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Words from Editor

We live in an information explosion era. We are all buried with information whenever we open our smart phones, laptops or television. Without realizing, we are consumed in this bustling world with all sorts of data bombarding our senses.

We as Christians must ask ourselves whether we are following the trend of the world. What information has pre-occupied our thoughts and senses?

There is a Chinese ancient proverb saying, 'the sound from reading books is like music to the ears. We also care about the events that are related to our family, our country and the world.' However, some of us Christians are only interested in gossip, fake news and superstitions, and we have an indifference for prayers, Bible study and ministries of the church.

The aim of the current issue is to provide brothers and sisters a chance to understand our church - God's family in this world.

We explore the following questions from the current issue: How to be victorious as Christ's disciples in this disgruntled world? What is the experience from a short-term college mission? What do we learn from our past deacon Roy Gilchrist who had inspired many by his life?

Recently we had brothers and sisters baptized and redeemed by God's love. Each has their own story to tell. Do you want to hear their wonderful testimonies?

There are also special articles from the Mandarin congregation. Poems are written by Pastor Zheng and Bible study groups based on the fruits from their sessions. The Mandarin Easter Camp has given the attendees enjoyment materially, mentally and spiritually. The camp committee has done a lot of hard work and you can understand what they have gone through in their article.

Nowadays, we have a popular saying "come back home often to see what's happening". Church is our spiritual family. We need not only to return home often, but also be aware of things happening within the family. If you have time to go through the current issue, may you be encouraged to work whole-heartedly for God, and we as editors will be grateful for your participation in this way.

編者的話

現今是一個信息爆炸的時代。每天打開手機、電腦、電視，我們就生活在鋪天蓋地的信息中。這些五光十色的信息令我們眼花繚亂，在不知不覺中，使我們沈迷在俗世的囂鬧中而不能自拔。

作為一個基督徒，我們應該撫心自問，我們是否隨波逐流？我們的眼目，我們的思想都被什麼信息吸引了？古人說，風聲雨聲讀書聲，聲聲入耳；家事國事天下事，事事關心。我們有些基督徒對俗世的風風雨雨入耳入心；對於讀書聲（讀經禱告）卻是充耳不聞。對於世俗的奇談怪論，小道消息興趣盎然，對神家天國的事卻不聞不問。

我們這一期雜誌的目的，就是要給弟兄姊妹提供一個了解我們教會這個神的家的機會。

我們這期的內容主要是包括下列的問題：在這個彎曲悖謬的時代，我們基督徒如何過得勝的生活？參加短宣是怎樣的一種體驗？我們教會的執事Ray Gilchrist 安息主懷，他雖然離開我們，但是他那美好的見證仍舊與我們說話。我們弟兄姊妹對他最令人難忘的回憶是什麼？

最近我們教會又有一批弟兄姊妹參加浸禮。每次浸禮都有一個永恆不變的主題，就是神的愛和拯救；但是每個人信主都有不同的故事。想知道這些美妙的故事嗎？

我們讀經分享的模式似乎是一成不變的，但是近來國語堂中年查經班和長青查經班的幾位弟兄嘗試用不同的方式來分享讀經的心得，難得的是，牧師也參加了這種形式的分享。到底這種新的形式是什麼？

每次教會的營會都給我們物質上、精神上 and 靈命上的享受，每次營會都離不開籌備委員會弟兄姊妹的辛勤付出。誰知道他們的心路歷程？

現在有一句流行的話，就是“常回家看看”。教會是我們屬靈的大家庭，我們不僅要常常回家，而且要關心家裡發生的事情。如果各位能夠抽空讀讀這期的文章，相信大家會受到激勵和鼓舞，繼續為主大發熱心。

這樣，我們編者就心滿意足了。

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The Victory of Christ's Disciples in a Disgruntled World

Rev Dr David Tse, Senior Pastor

Our world is increasingly becoming disgruntled world. Discontent and dissatisfaction abound in autocratic as well as democratic nations. For disciples of Jesus Christ, this world is definitely not a comfortable place to live in. This world seems to have gone crazy, and there is an ever-increasing sense that darkness is soon to prevail, or may already be prevailing, in so many areas of our culture. Controversies of every kind have become part of our lives. Among friends, colleagues and even families, trust seems to be fading. Hope is nowhere to be found.

This is how we describe the reality of our world. Yet as Christians we have a growing assurance that Christ has won! He has conquered darkness and sin and He will share His victory with us. He has called us to share His victory with the world.

He has called for us to change – our lives, our lifestyles, our ministries. If lives are to be transformed into His likeness, it can happen only through transformed lives. Church programmes don't transform lives. Church programmes produce attendances only. If lives are to be changed for Christ, Christ's disciples must change. The church must change. The quality and intensity of our discipleship process must change. All transformation in the world happens when people become convinced that what they believe is what the world needs. We have seen in history that those small groups of firm and uncompromising believers in communion and democracy managed to spread their beliefs and change the world. Our Lord started with twelve and He turned the world upside down. He has called each one of us as His disciples to turn the world upside down.

It's also an inside-out strategy – the church exists inside a culture, works outward to transform that culture. He began with the radical transformation of a small group of people in a small town in strategic Asia Minor (Middle East) and called them disciples. In a very short span of time, His disciples filled Jerusalem with their teaching (Acts 5:28) and the number of disciples increased rapidly (Acts 6:7).

These people personally experienced transformation in the Holy Spirit firsthand. They did not sit comfortably in a safe place called a church building. They surrendered their lives and career in the hands of the Almighty King. They engaged the culture. They stepped out in faith. They became God's co-workers. This is your calling too. We carry the mark of Jesus Christ and the banner of His victory. We march on to claim His victory for the millions of lost, confused and disgruntled lives.

We spread His hope! Will you join Him?

Short-Term College Mission to France

Gavin Leung

In April, I had the privilege of going on a two-week mission trip to France with the Bible College that I am currently attending (Sydney Missionary and Bible College).

The main aim of the trip was for us theological students to get an exposure and feel of what it is like to be a missionary in a cross-cultural mission field.

People generally think that France is a Christian country. There are so many fantastic cathedrals/churches around. It has such a long history of Christianity/Catholicism. The reality is that today, France is not a Christian country. The average person may have heard of Jesus, but their hearts are far from receiving and responding to Him. The soil there is very hard, and grows very slow. It is also very complex. Christianity, faith and religion is a thing of the past. Secularism reigns. The French Revolution's (1789) separation of the church from the state has pushed the very issue of faith into being a very private/personal thing. When the French think of Christianity, they think of war, conflict and bloodshed (e.g. French Wars of Religion of 1500's: three million dead). They recognize its threat to their patriotism. The few evangelical Christians there meet attitudes of scepticism from the Parisians, and are often seen as a cult of people who weirdly read the Bible and pray together. And despite a prevalent sense of underlying anger towards the Catholic church, half of the French still misguidingly identify themselves as Catholics/Christians.

To complete the picture, here are some helpful statistics (% of total French population):

- Roman Catholics: 64.4% (2009)
- Protestants: 2% (2007)
- "Regular and occasional" churchgoers: 15.2% (2009)
- Goes to church at least every week: 4.5% (2009)
- Claiming no religion: 39.6% (2016)
- Considers religion unimportant 69.5% (2014)
- Not believing in a spirit, God or life force: 40% (2010)

Church Plant Visits

We visited a number of evangelical church planters in and around Paris during our time there. Almost all of them host church in their own homes/apartments, since they don't have the financial means to have their own church building. The church planters that we visited were almost all from overseas: from America, New Caledonia, Guadeloupe or England. I met only one church planter who was a French national, but hearing his testimony was of huge encouragement to us.

Overall, the growth of these church plants is seemingly slow. Each one would have an average of 5-10 regular people turning up for Bible study classes. People rarely turn up on Sundays. And yet, the workers here would still affirm to us that God is at work! For them, they would count it as a "victory" if they have a spiritual conversation with someone, if a new person turns up to their church, or if they even just form a new friendship with someone. It was very encouraging, and indeed very humbling, to see the perseverance, passion and reliance on prayer that these church planters had in their mission to the lost in France.

One-on-one conversations in Catholic Churches

One Sunday, I decided to visit a couple of Catholic churches. At the 700-year old Notre Dame Cathedral, I had a conversation with a middle-aged Parisian who had decided to attend the Gregorian Mass there. However, she was not a Catholic. She explained that Notre Dame is built on top of a Meridian line, and thus, it was a place for her to access the "mystical energy" of the "force" of God through prayer and meditation. She very much liked, and was influenced by, the kind of Gnosticism that was portrayed in Dan Brown's *The Da Vinci Code*. However, she did have honest questions for me as a Christian. For example, she asked: "How did I know that Jesus was God? How do you know that the gospels that are in the New Testament are true, reliable and accurate, since they contain so many details of Jesus' life and words?" At the end of our friendly conversation and discussion, in which I was given many opportunities to explain the gospel to her and to offer answers to her questions, I gave her the name of an Evangelical church in Paris, which she actually gladly noted down.

Next, I visited a Catholic church called the Saint-Sulpice. I met a man who was just standing at the back of the church so that he could get some peace and calmness, away from his work. Having a Catholic background, he said that he believes that God exists, but as for Jesus, he had no idea what to think about him. He also said that he used to read the Bible and pray when he was young, but he doesn't do that anymore nowadays.

Although these are just two examples, I think they still give a snapshot of what the spiritual condition of the city is like. Indeed, their sharings were largely in line with what the church planters had previously mentioned to us. Despite France's secularism, there are many French people who are genuine spiritual seekers. There are also the relative few who cling onto their traditional Catholic faith, although I'm not sure how abstract that is to them, and whether they are receiving the fullness of a relationship with God through Christ in this way.

On reflection, it makes me sad to see that the French possess this massive façade of a richness in culture, history, societal advancement and perhaps even of Christianity. Underneath this façade lies a people whose relationship



with the God of the universe is so poor. A people who desperately need the gospel of Jesus Christ in their lives.

Kids camp and time with host-family in Magny-les-Hameaux

The last section that I will be sharing on is centred on our time in Magny-les-Hameaux, which is a suburb just outside of Paris. Here, our college team helped run a four-day Aussie themed kids camp, where around 25 kids showed up from non-Christian, Christian and Catholic families. We taught them themes from the Bible such as “Jesus welcomes outsiders”, “Jesus brings life”, “Jesus offers hope”, and “Jesus is bigger than our doubts”. The highlight was when we had a BBQ with the kids’ parents on our final day with them, where the kids actually confidently explained to their parents (in French) what they learnt in pretty good detail. They were basically preaching to their parents, and telling them about who Jesus was. Witnessing that gave all of us heaps and heaps of joy .



The highlight of the whole trip however, was my time with my host family in Magny-les-Hameaux. We were connected to these host families by the church planters who had been in the town for more than a decade, and had established good connections with these neighbours of theirs.

