and Loh, #17-08 Straits Trading Building, to meet with our solicitor Ms Lim Li, Monday noon, 30 April 1990. A grinning treasurer



handed a cheque for \$6,254,321.91 to be transmitted to vendor's lawyer. There is also another cheque for \$206,499.00 which our lawyer required of us to be delivered within a fortnight — that 3% revenue we had been talking about (the 10% deposit for \$695,000 had been paid to vendor before end of last year).

At about 4.30 pm the same day, however, Architect Ang Kheng Leng phoned in to request a favour from vendor. Mrs Oh asked for 12 day's grace (to remove her treasures) before fully vacating her sold premises. In compromise we let her keep the keys to the two buildings, but one key to the gate must be duly delivered so we can exercise our right over the property.

Sorry, this Lord's Day we cannot hold Open House yet, but we can have "Open Garden." In legal matters, when the letter of law cannot be carried out, and some compromise has to be reached, they call it "equity." We are willing to concede the 12 days in consideration of the windfall of two months accorded us by Mrs Oh beyond the original date of payment, 28 February 1990. We do this also for our Lord's sake, who says in the Sermon on the Mount, "And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain" (*Matt. 5:41*). Here's another higher way of business: "The meek shall inherit the earth."

In Last Week's Sermon . . .

We noted that after crossing Jordan the Israelites were told to set up 12 stones taken out of the riverbed at Gilgal

for a monument to the Great Event, so that the generations to come should remember the God of their Fathers and His mighty acts. By application, it was suggested we have a tablet set in the right side of our Church entrance, as Samuel had erected his, — “Ebenezer, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us. Prinsep Street 1950, Gilstead Road 1962, Woodlands 1983, Beulah Land 1990.”

The next thing Israel did was to have a nationwide circumcision. By application the pastor called for the casting away of the old and putting on of the new by the whole Church, inasmuch as 29 April was also our election of new officers. The complementary part of the Circumcision is the keeping of the passover. Inasmuch as this Lord's Day is our Holy Communion Sunday, we declared this to be our passover. To commemorate this Lord's Day after the Jordan Crossing, we asked the Choir to sing praises to the Lord at the 10.30 am Service. Here are four words to remember by, — commemoration, sanctification, “eucharistation,” dedication.

The Fight is On!

After the keeping of the passover, the Lord appeared to Joshua with sword drawn. The fight is on! To possess the Land, Israel has to take Jericho, Ai, and fight through three campaigns — Central, Southern and Northern. Remember this, while our Jericho of massive interest is tumbled down, we have \$2.8 million interest-free loans to repay. All gifts and loans hitherto received under EBF were consummated last week. We will tell you the amount of surplus we have after all the payments made for Beulah Land.

From this Lord's Day, however, we propose we continue to give to EBF in our worship offering. To present a more realistic financial picture we will re-start under *EBF II*: 1) ___ ; 2) ___ ; 3) ___ ; and so forth (both gifts and loans).

Many items of designated gifts, especially to Missions, were frozen inside our \$2 million reserves. May offerers to Hilltop or Burma, etc., be assured your designated gifts will be thawed out and channelled to the respective destinations with alacrity!

The Fight is On — Downunder!

You have read how three years ago we loaned S\$0.5 million to Calvary to help them acquire church property in Melbourne, and S\$0.45 million to buy a house for Calvary Jaya, KL. They have now returned the two sums with a gift of \$150,000. "The dew of Hermon has descended upon the mountains of Zion" — this mutual help between brother churches.

But what Bethel BPC, Melbourne, needs is a resident pastor. Short of that, Elder Khoo Peng Kiat has stood in the gap. In order to relieve him (returning in May), Session has decided to send me and Mrs Tow downunder in response to Bethel's "earnest" request. So, we shall be in His Service there 10 May — 16 July. This year, as the Church has grown to 125 with more activities, we shall be more occupied with preaching and teaching. But we shall not let time slip. We shall do more writing, among them proof-reading of Calvin I - IV Abridged and Psalms for RPG. Pray for us that we will fully discharge our duties to the Lord.

"Only one life, 'twill soon be past. Only what's done for Jesus will last."

— T.T.

"One man of you shall chase a thousand; for the Lord your God, He it is that fighteth for you, as He hath promised you." (*Josh. 23:10*)



SIX MONTHS AGO, A LITTLE "DRAMA " BEGAN.
Some were skeptical, some were confident,
The price of Beulah Land was supposedly "exhorbitant,"
Yet the "war cry" for the battle was sounded.