I could see God working in my time with my host family over the few days that I stayed with them. For the French, it is essential for them to bond over food. Our conversations over our dinners gradually moved from talking about rather on-the-surface things such as the differences in our cultures and personal lives, to more serious topics such as their views on religion, and sharing about the more sensitive things that we had each experienced. It was clear that God was at work, forging trust and a solid friendship between this French family and me, a foreigner amongst them (although it did appeal to them that I was from Australia: the French are actually quite fond of Australians in general). Although the mother of the family herself said to me one time that “French people do not talk about three things: politics, religion and



money”, they eventually shared with me their growing disillusionments with the Catholicism that they were raised up in, and their honest thoughts and questions on God, Jesus and the Bible. During the times when I would be sharing my personal testimony of faith, explaining the differences between Protestantism and Catholicism, and that the gospel says that we are saved by grace and faith alone by believing in Jesus, I noticed that both of the host parents were always listening very intently. It really seemed to me that what I was sharing with them were all new things

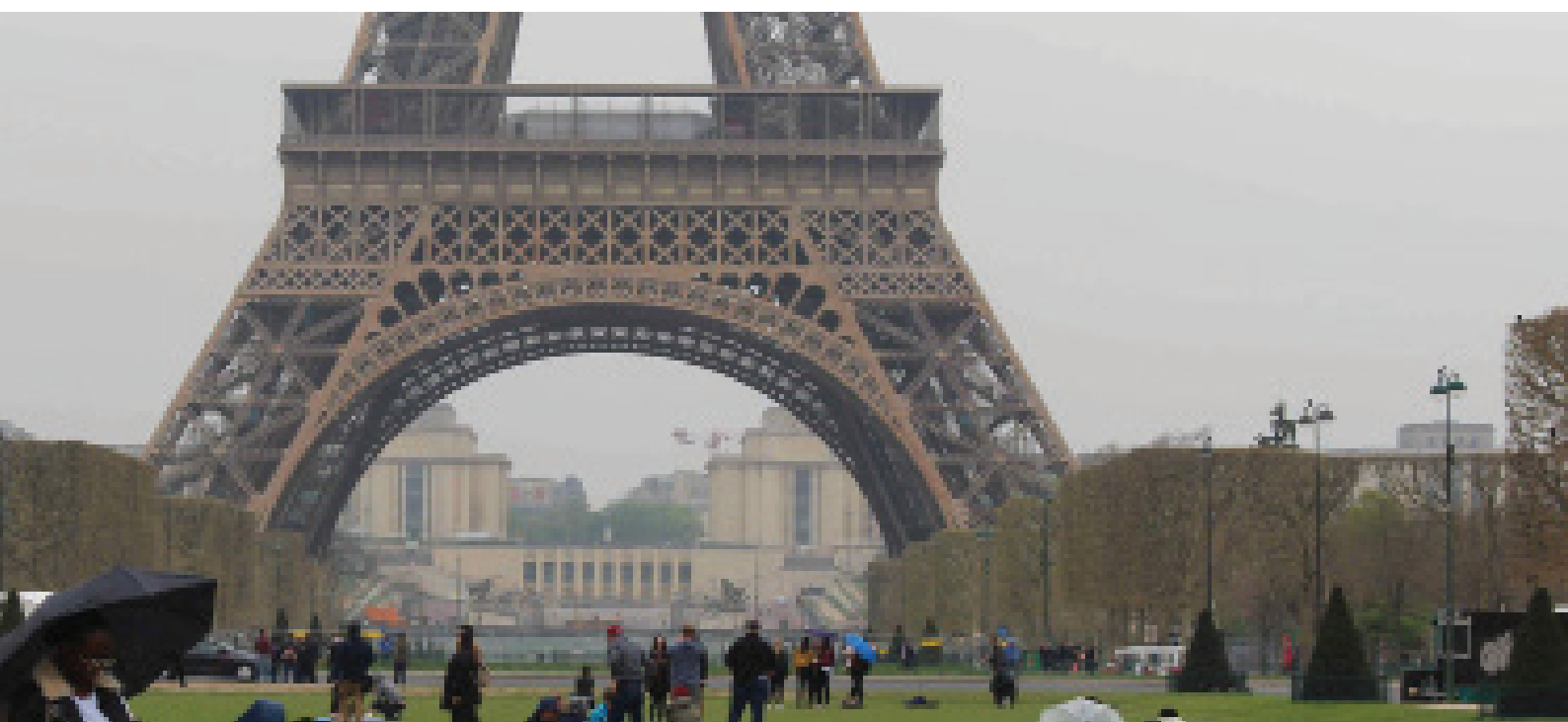
that they hadn't heard of before. Although I didn't manage to get a response from them, I did leave with them a pretty comprehensive French gospel booklet, and said that they could always attend the church that the church planters ran.

It is clear that relationships, trust and time are some of the key elements of evangelism here in France. That, in addition to prayer and the work of the Holy Spirit, of course.

In summary, here are three spiritual realities of France:

1. More than half of the French describe themselves as Catholic, but so little of them actually practise their Catholicism. Atheism, secularism, individualism, materialism, liberalism and pluralism are readily solidifying. Historically, France has had a head start on these kinds of “progresses” compared to the rest of the Western world.
2. The evangelical church (0.7% of the country's population) has not been growing in France lately. A reversal is taking place: missionaries from pre-European mission fields are now being sent and called to Europe itself.
3. The challenges of evangelism in France are great. The long, complex religious and national history of France, and its rooted, secularised culture generates negative responses to the gospel, and to the Christians who share it with them.

Thank you for taking the time in reading this. If you have any questions regarding mission in France, please feel free to ask me anytime at church. A huge special thanks to those of you who generously supported me through finances and prayer for this trip!



愿神按你的心意使用我们这些本不配的人，让我们抓住这个恩典经历你。当出于你，依靠你并归于你。

心领神会，会神之处

叶知岁

引子：

每个有历史的教会都有所谓的“沉淀”或者“传承”。在浸信会当中，已经182岁的中央浸信会是其中最具有代表性的澳洲教会之一了。和浸信会这庞大的“家族”相比，中央浸信会（CBC）的国语堂更像是在众弟兄姊妹呵护下慢慢成长的“新生代”。“从小”就受熏陶的CBC国语堂，虽然年轻，但是也有着它独有的特点和历史传承 - CBC国语堂复活节营会。

Section 1 源于神 - 初期神的预备

- 团队的建立

跟随主一直是我们的基督徒群体的见证，我们在任何服侍的时候也都需要同工的彼此扶持和鼓励。因为真的知道自己不配，也不可草率的凭自己喜好选择弟兄姐妹。所以在团队组建之前，真的有花最少一个月的时间在寻求神的心意上，并把服侍团队的人选祷告摆上交托。在和同工的沟通过程中，很感恩神带领我们针对服侍，复活节营会的性质等问题大家有很好的探讨。感谢主，我们在确立人选的时候也没有凭着自己的冲动，而是大家都愿意有几周的祷告预备期。终于在一个月之后，我陆续的收到了来自各个岗位同工的肯定答复。因为每个人的状况不一样，我没想到会如此顺利，直到事后我才知道，其实每个同工都有摆上自己，并舍弃了很多。大家都凭着信心，凭着火热的心愿去交托。因此，选人这个过程本身也给了整个团队很大的鼓励。

团队建立后得第一件事情就是一起敬拜神，一起赞美神，我们立志愿意按神喜悦的方式，被神使用。我们把之后所有侍奉的每一个步骤都摆上，交托在神面前，并有持续的祷告和代祷。这也为后面逆境中经历神的大能做了铺垫，因为当我们知道这一切出于神而非我们自己的时候，神必然会成就并帮助他所拣选的服侍团队。

- 神的顺序和我们不一样，（~~讲员~~→~~题目~~→~~场地~~）VS（~~场地~~，~~讲员~~，~~题目~~）

我们凭着自己去做事的方式和神给的顺序不一样。举办类似复活节营会，凭着自己第一个想到的问题就是讲员的人选，根据讲员然后去商量主题，最后根据预备情况选择合适的地点。然而神有更奇妙的预备，当确定了这次的服侍职分之后，我就被告知场地已经预备好了。在我看来最不好确定的事情，恰恰在最开始已经敲定。原来往届的团队凭着信心已经提前预定了场地，营地人数支持最高120人。

接下来就是讲员的人选问题，期间经历了几周的真空期一直也没有和牧长们商量出合适的人。一次偶然的机会，得知刘同苏牧师在悉尼某间教会有分享。在和郑牧师商量后，我们在当天该教会的聚会中打算去探访刘牧师。真的惭愧，起初真的没有报很大的希望。因为完全没有提前预约，去的一路上心情是十分的忐忑。但当刘同苏牧师得知我

们的想法之后，竟立马给出了正面的答复。他说神也有感动他来悉尼多一点事工，反而是美国当地的很多教会的复活营会他都推辞掉了。感谢神，就这样，虽然我们没有预约；也不是最早发出邀请的；但是我们却在正确的时候遇到了也有感动的刘同苏牧师。这样，我们的讲员刘同苏牧师就这样确定了下来。

万事俱备，却在营会的主题上犯了难。因为仓促的相遇，也没有和讲员有充分的沟通时间，我们面临的下一个项目就是预备主题。最初预备的时候，在和众同工祷告过后，大家都觉得是一个很好时机举办一个“培灵会”而非福音性质的营会。面向的群体，也非青年人，而是全体的国语堂会众。所以这次的题目真的也不允许我们草率就定下来。虽然没有确定主题，但是周围的弟兄姊妹却鼓励我祷告，并一起有为此代祷。当我们诚心来神面前并立志要侍奉他的时候，神就会向我们说话。又经过了几周之后，在某个凌晨，半夜起夜后，圣灵让我有感动在那个时刻祷告，向神求。我人生中第一次那么确定的听到了神的声音。在经过感动，痛哭，祷告过后。终于把这个想法告诉了郑牧师。在得到确认之后，有了营会的主题“心领神会”。

Section 2 依靠神 - 经历神的信实和大能

- 难题显露

和刚开始顺利的预备不同，在预备中期，各样的问题随之而来。而且每一件事情都是我们所谓的“影响极大得”，每一件事情都影响的预备的架构和人员调整。首先是营会的形式，由最初的两个教会协同举办，因为一些其他原因不得不改为我们CBC单独举办（在找到讲员的时候，和其他教会有过沟通，后来有了营会合办的形式和架构，后期因为不得已的原因，又改变了计划）。

在初期顺利的沟通过后，因为两边都在忙碌，我们和讲员的联系并没有那么顺畅。甚至一度失联近两个月之久，我们连讲员前来的最后确认email都没有得到回复。当时已经进入了营会宣传期。特别是对查经和敬拜都产生了一定影响。对我们的信心是很大的挑战。

感谢神，2月我们重新联系上讲员，并且针对很多内容做了确认。但不久之后，在查经组刚刚结束预备后，我们在讲员到达悉尼当天收到了另一个消息。因为对我们有特别的感动，刘牧师在和我们初步沟通过后，针对讲章又有了新的修改。这就意味着，查经组可能有更多的工作量去应对这些难题和未知的变化。

整个营会预备期间，筹划，活动策划，敬拜队和查经组都多多少少的在各方便有着自己的困难要克服。事情很多，真的无法一一列举。但是有一点是没有变的，那就是神的带领和光照。他会按他心意，照我们所有的，所能承受的加给我们。

- 回到神面前，团队的合一

感谢神在面临一切的难题的时候，我们能彼此合一，并把问题带到他的面前。整个过程中郑牧师和师母也是一直的支持我们，甚至国语堂会众也在尽所能的鼓励并为我们有代祷。当我们在教会彼此服侍的时候，当知道一切都是出于他的美意，服侍本身也是恩典，经历这些无不是让我们学习忍耐和顺服的功课，我们要时刻清楚自己站出来的最初目的是为他。且在预备过程中也当信靠他，依靠他。其实，直到复活节营会举办的前一天，我们在一些环节都还没有做好万全的准备和预备。但是感谢神给我们信心，虽然没有看到，但是神却一直感动着所有人合一去做好我们的本分。

Section 3 归于神- 借着侍奉得见神荣耀计划

- 摆上自己，成就在乎主耶稣

经历了前面提到的种种挫折和困难，我们来到了营会的当天。我相信所有的同工都还是秉承着最初出来服侍的相同念头，那就是我们要为神为自己教会弟兄姊妹预备一个有神同在的“活”的营会。我们要的不是单纯的完成这个事工，而是真的在这过程中享受神的同在，享受经历困境后神带领我们的那种“超越”。享受因为有得着而产生的由内而外的喜悦。虽然很多问题还没有解决，但是我们都一一的摆上了我们的现状。我们按神的心意尽力去做的时候，事情成就与否在乎主耶稣，而不在于我们。

- 我们看见

三天两夜过后，每个人都会对这次营会有自己的看见和评判。有好有坏，或贬或褒。三天两夜过后，作为服侍团队，我们看到的是神与我们的同在，看到的是神感动会众给予我们的反馈；看到的是圣灵和我们一同歌唱的敬拜；老中青三代其乐融融的游戏时刻；和查经的时候那有生命的分享。我们也看到了讲员对面那一双双渴望的眼神，和同工之间那因着服侍，并愿意舍弃自己的信心。

- 神在我们身上早已立好的根基

最近的小组分享中能明显的感觉到大家内心依然火热，那把火在燃烧。我们也感受到每个人对神话语的渴望，那种渴望喝了永远不渴的主耶稣基督的生命活水。我们也感受到原来讲员分享的信息并没有距离我们多么遥远，分别为圣的几个表现也正是我们现在正在做的。国语堂铺垫已久的属灵复兴的“希望之花”和复活节营会这个及时的“雨露”在神的动工下，在最合适的时间，借着最合适的人群，擦出了火花，它含苞待放。但我们也要牢记，这也仅仅是含苞待放而已。到那生命的绽放，距离开花结果，我们还有很长的路要走。

尾声：

感谢神使用每一位同工，感谢神预备讲员刘牧师，教会牧长郑牧师给我们，感谢神感动会众兴起属灵的复兴，感谢神给我们在澳洲有一个家-中央浸信会。

后记：

得知要写这篇文章，真的受宠若惊，感到万般不配。复活节营会真的只是咱们浸信会事工中的一小部分，有太多的弟兄姊妹在教会中为神，为大家早已摆上了自己。也并不是所有人都有机会走到台前来分享。愿神借着复活节事工让大家看到神的保守和同在，看到神国事工的酸甜苦辣。若您看了文章，对神的预备和那些肯摆上自己的同工有感恩的心；或者您也想加入到侍奉当中来，那么我这篇杂记，也就有意义了。

愿众弟兄姐妹都能得着那基督为我们预备的“上好”，荣耀归于主耶稣基督。阿们！

2018年4月14日夜

Do we truly know who or what we are following? Is Easter the same to us year after year? We can go to a long weekend retreat, away from the business of our daily schedules, and devote those few days to be set aside for God but every day of the year is a step further in our personal walk with our Saviour. We were all given a space to meditate upon our journey of faith on the Saturday night at the campsite. It was quite dark and you weren't able to see across the open soccer field or the person in front, but others had already walked ahead and others were waiting behind in the queue, settling down after a session of praise and worship songs. Before we took the first steps, we each hung a piece of coloured cloth pegged to a line, as a gesture that we offer up our lives, willing to be led by Him.

How does God guide you? We might encounter his grace in unexpected circumstances, or through the people that are around us. Through what we read, or hear, his Word speaks to us, and as His Spirit moves in our lives, it keeps us from wandering away, staying true to the path of light. Walking along the field, able to feel and hear the steps on the grass but not see, you don't know exactly where the path will end or lead you next. But you trust that each coloured glowstick that was placed ahead is the right way to go; you could see one at a time and that was enough for you to walk ahead with assurance. God may not light up our path with dazzling lights all the time, but He shows us glimpses of His promised Kingdom, and over time, insights which re-

veal truths that illuminate our steps in the darkness.

How is God leading our walk with Him? The glowsticks led to the entrance of the gymnasium hall. You could see more people within distance as they snaked a path around the space before exiting. Again, there were no lights except for seven spots on the floor along the path of glowsticks. There was room for people to write down on paper around the given bible verse a response of how we relate to God. These were the seven 'I am' statements of Jesus. Jesus made these claims to his disciples, and knowing that it would speak to us today, in light of His saving work for the world

on the cross. Jesus is universally all those things to his followers: the light of the word, the bread of life, the gate, the good shepherd, the resurrection, the true vine, the way, the truth and the life.

AFTER ARISE

Nathaniel Kong

Collectively, we share our walk with Him but it is also personal and unique in the way we respond back to His call on our lives. A space is needed for reflection and solitude, but a space is also necessary for each individual believer to share and express their own experience, encounter of God and movement by His Spirit. Jesus has called us to be more than idle followers, but as disciplers empowering fellow disciples to do His good work. We are witnesses to what God has already done and shown us, and may we continue to walk with intention and conviction of the risen hope and power in Jesus.

Being part of the ARISE team was a big step. I usually helped in camps by doing games or P.A but this time it was running a camp! I was blessed to serve alongside two of my closest friends and this experience really was a rewarding challenge, that God had blessed us with, to serve as a team and grow together. Yes, the journey was bumpy, but a constant reminder was needed that this ministry was centred around God and throughout the struggles, He will sustain us with provision and support. As a university student it was quite a big role to take upon, if not almost too great for me. But what I could see in our team was the flexibility and willingness to help each other out, to lighten the burden and to finish the race we were called to run by the one whom we live for. During the camp I adored to watch all the different events occurring, enabling me to catch the rare glimpses of our congregation connecting and feeling the touch of God's presence. It was such a proud moment for our team to witness the work of God and to have the pleasure of being part of the spiritual growth of others.

Gabriel Leung

My Experience of ARISE

I have very happy memories of the Arise Easter week-end although I was only able to attend on Easter Sunday. The morning service conducted by Pastor John was memorable and the bread for communion served in a unique way. The facilities were superb with vast expansive grounds and a very spacious dining room and gymnasium. The afternoon games were conducted in the gymnasium and great fun and I had to de-

duce the identity of the Bible characters from the actions of the young people in our team which I succeeded

to do with some prompting. The lunch and afternoon tea were well prepared. It was great to connect with some of the younger generation which is not always easy being a senior.

The success of the week-end was a credit to the organising committee and they deserve to be congratulated for their diligence and commitment. I look forward to this week-end again next year.

Charles Chen



In Memory of Roy Gilchrist



~16/8/1919 - 2/11/2017~

Mr Roy Gilchrist was the last Life Deacon of Central Baptist Church. My name is Jane and I currently worship at the 11am Service at Central Baptist Church. I have been attending Central Baptist Church for about 30 years. Most of my experience of Mr Roy Gilchrist comes from the time when I became a Deacon in 2007 and then worked as the Administrative Officer in the church office from 2008 to 2014.

One of the words which best described my memory of Mr Gilchrist would be: "knowledgeable". One of my jobs as a Deacon and the Admin Officer was to be the minute-taker at Diaconate Meetings. I have been a church member since 1993 and had attended many Church Members Meetings, so naturally, I thought I knew what meetings are like. Little did I know that Diaconate Meetings would be a whole different matter! Mr Gilchrist seemed to be the most knowledgeable person about meeting procedures, when at times there were disputes over decisions made. While the idea of making motions at meetings was not new, the idea of rescinding motions definitely was new to me! But having someone like Mr Gilchrist at those meetings and guiding the meeting through difficult meeting procedures was a

great stabilizing force at sometimes tense moments. Mr Gilchrist was also the person to turn to when it came to matters relating to the history of the church. I recall once having to ring Mr Gilchrist regarding some church property matter and being referred to the Saint Andrew's Cathedral Site Act 1935. This was the first time I was aware Central Baptist Church figured in an Act of Parliament and also finding out about our church's move from its original location at Bathurst Street to its present location due to the acquisition of the land by the government of the time to make way for the building of St Andrew's Cathedral.

It is often said that knowing one's past helps one to better understand one's present. I think the same applies to knowing the history of Central Baptist Church.

I remember one year we had a church celebratory dinner and Mr Gilchrist gave a speech. He related some interesting stories about himself as well as the history of Central Baptist Church. His knowledge of the history of the church and his willingness to share it with those of the later generation helps us who came later to appreciate and understand more about this church.

I believe this is one of Mr Gilchrist's legacies as the last Life Deacon of Central Baptist Church.
Jane Choy

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I was an overseas student when I came to Central in the 80's. I did not know Roy much at that time. After completing my education, I went back to Hong Kong for a few years and then returned to Australia in 1990. I eventually settled down again in Central. This time I decided to apply for church membership! I was previously baptised by Rev Edward Yu in the pool behind us.

Guess what? I was required to be interviewed by 2 Life Deacons: Mr Howard Tripet and Mr Roy Gilchrist. I was a little nervous when they

showed me the Old Vestry room behind the stage. During the interview, Mr Tripet did most of the talking and asked about my faith and my association with Central. I was getting uneasy by the end of the meeting. When Mr Tripet left the room, Roy talked to me. He said, "It is my relationship with God that is more important than anything else". He comforted and encouraged me when I was not sure about the outcome.

Then, there was a Sunday when my family decided to have lunch at McDonald's opposite the Hoyts cinema. We met Roy half way through his lunch. We greeted briefly and then ordered our meals. When Roy finished his lunch, he came over to our table with a BIG GENTLE smile and chatted with us and our kids. A few Sundays later, we went to McDonald's again. Guess what! The familiar gentle smile greeted us again. I tell you what. Roy loved McDonald's!

Today, we commemorate Mr Roy Gilchrist not only as our Life Deacon, but more importantly as an inspiring Christian. His life was guided by the Word, not only worshipping God every Sunday but also welcoming each and every person he met with a gentle and kind nature. His consistent character remained true to the Holy Spirit despite all the changes in CBC. He had seen changes in the leadership, the congregation, but despite the loss of familiarity, the loss of his generation, he still saw Central Baptist Church as his family, as God's family.

Tom Leung

I've known Roy for about 30 years now, but I really got to know him when we served together in the Diaconate for the last 15 years. Over this time, I got a true insight into his passion, his intelligence, his empathy and his understanding of our Church and gospel community.

Over this time, Roy was my brother in Christ, my co-worker and my spiritual teacher. I learned many things from him, experiences and realisations that I

have attempted to adapt to my own life and growth.

- Roy was staunch in his commitment in Christ: he was a role model Christian. Throughout his life, he always dedicated his life to the gospel, the church and those around him. He burned with passion for the Spirit, lived out his beliefs and was always ready to share his thoughts with the wider world.
- He loved CBC, our Church and the extended family: even when he was not very well, he always came to Church to attend Diaconate Meetings, General Meetings and any other special occasions. He refused to allow ailments to constrain him and separate him from his spiritual family. At times, he commuted by public transport, showing his dedication and consistency in Christ.
- Through his every action, you could clearly see the care and concern he held for fellow brothers and sisters at CBC: as a spiritual leader at CBC, he gave advice to brothers and sisters, always had an ear to listen to and a shoulder to lean upon. When CBC went through some rough times during the transitional period in the late 90s, Roy was a key figure of stability and maturity, offering advice to keep our Church both coherent and Christ-centred. He always talked to me and encouraged me regarding my service at the Diaconate, my work load and my family. I knew he was a man who truly cared, who would take the time to listen and help others. I was truly, profoundly touched by his sincerity.
- Throughout it all, I was struck by his calm, even and measured temperament: on some occasions, even when the Diaconate was engaged in heated discussion, Roy remained composed and calm. He waited for others to express their opinion before he voiced his own. His maturity, and his wisdom in listening before acting, was critical to church leadership, and I know many of us valued his input.

Even now, I strive to follow the example that Roy set in providing a rock-solid illustration of faithfulness in Christ, devotion to church, and care for fellow brothers and sisters. I will mourn his loss, but remain

resolute in knowing his place is with our Father now. All that remains for us is to honour his memory in following in his footsteps, so that we too can be responsible, empathetic, understanding and wise figures in our church and community.

Let me finish my sharing with a Bible verse that summed up Roy's life.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." (2 Timothy 4:7-8)

Alex Mok

I knew Roy for over 25 years, but Roy was certainly here long before that. Roy loved and cared about Central. Being a Life Deacon of Central, he kept himself updated by reading every Diaconate Minutes sent to him by the Church Secretary. Even up to end of last year, at least once a month, Roy and Betty would make every effort to come to Central to worship.

They would ask about my family and my ministries at Central; Roy was forever so encouraging, warm and caring, kind and understanding. As I reflect on Roy's life, he was really a walking fruit of the Holy Spirit!

For years I have been Roy's dentist and one time he had forgotten his appointment with me. He rang and insisted I came to the phone so that he could apologise. He also wanted to pay for the broken appointment which I refused. A few days later I got a cheque in the mail. That was Roy, you can see how faithful

he was towards his commitment and he was just as faithful to his ministries with Central!

Long before Roy was made Life Deacon of Central, I was impressed by his humble stewardship. One wintry Sunday morning, we came to church; he was already there at the front gate and the steps with a bucket of water and a broom cleaning up the mess from the night before. Such patience, servitude and humility! He loved the Lord's house!

Roy was a true peacemaker. After one Diaconate Meeting, I challenged him on an issue which he gave in without too much of a fight. All he said was, "That's the best way!" The best way to maintain unity in the Church was what he meant. This lesson of 'love' through self-control took me years to sink in, for me to appreciate and to learn.

Not too long ago, before Betty went to the nursing home, she would answer the phone when Roy was not in. The usual answer was "Oh, Roy is at a meeting" or "He is chatting with the village management committee". In the past many years Roy remained actively serving the retirement village despite his poor eyesight and the ailment on his foot which never healed.

Roy was a true disciple of Christ, and he made disciples not so much with words but with his life. Roy was a genuine disciple-making disciple! Thank you Roy, I'll miss you!!!