Each week in our Life B-P Weekly we read,
Our editor constantly reminding us of the need:
"God loveth a cheerful giver . . ."
The spirit of giving accelerated into a "fever."
And, Six months later,

The "drama" reached its climax on Lord's Day, 22nd April,
When the worshippers in the two services "emptied their
purses"

(A re-enactment of the day we clinched "New Life Wood-
lands".

We've made it! we've made it!

Not by holding "walkathons" or "singathons"
But by the Spirit's moving in our tithes and loans,
Bless the faithful ladies who even pawned their
jewelry,
Hallelujah! The Lord has scored a victory!

Yes, the battle to take Beulah Land has been won,
And today we praise our Lord with flowers and songs,
After which we can behold "the Bride" in throngs.

But,

Dare we rest on our laurels for long?

Nay, there's more, yes, yet more work to be done.

May the spirit of giving never stop
For those who truly love their Lord.
So that the \$2,8 million loan can be repaid
To those who have deposited in the Lord's bank.

Thank God for He has "dried up the waters of Jordan"
That we might know the mighty power of His Hand.

Linda Chan
30th April 1990

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$32,636.00 (8.00 am); *\$26,427.00 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND:

1029)\$1,000; 1030)\$2,000; 1031)\$500; 1032)\$5,000;
 1033)\$2,000; 1034)\$50,000; 1035)\$900; 1036)\$150;
 1037)\$110; 1038)\$4,000; 1039)\$4,000; 1040)\$1,000;
 1041)\$300; 1042)\$100; 1043)\$500; 1044)\$500;
 1045)\$1,000; 1046)\$430(FEBC Graduates); 1047)\$200;
 1048)\$100; 1049)\$150; 1050)\$1,180; 1051)\$800;
 1052)\$500; 1053)\$35; 1054)\$100; 1055)\$1,560(LBC);
 1056)\$32,636*; 1057)\$26,427*.

Total: \$2,773,357.52.

LOANS:

116)\$5,548; 117)\$50,000; 118)\$4,000; 119)\$3,000;
 120)\$2,000; 121)\$8,000; 122)\$40,000.

Total Loans: \$2,923,503.00.

GRAND TOTAL: \$5,696,860.52.

Floral Offering for today:

\$100

Stop Press! LOANS:

123)\$2,000.



XXXII

N.E.W.S.

13 May 1990

This evening we leave for Melbourne, "being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in them (you) will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (*Phil. 1:6*). "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves you servants for Jesus' sake" (*II Cor. 4:5*). And not only pray for us, but also for Peter Chng and wife Mui Khim who are headed for Perth, 11 May. We want to commend William Chia to the Lord's loving care who is flying the same day as Peter to Canada. Das Koshy, FEBC Senior, is leaving for Adelaide, 14 May, to serve 2 months. From *The Channel*, I learn that Meng Kean and Tan May Ling are leaving 26 May for Europe. The Lord keep them safe, and many others on wings of speedbirds. ". . . Even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased" (*Dan. 12:4*)



"Economy is the Mother of Prosperity"



Having invested \$7.2 million in Beulah Land, we must now make the best use of every hall and room, yea, every available space of our 29,026 ft property.

While we are away, there is the Beulah Management comprising Dr Patrick Tan, Elder Edmund Tay, Deacon Tan Nee Keng, Pr. Colin Wong and Architect Victor Loo (co-opted) to take care of your needs. A general rule I'd like to propose is that all upstairs rooms be used for residential purposes, including dorms for the expanding FEBC, and all downstairs premises for meetings, and allotments such as to Chinese Service and fellowships. The big, round sitting hall upstairs is ideal for a Conference Room, where Session and other committees can use without disrupting FEBC Library. A door could be opened to the front of the L-Block which leads to the biggest ward of the former Eye Clinic - ideal for sizeable group meetings.

Introducing Rev George Kutty



Rev Kutty hails from Kerala, India. He graduated from FEBC 1978 and went to USA to take his B.Th. He also found a wife in Kamala who had served the Life Church-FEBC Office for 4 years. Together they started a mission to the Laotian and other Indo-Chinese refugees settled in Providence, Rhode Island, in 1983. This mission has grown to become Grace Bible Church. Its work of charity has been taken notice of by the authorities, who now accord them 6 time-slots on the T.V. As Kamala resembles the Indo-Chinese, she is the "key" to their community. At present they are on a visit to Kamala's relatives in Singapore. I have therefore asked Kutty to speak at the 10.30 am service next Lord's day. As our 1st Missionary Conference is to be held 2 June, the Kuttys are also invited to speak, to add colour to the occasion!