Eddie Pang



In Memory of Roy Gilchrist

重生得救

吴家辉, Laurie

我叫吴家辉，英文名Laurie，来自江苏南京。在我信主前，我只是个每天生活很没有规矩，糊里糊涂地数着日子过的大男孩。信主前的一年，我刚刚来到悉尼，那一年刚好是我的本命年，按照民间宗教的说法，本命年总会经历许多磨难挫折，我也不相信这样的说法，然而那一年确实是不顺利的，考试不过，求学不顺，租房被骗等等，特别的无助和绝望。我甚至去卧龙岗拜偶像，求平安顺利。现在回忆起这段日子过得确实很糟糕，每天浑浑噩噩如同没有灵魂，丧失的人一样。感谢神，2016年底我成功收到了UTS Animal Logic Studio的入学邀请，那是我那一年笑得最开心的一天。进入了2017一月，我成功的入学，正逢开学迎新的Orientation Day。

因为Animal Logic Studio几乎没有中国人，只有三个人说国语，所以我想去认识更多的朋友，因此就打算找一些自己感兴趣的社团去加入。那是一个中午，路过我们CBC迎新的时候，Ashlee很热情地和我说了我们是基督教社团，欢迎我去看看，还有一起吃免费的晚餐。回到家后，我有些犹豫，什么是基督教？听说好像是要去教堂，去不去呢，内心有些紧张不安，又有些好奇的心情交织在一起。最后，感谢神打开了我的心，在我的心中种下了一颗属灵的种子，我去了教堂，吃了晚餐，一起玩了游戏。我觉得教堂给我留下的印象特别好，每个人都心怀良善去照顾着我这个新人。我就跟自己说，下周三再去看看吧，就当听听圣经故事，我是学艺术的，也许宗教文化会给我更多灵感。第二周，我去了。接着，第三周，第四周，第五周…我就一直坚持去着周三晚上的团契学习。慢慢的，经过了半年，我在郑鸥牧师和师母耐心的讲解圣经学习下，我慢慢地认识到了在我们的生活中有一位主宰者，祂像是我们慈爱的父亲，祂又是一位公平公正良善的神。祂拣选了一个民族，创立了一个属神的国家以色列。这是祂救赎我们的第一步，

通过派遣自己的爱子主耶稣，来为我们背上十字架，流出自己的宝血洗净我们的罪，将自己的身体作为我们的教会，这是祂救赎我们的第二步。神通过拯救我们，让我们重新与神和好，也要通过我们，去完成使全世界都归向神的大使命。通过圣经的学习我也认识到了我们的神，不是我们凭着自己的力量去做一个义人，而是因信称义，因着主耶稣的爱，从内心深处去改变，做一个全新的自己。虽然我学习了很多神的话语，也认识到了神，祂是一位怜悯、信实、圣洁、谦卑、良善、慈爱、和平、忍耐、温柔和节制的神。我感觉到了自己内心种下的属灵种子，开始生根发芽，慢慢破土成长。

到了2017年的9月9日，那是一个下午。飞帆邀请我来教会，跟我讲我的信仰。后来才知道这是三福，通过一个下午对信仰的认识梳理，我也做了我人生中重要的决定（决志祷告）。我认识到一个人要成为基督徒，首先需要“重生得救”，做出“信”的决定。当真的已经清楚知道福音和救恩的意义，而且已经从心里相信，也愿意口里承认，可以借着祷告来告诉上帝我的决定，这就是所谓的“决志祷告”，成为一位基督徒真的就这么简单，但是当成为基督徒以后要跟随主的路还很长，决志信主只是跟随主耶稣迈出的第一步。不过在我决志祷告的这个下午，我也收获了一份至真至高的礼物“永生”。因为因着圣经的应许，我已经得到永生，与神和好，罪得赦免。

成为了一名基督徒后，我不再缺席每一个主日的崇拜，因为这是我们应该做到的当守安息日，阿门。我也积极参与每一个周三的团契，和周二的祷告会。在半年多的时间里，我发现自己灵命增长的很迅速，每周每日都在消

化着圣经中的灵粮。『【马太福音5:6】饥渴慕义的人有福了，因为他们必得饱足。』感谢神一直对我的恩待和看护，我发现与神和好之后，我的每日生活中处处都是阳光，常常喜乐，常常谢恩，我的生活也变得更加喜悦。而且生活中人的关系也都很好，因为主耶稣的话，我发自内心地改变了很多。待人为善，爱人如己。特别感谢主内的每一位兄弟姊妹，都在我初信的路上予以过我帮助，正确积极引导着我。

成为了一名基督徒后，因着耶稣所吩咐的大使命，我也和家人、朋友去分享，去传递福音，因为我希望我的家人和朋友可以认识到主，可以被得救。感谢神对我的恩典，让我认识到在生活中凡事都应该以神为中心，摒弃自我，与神同行。可是每次传福音，碰到别人提出疑惑，我都解释不清楚，我就很自责，因为我知道是我的错，没有很好的理解神的话语。但是，有时候我又发现真的很难解释一些真实的事情，因为不存在的事情你可以去编造、去包装，像神真真实实地生活在我们的周围，爱着我们的事实。只有我们每个基督徒心里最清楚，因为我们蒙受着神的祝福与恩典。

到了2018年的3月我上完了马可福音班，我再次认识了耶稣基督，因着爱我们，为我们救赎，当上到最后一节课念到这一节，『耶稣又对他们说：“你们往普天下去，传福音给万民听。信而受洗的必然得救，不信的必被定罪。信的人必有神迹随着他们，就是：奉我的名赶鬼，说新方言，手能拿蛇；若喝了什么毒物，也必不受害；手按病人，病人就必好了。”——【马可福音16:14-16】』我就坚定地告诉自己，我要受洗，我要为主作见证，一生去荣耀神。感谢神，在第二主日崇拜上，浸礼班的报名就开始了，我都没有犹豫，崇拜结束，我就飞奔着跑去找到牧师师母说我希望在众人面前见证我的信仰，我想受洗，牧师师母也很欣然地同意了。『

彼得说：“你们各人要悔改，奉耶稣基督的名受洗，叫你们的罪得赦，就必领受所赐的圣灵；因为这应许是给你们和你们的儿女，并一切在远方的人，就是主我们神所召来的。”——【使徒行传2:38-39】』我相信要想放下自己，洗尽自己的罪，求主将罪得赦，洗礼是我应该去行的第一步；接着，每个礼拜都参加教会和团契的敬拜和聚会，每天读经祷告，行事为人有基督徒应该有的样子，过正常的基督徒生活，并在生活中活出基督徒的见证，荣神益人，这是我接下来该坚持做到的。

通过在浸礼班六课的学习，我在第一课学习到了我们所信仰的是独一的真神。祂无所不知、无所不能、无所不在。关于这点，我有所感受。像这次旅游，当我一个人站在山上，或者湖边。我不会像以前觉得是自己一个人。我会觉得父神就在身边，特别是当和煦的阳光洒在脸上，感觉就像父神的温暖。

我也学习到了神是创造我们的神，神会鉴察人心，在神的面前学会谦卑。神是永恒的神，是昔在、今在、永在的神。神是不改变的，祂对我们的爱永不改变。我也认识到只有人才有神形象，所以我们与神之间的关系更亲切。我们生命的目的，是要活出神的形象。在生活里，我们与神的关系应该放在首位。我们所能活出神所期待的人生，是因为我们与神有良好的关系。在地上，我们是神的代表。因此管理，成为我们生活种的基本责任。神让我们先管理好自己的家庭，再管理好教会这个大家庭。

第二课中，我认识到了罪，我们每个人都有罪，单凭自己是没办法改变一个人，只有信靠主耶稣。罪的产生，是我们按照自己的方式去生活，以自我为中心，做了神不喜悦的事和没做该做的事。因为罪的产生，人和神产生了分隔，所以罪的代价就是人有了死亡。罪有传播性，会破坏人与人和人与万

物的关系。

第三课中，我认识到了神的心意，因为我们亏缺了神的荣耀，神的形象不完整了。因此神要恢复祂创造的秩序，即“人与神、人与人、人与万物”。神拣选了亚伯拉罕，创造了一个属神的民族，让全世界都可以收到神的祝福。

第四课中，我认识到了如何成为一名基督徒。首先要“认罪悔改”，认识主耶稣，知道神的心意，以及行事做人的标准。会反省自己的生命生活，去感谢感恩神，放下自义（自认为还不错）。求主由内到外的改变，重视内在的生命，因为外在所行的罪是出于内心。从远离神朝向罪，转变成走近神。『所以弟兄们，我以神的慈悲劝你们，将身体献上，当作活祭，是圣洁的，是神所喜悦的，你们如此侍奉，乃是理所当然的。不要效法这个世界，只要心意更新而变化，叫你们察验何为神的善良、纯全、可喜悦的旨意。——【罗马书12:1-2】』

接着要“相信”，明白所相信的内容，相信神的启示。“接受”，按照神的话语去行，去改变。

最后要“因信称义”，『凡接待他的，就是信他名的人，他就赐他们权柄，作神的儿女。——【约翰福音1:12】』。我也分

享一段我最喜爱的经文，『For we walk by Faith not by sight. 因我们行事为人是凭着信心，不是凭着眼见。——【哥林多后书5:7】』。

第六课中，我认识了“普世教会”的概念。普世教会包括了世界上所有不同年代、来自不地方的神的儿女们。我们每个人也应该加入住处附近的地方教会，参加崇拜和聚会，成为其中的一员。作为地方教会的一员，我们享有许多权利和益处。①与其他信徒之间的团契与交通；②可以参加圣餐、洗礼及其他圣礼；③可以参加查经学习；④会得到牧师、长老、执事和其他信徒的帮助；⑤接受教会的训练并被分派在教会服事主的工作。

『你们不可停止聚会，好像那些停止惯了的人，倒要彼此劝勉——【希伯来书10:25】』。

作为教会的信徒，也应该承担起四项责任。①出席及参与各种聚会；②为教会的需要祷告；③对教会的奉献；④各尽其职。

『他所赐的，有使徒，有先知，有传福音的，有牧师和教师；为要成全圣徒，各尽其职，建立基督的身体。——【以弗所书4:11-12】』。

神如何拯救我

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信主之前的我

如果要用一句话总结我在信主之前是什么样的人的话，那就是——过去的我是个生长在复杂环境中，自卑，胆小，内心敏感，可是又冥冥中蒙神祝福的人。

我从小生长的家庭环境是有点儿复杂的。我父母在我很小的时候就离婚了，我还有一个小我三岁的弟弟，以及妈妈后来收养的大我四岁的姐姐（我姐姐是在我出生前就被寄养在我外婆家里的，等到我父母离婚之后，就被妈妈带回家）。我妈妈是我们家里第一个信主的人，然而因为后来没有很好的带领，她就渐渐远离神了。

我母亲信主是因为当时我父母感情不好总是吵架，邻居有一位信主的奶奶怜悯她，经常过来帮忙，后来就带着我妈妈去教会参加礼拜。所以我从记事的时候起就对神很熟悉，虽然在后来长大的过程中多多少少对信仰的理解有些偏差，但从内心总是相信有这样一位真神存在的。然而有趣的是，真正让我接纳并寻求神的并不是我妈妈，而是一本书。在我还没上小学的时候我有一位假期住家钢琴老师（她是学琴的学生，假期教学住在我家，有点儿像是家庭教师），她给我选择了一本睡前读物也是我识字后读的第一本书——《海蒂》。我最开始祷告就是跟与我当时年纪相仿的女主人公小海蒂学的。直到现在每年我还是会重新读这本书。书中的奶奶对海蒂说的一段话像种子一样扎根在我心里，我想这都是神的旨意。奶奶的话是这样的：

“……要知道上帝是我们大家的父亲，他很清楚什么对我们有好处。即使在我们还不知道的时候也是。如果是对我们没有好处的事，不论怎么请求，他也不会帮你实现。只要你一直真心的祈祷，不从上帝身边逃走，不失去对上帝的信赖，他马上就会降福给你更加幸运的事。所以，你所祈祷的是对你现在没

有好处的事，上帝把你的愿望听得清清楚楚，他能同时听见所有人的话，分别一个个过目。所以他才能成为上帝，和你和我是不同的人。他肯定早就知道什么是对海蒂有好处的，所以才这么想：‘嗯，我以后一定要实现小海蒂的愿望。不过，那要等到有益于她的时候，等到实现愿望可以使小海蒂真正高兴起来的时候才行。要是现在就给她实现，她以后会发现还是那时上帝不帮助我变成这样的好，就会哭着说要是上帝不听我的请求就好了，现在一点都不像我想象的那么好。’所以现在上帝正从天上看着，小海蒂是不是即使有什么不顺心的事，也还是信赖我，每天望着天上向我祈祷。可是，你一点也不相信他，逃开了，也不再祈祷，把上帝忘在脑后。但是，要知道，如果谁这么做了，在众人的祈祷里再也听不到他的声音的话，上帝就会忘记他，不管他的。那这个人以后碰到什么不幸，叹息‘没有人帮助我’时，谁也不会同情他。大家都会这么说：‘本来上帝是可以帮助你的！不是你自己要从上帝身边逃出来的吗。’……”

奶奶的话让当时的我理解了妈妈为什么会祷告和信靠神，甚至在妈妈远离教会之后我还是自己祷告。我想这也就是为什么出国后，有了每周去教会的机会和环境，我很渴望融入的原因。

我的生活变得有些复杂和世俗化是在父母离异后。我跟弟弟都随母亲一起住，每个月都会去找父亲亲近一下。可惜的是，远离环境和生活压力徒增的我母亲很快就不再去教会了。我非常敬爱我母亲，她从一个不谙世事的家庭主妇后来成长为自立自强的女商人所经历的磨难是我亲眼所见的，所以后来她变得世俗和算计都非常令人怜惜和理解。我爸爸再婚后给我跟弟弟造成了一些不小的影响，以至于这么多年来我们都要在某些方面跟爸爸的新家庭斗智斗勇进行攀比。所以我一方面一直都是很乖的小孩，成绩优异性格腼腆，力求最大程度上减轻妈妈的负担，另一方面又特别软弱胆小害怕犯错。另一个家庭成员我姐姐是个孤儿，后来我们住在一个房间，

我把她当成亲姐姐，关系很好，然而敏感和自卑致使她也不得不成为一个极其现实的女孩子。古语讲“近朱者赤近墨者黑”，在这样一个环境中长大的我身上总是多了一些复杂和世俗的影子。

出国之后的独立生活让我对自己的性格有了更多的了解。我害怕承担责任所以团队合作中永远只是很好的服从者，害怕得罪别人总是委屈自己而不主动寻求帮助，过分安静胆小躲避交流以至于英语也没有特别大的进步。然而最大的问题就是特别容易一蹶不振，如果出现一个让人难过的结果我就有可能因为心态崩塌导致后面一系列的事情都是坏的。比如说如果这学期有一门课挂科，那我很可能一年都不开心，然后所有的事情都每况愈下。在很多时候我都压力很大心情郁闷，有段时间甚至有些饮食紊乱。由于我常年在父母亲人的兄弟姐妹心中都是个懂事听话十全九美的孩子，这些年在学习或者生活中出现的糟糕状况我都没办法直接倾诉，不得不隐瞒或者撒谎，更是让自己压力很大。

我是如何信主的

15年6月的时候，我有一门课状态非常差不得不申请退课。那时自己处于极其的自我否定当中，很无助。这个时候我认识了Rose阿姨，她在UTS传教时遇到了我向我分享福音。我当时就像是突然被打了一下似的，疑惑自己为什么没有早一点儿想起来向上帝求助呢。当机立断我就跟着Rose阿姨去了她的教会。所以在我来中央浸信会之前我已经在这个教会的英文堂（这个教会只有英文和韩文）呆了一年了。在这一年里我发现，虽然我祷告过很多年，但是我对神几乎一无所知。因为讲道信息都是英文，我在理解和接受上其实有很大的障碍，但是我还是收获颇多。我开始学着系统的读圣经，惊叹于神的慈爱和能力，也更加的了解自己和家人的罪，也学着完全的依靠神的能力，每当遇到各种烦心的事情就深深的祷告，把事情交托到神的计划里。但是就像我之前提到的，语言障碍使我的属灵生命成长缓慢，也很难和弟兄姊妹有好的交流。

然后就到了16年3月，在uts的orientation day上我遇到了中央浸信会的迎新摊位，拿到了Fish

Fellowship的迎新邀请

卡。其实我是后来才知道我是第一批参加这个团契的人之一，何其幸运。郑鸥牧师是我认识的第一位国语牧师，团契几节课下来我惊诧于中文查经可以讲的如此缓慢和详细，甚至自己也可以更多的分享感触畅所欲言而不是局限于语言障碍只挑会说的说。这个时期还是只参加浸信会的周三团契，2017年上半年开始我就开始参加国语堂的周日崇拜了，但是之前教会的牧师非常希望我能留下来，所以这一年我几乎是交叉参加两个会的崇拜。这段时间我感到有些疲于奔波，反而并没能领受更多的知识。然后17年发生了一系列让我手足无措很崩溃的事情。15年我drop掉的那门课在17年本来应该补全，然后我就可以本科毕业了，此时我的绩点分数是可以无条件直升本校研究生的。但是我所在的studio因为集体作业都不达标，几乎全部被fail。因为这门课我的绩点被拉到不可直升，同时还要延迟毕业。这个时候我自身的性格缺陷完全暴露了，开始自暴自弃，厌烦身边所有的事情，就算每周去教会也变成了例行公事，所得甚少。加上因为奔波两个教会导致没有机会跟任何一位牧师或者姊妹有良好的交流沟通，学习上的事情是我郁郁寡欢，进而影响到了生活的方方面面。于是17年11月份，交完最后一份作业，我立马飞回了国内。

四个月的假期里，我连续去了几个城市旅游散心，又重新读了《海蒂》这本书，并且在旅行的途中我不断不断在思索神为什么要给我这样的苦难呢。这个问题直到现在其实我也无法回答，但是我相信神是有他的安排的，总是有更好的计划在后面。18农历新年的时候，因为政策福利的原因我去了西藏旅游。因为西藏是一个佛教圣地，虽然我是为了一览祖国最漂亮的风景，但还是有些惶恐不安。于是做旅行计划我也祷告，旅途中我也祷告，路过每一个寺庙我都呼唤一下天父。看到藏民们在公路上叩拜进拉萨朝拜，我一边惊讶于他们的毅力，一边求神来怜悯他们。不知道是不是因为这样密集的祷告，我反而感觉不自己同神更加的贴近了。我开始放掉那些一年来不停折磨自己的繁琐事情，真正享受旅行，风景也更加单纯，也结识了非常多的全国各地的朋友。从西藏回到家里，老老少少都觉得我变得明媚开朗，爱笑爱动也爱说话了，之前的阴郁一扫而空。我自己也不明白为什么从佛教圣地回来，自己却变得更加爱神也更

加渴望和神亲近。

于是，我回到悉尼是周二，做的第一件事情就是周三去参加大学生团契，并且告诉大家这次我要长久的留着中央浸信会了，因为我迫切饥渴，想要更快的成

信主之后我的改变

长。

我是在15年底做的决志祷告，要说信主之后的改变似乎要从那个时候开始讲起。其实，那个时候开始我已经在很多方面都有所变化了。我从那时开始每天早上起床都要向上帝祷告三件事情：请让我有内住的圣灵，请把我身体里的黑暗都赶跑，请让我与神同工。我还是胆小怕事，但是一到怯懦的时候我就祷告，然后就有勇气去完成一些不敢完成的事。我会时常提醒自己要注意不要什么都自己“想”，自己“以为”，而是祷告的时候听听神告诉了我什么，虽然其实我至今都没有听到过神的声音，可我知道神听得见我的。所以我比之前神的状态更加地平安。我也时常用这些神教给我的智慧来教导家人朋友，让他们也祷告，但大多数人不会听我的。但是至少从那个时候开始，我带领着妈妈重新回到了神的面前，带着她听一些查经的内容。这也是我最大的收获之一。

可是就像我上文提到的，很多时候我都是一知半解的状态。譬如说我知某一个结论，可是不知道为什么是这样。我知道耶稣是神的儿子，也知道“圣父圣子圣灵三位一体”，却不知道明白是如何的一体；我知道耶稣的血洗净了我们的罪，把我们重新带到了神的面前，却不知道耶稣是经历了什么样的磨难付出了怎样伟大的牺牲；我知道我每周需要奉献，却没能真正明白风险的意义……诸如这样的一知半解一直以来的阻拦我灵命成长。后来的我觉得，我之所以去年经历了那么大的打击并且有点自暴自弃很大程度上是因为我没有真正懂得基督的意义。我就是这么糊里糊涂的信主，直到在中央浸信会重新打基础。

在大学生团契里我结识了非常多的同龄人，大家都热情温暖，所以也把我们感染成了热情温暖的人。圣经里教导我们做让神喜悦的事情，所以又每每提醒自己要改一点儿那个改一点儿，一点儿一点儿的变得平安喜乐。甚至现在在我身边的人都会因为看到我而变得快乐。这是多大的祝福啊！但是我觉得，这些改变都是因为我的内在改变自然产生的结果，最大的改变是认识神是信心是谦卑。这些改变我觉得很有必要和下一部份的浸礼班总结放到一起写。

这些天在浸礼班所学的内容做一个总结

在经历过完全被自己的和世界打败的黑暗后，我坚定了自己要成长的决心，于是我决定全心全意的融入到中央浸信会里来，用我最熟悉的语言和环境蒙受主恩。在这期间改变我最多的，是在我终于可以用神给我的平安的心来听崇拜和查经之后，最最基础的慕道班和浸礼班带给我的。

其实最早我不太明白为什么我一定要从慕道班开始查经，因为关系比较好的朋友们都不在慕道班。然而，到我写这篇得到见证为止，两个系列的课程我都完成或接近完成了，我终于明白了从基础的查经和学习开始对我这种半吊子基督徒有多重要。

首先，我真正认识了我们的神。我们的神是无限的唯一的真神，他是创造了我们的神。他同我们的关系是创造者和被创造的人，所以他独一。我所知道别的各种寺庙神像本质上都是人类在有所寻求的时候，凭自己的意志造出来的，这样的所谓的神其实是人类思想的仆人，为人类的所寻求服务。我们的神是一切的主宰，我们的生命应该是完全放在他的手中的，我们是他的子女和仆人，我们要服务于他的心意，这就是不同。然后，就是了解这唯一独在的神拥有的伟大能力，他是全能的神，他无所不能无所不在，因为这万物都是他所创造的，都服从于他。我们的任何思念想在他面前都应的无所保留，这世上没有什么是他达不到的，他又跨时间跨维度的存在。他是从永远到永远的神，

他是跨越了时间维度的永恒的神。这样伟大的神，他永不改变，他的良善不变，他对我们创造时的爱不变，他对人类的要求和心意不变，所以我们可以安心的来信靠他，只要按照他不变的心意来行就能让他喜爱。在这样的神面前，怎么能不匍匐在他的脚下变得谦卑敬畏呢。

明白了神的伟大，明白了神对我们的爱和心意之后，我们就要朝着他创造人类时分享给人类的特质靠拢。我们生命的方向和目标就是要像神。神他对人类充满恩典，不同于对万物“各从其类”的创造，他把“形像样式”给了我们，使我们有了属灵的生命，可以与他灵里面沟通。他把把慈爱、良善、公义、怜悯、信实、圣洁的特质赐予我们，也希望我们可以用他所给了形象和力量来管理这个世界。当我们接受了神，走过耶稣用鲜血开的路之后，我们就要朝着这些神分享给我们的特质改变。神对我们的期待是让我们有和他亲近的关系。

于是因着对神的爱，为了让使自己成为让神喜悦的门徒，我在生活中运用起来的操练场。凭着神给的能力，接受神给的管理生活的责任。在家里我要当一个好姐姐、好妹妹、好女儿，活出一个基督徒的样子，感染家里的每一个人，让他们看到我生命里基督的生命。我也学着主动去关注需要被关注的人，也要原谅那些伤害我们的人和事情，因为这个世界都是罪，唯有神是圣洁的。所以每天，当我烦躁不安的时候，我就想起神是希望我平安喜乐的，然后就向神认罪和祷告，变得开心起来。当生活把一条不公义的捷径放在我的面前的时候，我就凭信心选择神所喜悦的公义的道路。在这条道路上或许有所坎坷，我就会想起神是有恩典的，我作为他的儿女，他一定有所安排。于是渐渐的、渐渐的，我从内而外的变成了开心的人。因为我不再纠结了，我的面前不再是很多种不同的选择，而是只有神为我选择的那一条路。

接着，我对人和人的罪有了更清晰的认知。罪是什么？不该做的事情做了是罪，应该做的事情没有做也是罪。人类的罪是从亚当和夏娃开始的，从他们违背神的心意之后，便得了罪，从此与神

隔绝，归了属罪的世界。这个世界就像罗马书第三章23节所说“因为世人都犯了罪，亏缺了神的荣耀”。如今，人们为了各种各样的事情忙碌，为了生活和更好的物质疲于奔波。似乎重要的事情太多了，要用好的东西孝敬父母，要好看的衣服，有名牌的化妆品包包，要漂亮要结婚，要有车有房……很多人都说自己活得清楚明白，非常知道自己需要什么追求什么。过去我也迷茫过，不知道自己应该是什么样子的，所以就干脆跟着这些世界里的潮流和别人的愿望追寻，直到在浸礼班里明白了人的本性和罪。上帝创造人是有意义的，我们并不是被随便测创造出来，再糊里糊涂的生活的。神给了我们灵，是给了我们与神沟通敬畏神的权柄，他又赐了我们能力，所以要按照神的心意来管理这个世界。作为一个人，生命中最重要的事情应该是认识神。这个世界里的人把太多东西的位置都摆在了神的前面，甚至根本不认识我们的神，人类生命中结不出圣灵果子，这就是我们的罪了。