Missions is Life Church's Vision from the Day We Started

And it is our thesis, from the very beginning, that the Church is the Missionary Society automatically incorporated. The way we operate missions, moreover, is most

economical and cost-effective. Those mission stations we founded have, one by one, become self-supporting, self-propagating churches. For example, Kelapa Sawit. Jointly established by Life Church and the Singapore Evangelistic League under Miss Leona Wu in 1954, today it is a mini Life Church-FEBC Complex. Out of Kelapa Sawit, with our help, has come into being Ayer Bemban and Bukit Batu (with an accumulated fund of \$167,000 inside that \$2 million reserves).

We supported Rev Djunaidi for 11 years and bought him several pieces of land plus building a 3-storey Bible Institute. Today he has more land than Life and Beulah put together. While the Bible Institute's regular courses have ceased for lack of faculty, he carries on an Evening Bible School for 40 students, the first batch of whom, upon graduation, have received each a Bible (let us continue to give Bibles). He runs a Christian Day School from Kindergarten to High School. He has built two wooden churches on his own, one at Kumpai and the other at Biong on the upper reaches of the Kapuas River. He became self-supporting since May 1988. (Rev C.T. Hsu of New York had been, during the 11 years, a co-supporter of Djunaidi.)

To stir up the mission-spirit of the Church, we shall publish reports from Rev Thawn Luai on his Bible College, from Rev Liew Hon Seng our missionary in KL, and from Roska in Batam. We should like to have reports from Layang Layang (Deacon Mani) and Ulu Tiram (Elder Mahadevan) in which we have a share of support. One mission to Indonesians in Singapore is none other than the Kebaktian Indonesia every Lord's Day, 4 pm. Deacon and Mrs Charlie Chia are pillars of this struggling work. Pray for Kiantoro who is soon returning to Tanjung Pinang. Pray for Daniel Arianto who is coming back for his B.Th. in June and will take over from Kiantoro. If you are interested in Missions, come visit the mini-churches not only of the Indonesians, but of the Thais, Filipinas and Tamils.

We heartily commend our coming Missionary Conference to be held 2 June at which Rev Dan Ebert IV and Rev Edward Paauwe are the scheduled speakers, not forgetting Kutty and Roska.

Finally, pray for FEBC graduates who are missionaries in Australia whereunto we are also sent as your short-termers. They are 1) Mark Heath and Grace, Peter Chng and Mui Khim (Perth); 2) Brutus Balan (Wyndham); 3) Peter Clements and Anne Gradussov (Cootamundra); 4) Lim Hai Seng (Melbourne); 5) Das Kosby (Adelaide).

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$5,012 (8.00 am); *\$9,534 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BLDG FUND II:

1)\$40; 2)\$200; 3)\$5,000 4)\$500; 5)\$50; 6)\$400; 7)\$250; 8)\$300; 9)\$100; 10)\$1,000; 11)\$900; 12)\$1,600; 13)\$672.20; 14)\$1,100; 15)\$500; 16)\$1,000; 17)\$1,030; 18)\$710; 19)\$1,800; 20)\$745; 21)\$930; 22)\$740; 23)\$508(Chinese S.); 24)\$841.84; 25)*\$5,012; 26)*\$9,634.
Total: \$35,463.05.

Words of Encouragement from Lovers of God:

The enclosed cheque is not a means to ease my guilty conscience, neither is it a way to cover up my sin. I was rebuked by the Lord for my greed and I felt very ashamed of myself. How can I grieve the Spirit by holding back what actually belongs to the Lord — my wages! The more I write, the more I feel like giving. Now there is so much peace in my heart and happiness that I cannot help but praise the name of the Lord. God has put a new desire in my heart and that is to do all things that count for eternity, not for my own glory but for His.
— from member of another BPC

Enclosed is my love offering to the Lord — \$5,000 gift + \$10,000 loan. Although this is a drop in the ocean of \$7.2 million, it is a very big sum to me (all my 3 year's works' savings and more if I include the earlier sums given (loaned). But God has been gracious and has blessed me greatly.

We continue to remember our mother church in our prayers, particularly as the time draws near that you have to pay all the money for "Beulah Land." . . . Enclosed is a bank draft for A\$7,500.00.

— Australia

What a Race!
What a Willing, Loving Race!
By His Amazing Grace . . .

"Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth." (Ps. 124:8)

This small sum is a portion of the scholarship grant that I received sometime ago, all of which actually belongs to the Lord. This is a sum given in faith that He will provide for my needs in the new academic year, as well as in gratitude for His manifold mercies and faithfulness towards His erring child.

— an NUS student

Thank God for His countless Blessings. Although I have a very tight budget, our Lord has made it possible for me to make small contributions to Beulah Land, so far 3 times. This is my 4th contribution.

— Sharonite

I would like to present my little gift to the Lord. I thank God for all the blessings He has given me. And I also thank Him for every trial that He carries me through.

— A student

I hope this offering will be of help to the EBF, raising the fund level a little higher. The reason for my offering is very simple. The Lord has answered my prayer, that I can do some relief teaching during vacation. The small amount is my first-week income, and it seems right to me "to give back to the Lord for what He has done for me."

Enclosed is a bankdraft for S\$1,000 as my contribution to Beulah Land. I thank the Lord that He has delivered me from 3 operations in a year and preserved my life.

Enclosed is a cheque of S\$2,000.00 for Beulah Land. Praying with you as we work together towards the \$7.2 million mark.

— YAFer

I would like to give to God \$2,500 (the other \$2,500 which would make up \$5,000, my one-tenth, will go to Pandan BPC).

A sinner who has been blessed by God.

Giving thanks for His bountiful blessings and mercy so rich and free.

I will bring \$10,000 next Lord's Day.

My tithes in advance: \$1,000.

A thankful child of God. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Singapura

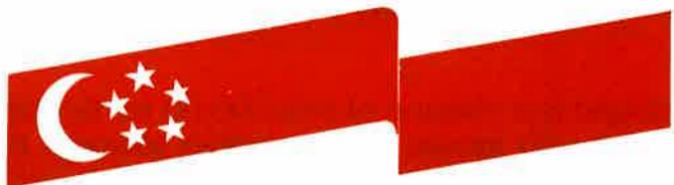
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Samuel A.Ward

1. O Fair-est Isle of South-ern Seas,Thy wa-ters are so blue; Waft by a bal-my
2. Our fa-thers came to this green shore,From ma-ny climes and lands;They found a ri-cher
3. On thee we ve built a new ci-ty- first great port of the world. Let Right pre-vail and
4. To-day we sail as one na-tion,Our flag is fly-ing high; May our Cap-tain by

o-cean breeze,Thy land is decked with dew. Sing-a-pura! Sing-a-pura! Thou
life in store Beneath just ru-ling hands. Sing-a-pura! Sing-a-pura! Thou
E-qui-ty, Not by might nor by power. Sing-a-pura! Sing-a-pura! So
wise ac-tion Steer us with Com-pass nigh. Sing-a-pura! Sing-a-pura! Light-

fa-voured Isle of ease. God bless thee yet with Thine increase,And peace from year to year.
ha-ven of the free. God bless thee yet with Thine increase,And peace from year to year.
may thy sons serve thee. God bless thee yet with Thine increase,And peace from year to year.
ship of li-ber-ty. Sail on un-to pros-pe-ri-ty And peace a thousand years.



EPILOGUE

That Lifers have crossed their Jordan like the Israelites of old was not accomplished in a day! As Israel had passed through forty years' training in the Wilderness, so have Lifers experienced every vicissitude of their pilgrim journey, since 1950. From the failure of Israel to enter the Promised Land at Kadesh Barnea because of unbelief, Lifers have learned to enter theirs wherever the Lord led them.

By God's grace the first generation of Lifers occupied Gilstead Road 1962-3 when they were yet a little band. By God's grace, Lifers, when challenged to take Woodlands in 1979, rallied as one man, and raised New Life at a cost of \$3 million. By God's grace, and from the many Lessons of Faith learned, especially Woodlands, Lifers have been delivered in this final crossing.

Like Israel standing triumphant inside the Land, there is jubilation all over for Lifers to have obtained such a beautiful property, with no burden of bank interest to carry. But when Jehovah appeared to Joshua with drawn sword after the Crossing, it was marching orders to Israel again—now, to the conquest of all Canaan. Let Lifers solemnly realise that the fight for Beulah is just begun! We have a loan of \$2.9 million from members and friends to discharge, though interest free. Let us go from strength to strength, as in the last seven months, in the giving of our tithes, without which these "Chronicles of Conquest" will not be complete! Jehovah Nissi (*Exodus 17:15*).