之后，我们学了神和主耶稣对我们的救赎。当人犯罪之后，人与人、人与神、人与世界的关系都破裂了。神是有恩典的，所以即便是我们有罪，他也来拯救我们，恢复他创造的这个世界的秩序。神有一个很大的计划，这个计划是只有神才可能的安排出来的全面的具体的超过人类认知的计划。为了这个救恩，神预备了很久。旧约圣经里，从创世纪开始神就给了女人的后裔的预言。后来，神拣选了亚伯拉罕，要从他的后裔里建立一个属神的民族以色列，再通过这个民族让全世界的人都可以认识神。当以色列人在埃及受难时，神使用摩西带领他们，并且降下十灾以及产生了逾越节。逾越是指十灾的最后十灾中神用羊代替以色列的长子，这是神救赎的预备和方法。神使用羊的赎罪祭一遍一遍的在为最后的献祭埋下伏笔——耶稣基督。耶稣基督就是弥赛亚，是天国的王，是受膏之王，他是一直被预言的要降临拯救世人的救主。

我在慕道班，大学生团契查经和浸礼班几乎同时学习了主耶稣救恩的过程，脑海中不断的描绘出主耶稣受难的细节和过程。主耶稣他是完完全全的人也是完完全全的神，他是唯一没有罪的人因为他他是圣洁良善的神。他道成肉身来到这个世界上，活出来了一个没有罪的人真

真正正应该有的样子，一个基督徒应该成为的符合神心意的人的样子。这样一个圣洁的人，却在最后背负了世人所有的罪。他被诬蔑陷害，被误解背叛，他被世上的人害怕然后抛弃。他要拯救的竟然是这些舍弃他的人。我无法代入耶稣的角色里，因为我做不到为害我的人赎罪，这样太委屈太伤心太绝望。可是神派他的独生爱子过来承受了这么大的痛苦。耶稣被钉在十字架上，鲜血一滴一滴的流尽而死。在我的脑海里，世人每犯一个罪，就是一颗钉子扎在了主耶稣的肉身上，留下的一滴血。所以在生活里，每当我有了犯错的念头，这样一个流血的画面就浮现在脑海里，然后我就不敢犯错了。主耶稣没有埋怨世人，他在十字架上呼喊神，因为他死前承担了全世界人的罪，那一刻与神隔离了。他唯一害怕是和神的分离，而世界上有那么多的人和神分开都完全不介意，好像是井底之蛙，因为不知道神不认识神，所以不谦卑不忏悔。

在浸礼班的最后，我们学习的是如何成为一个合格的基督徒。约翰福音1:12“凡接待他的，就是信他名的人，他就赐他们权柄，做神的儿女。”我也是凭着接受耶稣作救主和生命的主宰，获得重生，成为了神的儿女，进入到神的家中，凭着信靠活出新的生命。在接受主耶稣之后，我们要受洗这也是浸礼班的目的。洗礼代表我们内心的罪已被洗净，但这是一个表现形式，这罪真正是被耶稣的宝血洗净的，也是在我们真正接受耶稣基督作救主时就洗净了的。

信主之后，基督徒要守圣餐，圣餐源于最后的晚餐用来纪念主在十字架上为我们舍命。圣餐的饼和杯使用两个肉眼可

见的食物，纪念我们主耶稣破碎的身体和所流的宝血，提醒我们自己是一群罪人，需要耶稣基督的救赎，并且认罪悔改，与主耶稣合而为一。

最后，是对教会的认识。所有神的家庭的成员都在“普世教会”中，这里有不同时代不同地方的所有神的儿女们。由较小的信徒团体组成的叫做地方教会，我所在的中央浸信会就是之一。作为地方教会的成员，我们享有权利也有义务。我们享有的权力是团契和交通，参加圣餐、洗礼和其他的圣礼，参加查经学习，得到教会中其他人的帮助，以及接受教会的训练并事工。同时，我们应尽的义务包括：出席及参与各种聚会，为教会的需要祷告，对教会奉献（包括金钱、时间和精力），加入事奉行列各尽其职。

参加了浸礼班，我的收获很多。首先我巩固了最基础的基督教知识，得以更好地认识神，认识人的罪，认识神对人的期待和安排，也更好的了解了神的伟大的救恩计划。于是更懂得了谦卑，认清了自己和世界的罪，也决心要不断悔改，成为让神喜悦的门徒，使生命结出圣灵的果子。我也更加了解自己在教会中的角色，明白自己需要做什么、怎么做。在有困难时要主动寻求神和教会别人的帮助，同时也要帮助和温暖别人。出席享受大家事奉各种活动，自己也必须做事奉来服务大家。另外，祷告并不只是自己的事情，要关心教会甚至是世界里的很多事情，用爱的心为所有人做祷告。重要的是，我知道了自己可以做什么样的奉献，也更加有了奉献的心。当然，最最最重要的，是我更加的爱和信靠神了。

神的創造

Edward, 徐可陽

苍茫的宇宙里，群星璀璨，
时空浩渺，是谁创造了这一切？

地球上物种万千，但高级的智能生物只有一种，是谁创造了我们？又是谁，让我们的DNA与黑猩猩只有1.3%的不同，却能成为万物之灵？

每当我凝望星空或是独自沉思时，这些问题就会浮现在我的脑海之中。

我相信冥冥之中，一定有一位伟大的造物主，以我们无法想象的智慧创造了这一切，然而如何认识这位造物主呢？他对我们又有怎样的安排？

在信主之前相当长的一段时间里，我一直在寻找这两个问题的答案，并带着即慎重又好奇的心情，断断续续的了解了一些基督教的准则、理念，但始终没有机会全然认识我们的神。

直到遇见了她——我的另一半，Ashley。

Ashley与我原是中学同学，大学时都来了澳洲，只是当时我去了墨尔本读书，她去了布里斯班。机缘巧合下，她决定来悉尼发展，经过一段时间的相处，我们自然而然地在一起了。在沟通中我了解到Ashely每周都会去市区的一家教会礼拜，心存好奇的我也就跟着一起去了，既想更多的了解Ashely，也想有机会认识神。

起初的半年，我只是聆听牧师的布道，发现虽然有所收获，但仍然无法系统、全面的了解我们的神。直到半年前，我开始参加慕道班，在与师母和其他同学的交流中，我逐渐了解了关于我们信仰的核心内容，并深深地与之产生共鸣——原来这就是我找寻多年的答案！

你是创造了世间万物的神，你是唯一的神，你无所不在、无所不知、无所不能；你慈爱、和平、信实、公正、怜悯、恩典、圣洁。你有自己的意志和安排，不是偶像，你不会因为不符合你品性的祈求而改变你对待我们的方式；你希望我们活出你的形象，然而我们却一次次的辜负了你……

你想用惩罚唤醒我们，我们选择了忽略，但最后你还是展现了仁慈（诺亚方舟）；你想用先知和律法唤醒我们，我们却只知利用律法维护自己的利益和权力（法利赛人）或是表面上遵守了律法的形式但早已忘记你的仁慈（犹太人赎罪祭）；你将自己的儿子耶稣送到我们身边，教导我们、洗涤我们，并用死来赎去我们犯下的罪。作为被创造物的我们，还有什么理由不去检讨我们犯下的罪？不去匡正我们的言行还有内心的问题？

归向你，重新修复人与神的关系是何等的重要。我决心信靠你，努力活出你所喜悦的样子。更重要的是，我要带领更多人信靠你，让他们能在迷途中找到方向，在苦难中坚定信心，无论在富足还是贫穷时都有一颗爱人之心。

把所有交托給神

李嵩

回想起来人生到现在我觉得自己以前的人生是无神论的。虽然觉得自己也是一个善良的人，但是回想一下真的觉得自己有很多很多不好的东西。人生追求的目标和现在也不一样，为人处世更是如此，也从来没想到要感恩，也不会谦卑的做事情。顺境就认为是幸运，逆境认为是倒霉。不会去接受其他人的建议，一直喜欢我行我素、自以为是。现在看到很多不认识主的人的所做作为时，觉得也能看到自己过去的影子，觉得那样做人挺可怕的。有时想要是这个世界上所有人都信主，那将是一个多么美好的世界。我想我们的主也是这样做工，来拯救我们所有的人。

很感恩主拣选了我，我在2014年认识了我的太太陈苇琳，她是一名基督徒。那时我只是觉得有信仰是好人，有信仰的人有自我约束。通过交往，也只是认为基督徒是要做一个善良的人。因为我周末要工作，也没有时间去教会和她一起学习接触基督教。后来苇琳带我去中央浸信会每周三晚上的大学生团契，我也就慢慢开始了我的全新的教会生活。认识了很多兄弟姐妹，也认识了我国语堂的郑欧牧师和师母。刚开始去的时候，也没有想到自己有一天也会信主，也不知道哪一天自己才愿意把主放在心里。因为自己暂时还不愿意接受主，又没办法骗自己，感觉很痛苦。感谢主一直没有放弃我，我还是选择不管多累也坚持周三晚上去大学生团契。就这样开始接触了圣经里很多来自神的话语，慢慢的我有我自己觉察不到的改变。感谢主，我慢慢学会了感恩，学会了谦卑。当逆境来临时我也开始不再只是抱怨，慢慢愿意学会放下。当有不顺心的事时，慢慢愿意努力克制自己，不发脾气。当意识到自己犯了错，会谦卑下来好好反省自己……这些变化都是我自己觉察不到的。当身边的人告诉我，我有这些改变时，我才吃惊地意识到自己真的有变化。

在经营生意上，感谢主，慢慢的我把店里的营业时间从7天改为6天。周日一直是店里生意最好的一天，做梦也想不到某一天我会把周日定为休息日。当圣灵充满你时，不可能的事也会变为可能。

2017年的1月1号 那是一个星期天，我和苇琳在东京，教会一位姐妹介绍我们去了东京的浸信会。虽然假期很短暂，又赶上我在12月31晚上还在发高烧，上吐下泻。我们的神还是引领我们一起做了我人生第一次的周日崇拜。很奇妙的，那天当我第一次周日唱敬拜诗时，圣灵感动我让我在唱诗歌时流泪。那天崇拜结束后，感谢主感化了我的内心，我愿意把自己的心门打开接受主。当我做了决志祷告后，整个人都觉得很轻松，把自己交托那一刻，我的人生也真正开始改变。

回到悉尼后，因为自己信了主，每次去参加团契的时候就有了不一样的感觉。原来是因为接待了我们的神，信他的名，就有了神赐我的权柄，做了神的儿女。去到教会也会感觉像回到家般的亲切。每到周日心里会有想去教会的想法，可是店里的生意我又放不下。终于在我们一次参加了张伯笠牧师的布道会后，深受感动。特别是第二场，《医治的恩典》，当全场高歌何等恩典时，我和很多兄弟姐妹都感动哭了。当晚我就告诉苇琳我的决定，我决定在2018年新年假期结束后，新的一年我们店调整营业时间，周日不再开门，那么每个周日就可以去教会做周日崇拜了。这个决定让很多人都觉得不可思议，但是我们却很喜乐地告诉大家，因为我们是基督徒。当我们决定周日要去教会时，很多人也为我们感到开心。感谢主的保守，也感谢主的祝福。我和苇琳也在这一年的1月6号在牧师师母、兄弟姐妹、家人朋友的祝福下，结婚了。在我们筹划婚礼的过程中，我们总是祷告，不论什么事都是尽最大的努力交托给主，我信靠他的同时，主会把所有最好的、最适合我的都一一加给我。

感谢赞美主，现在我信主刚刚一年多，有很多感触，愿意更多的去学习。现在还有很多不明白的地方，不过我相信通过每周日去教会崇拜，不断的追求、学习神的话语，努力在生活中能把学习到的、认识到的，神所喜悦的行为，发自内心的行出来。所以我报名参加我们中央浸信会今年5月的浸礼并参加了浸礼班，在学习的过程中，更增加了我的信心，通过学习和弟兄姊妹分享，我更加愿意跟随和信靠我们的主，一生一世。

通过几周浸礼班的学习，使我更加了解我们神是一位怎样的真神，明白了作为一位基督徒我们需要知道自己是有罪的，并且要发自内心的认罪悔改，还学习到神是如何赦免我们的罪。同时也明白到我们要多学习并接受神的话语，在生活中、工作中、与人交往中，待人处事上我们都要照着神的话去行出来。通过学习，我还明白到了作为基督徒浸礼的意义，也了解到教会的重要性。

Jesus Pays My Debt

Samuel Cai

I am a migrant from China as an IT worker. Before knowing Jesus, I was living in darkness. My previous life before conversion was full of brokenness and lawlessness. I committed all kinds of sins and transgressions, which were called "dead works" in the Bible.

A brother shared the Gospel and prayed with me, but sadly I failed to take it seriously. About one month later, Jesus called me to believe in Him through voice in my head, but sadly I failed to obey Jesus. I had doubts and worries, which are really evil thoughts if I speak from my current perspective. I must repent once again and ask Jesus for His forgiveness here. For I offended Him, Jesus disciplined me by sending correction of my disobedience. I received signs showing severe consequence of my sin is not fictitious but real. When pressure built up, I surrendered to Jesus. One day when I tried calling Jesus Lord, I suddenly felt there was a difference. Supernatural encounter taught my heart to fear God. Indeed as Proverb says "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom", I came to fully understand my compelling need for Jesus, as the only way, to save me from the grip of sin and its severe consequence.

In retrospect I think two subsequent events also helped me making the right decision to follow Jesus. First, I read a few chapters from a recommended book "The Normal Christian life" written by Watchman. It shed some light on how Christian lives, about which I was ignorant. The reading gave me tangible encouragement. Secondly, my pastor gave a good sermon preaching Jesus is able to pay our debts in full, instantaneously in one single transaction. The sermon inspired and deeply moved me, so at the end of it I raised my hand, and formally invited Jesus to be the Lord of my life. Since then I have been committed to following Jesus wholeheartedly.

Jesus called me to believe in Him. He didn't set such precondition as I must change myself with my own effort from a wretch to a perfect person. Jesus must have transformed me by implementing subtle but critical change to contain evil inside me, so that in my new life as Christian I am able to steadfastly walk in the light as He is in the light, thus to keep myself in the love of God. In the realm of His great love, God graciously answered my prayers in Jesus name asking for specific help, and granted truly good gift. So I believe according to His mercy and grace, God will continue transforming me to be more Christ-like and lead me to His reward of eternal life through Jesus as my Lord, Savior and Redeemer.

God's Love for Me

Natalie Dungey

In my 20 years of life, God has never stopped providing me. His massive love has allowed me to acknowledge His mighty presence and to understand the spiritual world in my early childhood. I did not grow up in a Christian family, but God has already made Himself known to me by spreading the gospel through my schools and the prayer books that my mother bought me. Even though my life is so blessed with His love and mercy, I still did not treasure any of these and gone astray.

BACK

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I was so blinded by my own pride. I thought I was born with special spiritual talents and knowledge. I had the power to govern my own life, to believe in whatever that benefits me and to serve whoever

I desire. Thereupon, I started to dig into different beliefs. Supernatural encounters, witchcrafts and cult practices are like daily meals as I go further down into the darkness, reaching a greater sin. However, instead of finding joy and satisfaction, I found myself drowning in dread and despair for the truth is not in these complacent acts. Therefore, I wanted to find my way back to the Father, but I was held captive by my own guilt. I would not allow God to forgive me. He however did not give up nor abandon me, instead He converted my mother and used her as a living testimony to break my chains and soften my heart in accepting the Trinity.

By accepting Jesus and the Holy Spirit does not mean that my faith is strengthened immediately, I am still vulnerable to temptations. But with the power of God, my faith has slowly grown stronger and securer, which allows me to let go of my ego and make the decision of getting baptized last September. I just wish that I will be able to love God and His people fully in my new life.

LIVE FOR JESUS

by Sabrina Fong

Growing up in a Christian household, I was blessed for being exposed to Christianity from a very young age. I attended Sunday school on and off during my primary years, but I guess you could say that I was dragged along by my mum. I just assumed that I was a Christian because, the very fact of going to scripture and church kind of just automatically gave you that title. Jesus's death and resurrection was not a foreign concept to me, but a concept is all that it would mean to me for a while. My 7-year-old brain just didn't really comprehend who this God was. I did however, gain a tad bit of head knowledge over the years.

Going into high school, I was blessed to be surrounded by such a loving community, through my school's ISCF group and through Blaze. Attending several Christian events, camps and Rice rallies really helped in my walk with Christ and it was during Rice rally 2015 where I accepted Jesus into my life for the first time.

But my faith was constantly wavering and even after those events, I didn't really see much of a change in my life. Maybe I was just experiencing a spiritual high that was unsustainable because looking back now, I didn't truly have Jesus in the centre of my heart, no matter how much I tried to convince myself that I did.

I recall not even realising the depth of my sins of selfishness and continually pursuing my own desires and living by my own strength. I was kind of the perfect example of a generic Sunday Christian, mainly praying only in times of need, barely reading His word and constantly pushing God away.

I guess it wasn't really until the beginning of last year when I attended our ISCF's annual camp that I began to take my faith more seriously. It was through that camp where I began to truly realise God's grace and the weight of His immense sacrifice was overwhelmingly real. That's when I began to try and actively pursue more of the relational aspect of Christianity, to love Jesus back. I sought Him more in my life by truly aiming to live for Him, to have Him at the centre of my life and to allow the Holy Spirit to guide and continually change me.

I still struggle with disobedience, selfishness, laziness and lack of motivation on a daily basis. But now I live rooted in the fact that even though I am so undeserving, so imperfect, so broken that Jesus loves me far more than I could ever comprehend. And as times get more stressful and as hardships continually arise, I remain comforted that I have a hope far greater than anything of this world because, as Philippians 4:13 tells us, "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me"

From Toronto to Sydney

Jennifer
Lee-Nguyen

Hi everyone, I am a postgraduate student at University of Sydney. I've known about Christ since I was young. My mum is a Christian, I read the Bible at home and I went to church summer camp when I was a kid.

When I went to Uni, somehow most of my friends were Christian. In retrospect, I think the Holy Spirit was slowly leading me to receive Christ in this process. It was also when I started first year Uni, in 2010, I was assaulted by someone who I thought was a friend. It was 7 years before #MeToo happened. I was only 18.

I struggled a lot with what happened because there was no support. I had no idea that 1 out of 4 women in any given room have experienced this. There were a lot of feelings of shame, anger, sadness, helplessness, depression. It was a sin—but a sin that I was forced into doing.

The reactions of those around me may have been just as traumatic as the incident. He was more popular than me. He boasted about it to his friends, and people reassured me about what a “nice” guy he was.

When I went to the police to report him, with another girl who he had also attacked, he spread even more gossip amongst social circles. He told everyone we were lying. We were “blowing things out of proportion”. He harassed us through mutual friends, and I constantly received texts and calls about him, his threats, how I was lying, how his roommate was a lawyer and there was nothing I could do anyway. I lost a lot of friends in this process. I had to recount to the police every detail of my story, reliving the incident, at least four times.

I had never felt so alone in my life. My family didn't know about this incident. Even my housemate who was my friend since year 7 didn't want anything to do with this. Literally everyone had left me, but the only one who stayed, who remained with me, was God. God was there to cry with me, to share my pain, to share my anger at injustice, to comfort me in a time when I had never felt so persecuted in my life. It was in this time of complete, utter loneliness and darkness that I truly found and received Christ in my life.

God gave me a new life and space to heal, travelling halfway across the world from Toronto, Canada to study in Sydney. Although I struggled in church because my past experience was a difficult topic, the Holy Spirit somehow led me here to CBC, where I found space to grow and flourish in my faith.

I'm here today, eight years later, to share my journey of faith with you, and mark a new chapter of a new life and continued growth in Jesus Christ.

MY JOURNEY TO CHRISTIANITY

RIYAZ MUHAMMED

Picture from 2018 Faithlife

I am a student of IT(networking) at MIT. I am going to tell you about my journey to Christianity.

I am a former Muslim. I followed Islam almost all of my childhood years and I have lived away from my parents for several years as they were living in Saudi Arabia. The only communication we had was through telephone. My dad is a strict follower of Islam. He always preached me about it on phone. I used to follow that path and prayed to Allah but never felt satisfied and felt empty inside. So, I decided to do research about Christianity.

Before coming to Central Baptist Church, I used to visit local church of my neighbourhood but never had a chance to meet the Pastor as he was on his holidays. One day while going to college I decided to go to any church in the city and that's how I came to CBC. Apparently, I met Pastor John and he became my guide to JESUS CHRIST. I felt better and better as I kept meeting him and he told me about Christianity. He gave me a Bible which I read whenever I got time from my work and studies. I felt closer to God more and more.

So, I kept meeting Pastor John for weeks and we used to have one to one sessions about the understanding of the religion. How Jesus sacrificed Himself for all of us and our sins. I also joined students group which happens on Thursdays and met few amazing people. I try to come to church almost every Sunday for the service and one day during the sermon Pastor John called out for those who want to follow JESUS CHRIST. That day I felt something which made me move forward to follow in the journey of Christianity, receive Jesus in my heart and declare myself as a CHILD of God.

Before accepting CHRIST, I was depressed and hated everything. I didn't have good relationships with anybody and used to doubt everything. I felt like I had no future. Now, I am joyful and content. I am overcoming my stress and depression. I am a hard worker now. Before this I used to feel lazy and not feel like leaving my bed. My life is forever changed through CHRIST and no one will be able to turn me away from Him. He is my God, and He has proven Himself to me over and over again. He has changed my life because He has renewed me.

Riyaz Muhammed

My Inheritance from God - a New Life

Andrew Quan

I was born and grew up in the Solomon Islands. I am the third of 4 siblings. My parents did not belong to any religion.

My Christian faith started in my early Primary school years, from Bible stories told by a Catholic priest who lived close to our home. I studied Bible as a subject in all my Secondary school years.

In my university years, I joined some Christian Churches, where my Christian faith had developed, but was still limited to mainly in using prayer for asking to solve problems.

At work, I was lucky enough to get into the largest global company in the industry, but I had never thanked God for this arrangement, I always think that it is all from my own effort and was proud about it.

Throughout my early Primary school till my early Secondary school years, I was physically and verbally abused by my alcoholic father, who was also a bad-tempered hopeless gambler. I was often injured by him, and I often limped to school.

This had lead me to have deep depression for more than 15 years later in life, where I completely lost the will to live, where life is not worth living. All I was able to do was to go to work, and stay at home, and I do nothing else.

I do not like my father's character, but I thank God in giving me the opportunity to look after him while he was in hospital and could not look after himself. I was there looking after

him around the clock till he finally died just next to me in his sleep.

Jenny and Sammy Previtera attended my father's funeral in August 2012, and there, Jenny invited me to Central Baptist Church. While I was at CBC, I realised after my father's death, the families of my brother and my elder sister had already taken everything from me, including the roof over my head, and I was shown a will from my father of \$100 for each one in the family as inheritance. My Bible knowledge was limited, and I did not know the proper way to respond. I asked Jenny for help. She asked me to be to be content, and to forgive, and I settled the matter out of court, and still it took 2 years. Throughout those 2 years, Jenny and Sammy were there any time of the day when I need help, with meaningful advice, and kept me in their daily prayer.

I accepted Christ on the 26th of October, 2013, where Jenny led me to say a prayer of repentance of sins, and acceptance of Christ. I was invited by Jenny to join her Bible study group, in her ushering team, lunch gatherings, Christian celebrations, and her Evangelism Explosion 3 activities throughout each year. In February this year, Jenny encouraged me to be baptised. But my worry was my faith fluctuates. After a discussion with Jenny, I decided to make my commitment to get baptised, and ask God to help me to step up my faith to Him. I want to ask God to use what I have gone through to be of benefit to others.

God is Trust

Andrew Sin

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I grew up at Sunday school, raised by my parents. My dad is a pastor (Pastor Daniel Sin) and my mum is a Junior Sunday school teacher (Fanny). I grew up at Central Baptist Church not knowing anything about God because I was a baby. My dad took me to Krocs and Junior Sunday school. When I was at Krocs, I saw somebody and guess who were they? Marcus and Owen! And we started to get to know each other and that was how Marcus, Owen and I became friends. We started to have a bit of knowledge about Jesus. When I turned five I moved up to Junior Sunday school we were taught by some teenagers about God and we sang hymns. But when I was year 4 everything changed! You might ask what and how the change was. I'll tell you, firstly the teenagers stopped teaching in Sunday School and then parents replaced them. They started to change basically everything about their plans, and I thought all the lessons were going to be boring because I thought parents would teach boring stuff. As the year started, I actually liked the activities and they were quite exciting.

I was actually in year 3 when I started to make bad decisions, lie and steal. I thought it was all right, but clearly it was not! Every day I tend to them and was sometimes caught and got in big trouble. I've done it at school, at home and even in church. One time I stole some candy off Junior Sunday school. It made my mum really angry so she punished me. After that the next day I really hated God. I asked God help. And as soon as I did bad things, I prayed again and again. I thought God was going to help me straight away when I asked but I kept doing it, so I hated God. I had to face it and I tended to do bad things everyday like pouring out water at school to say I drank them all, throw away food to say I ate them all.

I was in year 5 when I just lied about leaving homework saying I didn't get. It continued to happen when it was middle of year 5. I tried to start to behave properly at the end of year 5. When turned year 6 (of course) Owen, Marcus and I went to Blaze and was taught clearly about God and some other thing we learnt at Junior Sunday school. Everything changed because we had to stay with the whole entire sermon but that was not bad to me. When I went Arise I was very happy. As my dad travelled to Gaston Gorge I was so excited what it will be like there. As my dad parked the car I rushed there to look for my cabin. On that Saturday at that night during Arise, Marcus, Owen and I accepted Jesus into our heart. After the Arise camp I started to pray and read devotions (a lot of it).

God has answered my prayers, and now I went back to church I felt I was part of the church. God also guided me the correct path and now I rarely get in trouble such as stealing and lying, and now I know that I can trust God and if it never happens you just need to be patient. At school God is giving me a way to succeed as well.

ETERNITY

ERIC WONG

Picture from 2018 Faithlife

I grew up coming to Central Baptist Church ever since I was a toddler and I am truly thankful that God has been continuously reaching out to me until this point.

Back when I was in JSS, I was a very boastful, ungrateful child and I always cried just to get what I wanted. I was constantly disobedient towards my parents and didn't care about the consequences of my wrong doings. I was a very secretive person who swore and lied to avoid being humiliated and exposed. There were countless times where I saw violence as an option to gain control over people. In relation to Bible study, I had no motivation to do written work and only looked forward in playing games. During this time, I only knew Jesus as a man who died and rose again. It was clear that I didn't know the importance of attending church as well.

Although I only started taking Christianity more seriously the beginning of last year, there were many events that took place a few years before that I have reflected upon that have made me realize that it was part of God's plan. One of them is Youth Getaway in 2015. Youth Getaway was different to all the other church camps I went to. Knowing me, I fear of many things that could happen to me during camps and despite all that, I still went. Till this day, I have no idea what motivated me to go to Youth Getaway but I guess it was part of God's plan that made me take that step of faith to even go. Recently, I found the group photo we took during that camp on Facebook and me from three years ago commented "This picture is going to have a special place in my memory". But that's not true anymore. It now has a special place in my heart as it was God who let me cherish those days.

I first decided to commit my life to Christ on the 19th of August 2017, during RICE RALLY. Our speaker that year, Steve Chong just ended preaching and we sang a few worship songs that got us all excited to the point we were all jumping around in front of the stage. Minutes after the song had ended, Steve asked us, "If you want eternal life, commit your lives to Christ, stand up and walk through the sign"

At this moment, the stairs, the ground, all illuminated with tiny light bulbs that were just simply mesmerizing and all that led to a sign with the word 'eternity'. Everyone starts getting out of their seats and walks down. I just wanted to sit and watch but before I sat, I was already walking down the stairs and through the sign. Having eternal life with Christ was what I wanted so bad, I felt like a kid, crazy for a lollipop. I couldn't tell you guys how happy I was in the inside and there was just a moment of peace that really comforted me.

Ever since then, I have become a more committed member of this church and I have found a ministry that I can serve God using my love for music. I have formed new friendships with brothers and sisters within the church. I consider this community as a loving family because of my change of heart. Remember, all of this was done by God and if it weren't for Him, nothing would've changed. Ephesians 2:10 says "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do". God has changed me for the better.

PEACE

Eugenia Yui



I grew up in Hong Kong and was raised in a non-Christian family. I went to a Christian primary school in year 1 to 3. After that, I completely lost connection with Christianity. I came to Australia to study when I was 14 years old. As I was here on my own, I had slowly transformed to a relatively independent child who relied on my own strength a lot. As a “tough” child, I was never willing to share burdens or any inner thoughts of mine with anyone. Although I experienced family issues and stress, I tended to keep everything to myself and bottled up negativities, thinking that I could handle everything myself. And peace, was what I had always been craving for.

2016 was the year when I felt helplessness and overwhelmed with stress and burdens. At that time, I had these Bible stories that I learnt in primary school coming out from the back of my mind, and so I prayed to God, hoping that God will do something with my life. During the holidays, I went back to Hong Kong, and decided to go to church for the first time after 10 years. I remember when I went in, they were singing a hymn about uplifting burdens. The lyrics hit me so hard that I couldn't stop crying, I was puzzled and was interested to know more about Christianity.

After coming back to Sydney, Central Baptist Church really appealed to me for some reasons, and so I decided to come check it out on a Sunday service. I was invited to join Uni group on the Sunday. From them, I noticed there was something different between them and my other friends. I kept telling people in the Uni group that “you guys are one of the nicest group of people I've ever met”. It was only later in the year when I attended more Bible study that I figured they were and still are the salt and light, as well as good witnesses. They showed me how God has loved them by showing their love to me.

Last year in August, I had the opportunity to do one-to-one with Pastor John. During the one-to-one, Pastor John clarified lots of things for me. He challenged me on our first session, but I wasn't 100% sure that I wanted to follow Jesus. Until the following Sunday, I was convicted, and I messaged Pastor John, saying that I want to commit my life to Christ. I remember once Pastor John asked me what the biggest change was so far after receiving Jesus. I tried to explain using my finite English vocabs. At the end, Pastor John summed it up using one word, and that was peace - something that I've always desired. On top of that, after accepting Jesus in my life, He becomes my strength and energy. I learn to rely on myself less, and to uplift everything to God. Although I still have very limited knowledge about the Bible and there're many things that I need to work on, I know this is a God that I want to follow, and I am willing and wanting to commit myself to Him.

神的救恩



王嘉晞

我在香港的一個基督教家庭長大，從小就跟從父母去教會（上主日學、聽道、少年團契）。但一直都不明白去教會的意義，一直都不明白福音，有一段時間對去教會十分反感。以為教會純粹是跟朋友相聚、打籃球。我記得大概在中學一年班的時候，我在香港的教會一次崇拜聽道後，受感動並接受自己是一個罪人，需要和神承認自己的罪，並且要悔改。有一位少年團契的導師和我一起祈禱，並且講解了福音，那時候我還不是十分明白，仍然有很多疑問。但在那天的崇拜後，我就決志要信主。

「你們得救是本乎恩，也因著信。這並不是出於自己，乃是神所賜的；也不是出於行為，免得有人自誇。」這段經文是對我一個很大的提醒，救恩不是我們用行動去證明而賺回來的。救恩是神給我們的一份禮物，我們要用信心去接受。並且要認清自己的罪，和神禱告，悔改，並要改變。

決志信主成為基督徒後，我的確有很大的轉變，這些改變和恩典都是神給予我們的。因為主耶穌基督為我們的罪釘在十架上，作為了我們和神的中保，修補了我們和上帝的關係，這些都是神給予我們的恩典。感謝神，我對自己的罪有了更多的認知，明白罪的後果和嚴重性，明白人犯罪後會影響自己和身邊的人，所以要正視自己的罪。上大學後來到了澳洲的教會-中央浸信會，初期到教會崇拜和團契都不是十分習慣，可能因為對身邊的人和事十分陌生。但很感恩神能讓我到教會，很感恩可以上查經班和浸禮班來認識聖經，並在團契中有導師、團友們的關心等等。這幾年在澳洲留學確實經歷了很多，感受了很多，也十分感恩在這幾年的留學生活，令我確信神的恩典是十分充足的。

生命交給神

黃遠銘



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如果我沒有認識神,我現在可能已經捱不住亦不在世了。

第一次接觸到基督徒,是在北京參加英文班,那時遇到兩位黑人傳教士,抱著學習英語的心態,我會每週跟他們及其他參加者一齊讀聖經。因我的英文水平有限,所以很多內容都不懂,後來兩位傳教士回國,失去了聯絡。

後來到了英國,當時第一次去教會,全因為認識了一個叫「小肥」的基督徒朋友。他沒有刻意跟我傳講基督徒與其他人有何分別,是我因好奇而主動問他的,他沒有直接告訴我原因,只邀請我到團契和教會走走,我卻以沒時間為理由拒絕了。兩年後,小肥再邀請我去教會,說教會有活動和美食。我問他非信徒也能參加嗎?他說歡迎任何人參加。於是我去了一次,發現教會的人果然與眾不同,但具體是甚麼又講不出來,他們很友善,很容易相處,唱的歌亦頗動聽。我因未信教,所以沒有一起唱,但就一連去了數次聚會。直至學期開始繁忙,就沒有再到教會。

在英國期間,有一段時間感到自己的拍攝作品沒有靈感,或許因為人生閱歷未夠深吧,我又找上了「小肥」,想藉著去教會和聽故事,可以刺激起多點靈感和拍攝的素材。他也很驚訝,但沒有拒絕我的請求。我很喜歡唱歌,想起有一次在教會,因已很久沒唱歌,深信唱甚麼歌都是練歌,就跟會眾唱起讚美詩,唱的時候就流淚了,並一直哽咽著,真的很奇妙。我怕被人看見,偷偷抹掉眼淚。自始我就堅持去教會,無論自己明白當日的經文與否,有時更帶著疲憊,打著瞌睡,仍一直堅持聚會。於是,我人生進入正軌,儘管遇到不少困難,但當每次認真禱告,神使我感到盼望,深信神總會給我最好的安排。

後來到了澳洲,第二天到銀行申請提款卡,回程時經過中央浸信會,那天是星期四,正門關上了,我不由自主的去按教會的門鈴。出來接待我的是謝牧師,他跟我介紹了教會,讓我星期日參加查經班。神實在很恩待我,不單止讓我學

習聖經,亦使我認識了很多教會朋友,並給予我各種幫助,我亦有機會藉著事奉神而學到很多技能,十分難能可貴。

在認識主耶穌之前,我可謂一事無成、自甘墮落。明明是一無所有,卻十分驕傲。甚麼污言穢語也會出口成文和衝口而出。看過聖經,才知道自己是多麼不堪,發覺自己原來犯了很多罪。在加拉太書五章十六至二十六節說:「我說,你們要順著聖靈而行,絕不可滿足肉體的情慾。因為肉體的情慾和聖靈相搏,聖靈和肉體相搏,兩個彼此敵對,使你不能做所願意做的。但你若被聖靈引導,就不在律法之下。情慾的事都是顯而易見的,就如淫亂、污穢、邪蕩、拜偶像、行邪術、仇恨、紛爭、忌恨、憤怒、自私、分派、結黨、嫉妒、醉酒、荒宴等類。我從前告訴你們,現在又告訴你們,行這樣事的人必不能承受神的國。聖靈所結的果子,就係仁愛、喜樂、和平、忍耐、恩慈、良善、信實、溫柔、節制。這樣的事沒有律法禁止。凡屬基督耶穌的人,是已經把肉體與肉體的邪情私慾同釘在十字架上。我們若靠著聖靈得生,都要靠著聖靈行事。不要貪圖虛名,彼此惹氣,互相嫉妒。」

我雖還有原罪,仍會有犯罪的傾向,但因有聖靈內住,令我時時警惕,避免犯罪。

一天早上,我在房間唱讚美詩,內心非常感動而落下淚來,我跪下伏在床上,向神禱告:「基督教被誤解太多了,在國內甚至有騙子打著基督教的名義騙財,有些人甚至曲解聖經,讓不認識的人都以為基督教是個「洗腦」組織,或邪教。我很痛心,很想為基督做一點事,藉多媒體這個新時代產物,為主傳福音,讓更多的人聽到福音,這是我向主的承諾,我願意將我的生命交給神,祈求神做我生命的救主,阿們!」



我的信靠

Simon Lo 盧潮光

Picture from 2018 Faithlife

2016年5月，我的妻子（Connie）證實患了胰臟癌，我的心情非常低落，不停地想著她的病能否康復？她什麼時候會離開我？每次想起這些都會雙眼通紅，落下男兒淚！又擔心她在電療或化療時會很辛苦，總之百感交集。

不能弄孫兒，兩老每天在家必然左思右想。女兒提議我們到教堂認識朋友，可解悶。記得我的學生是參加中浸的主日崇拜，於是在十月的一個星期日，我、太太和小兒子三人到中浸參加早堂粵語崇拜，崇拜完畢，Monita、Jenny和美玲招呼我們一起茶聚，問起我們來崇拜的原因，她們聽完我的分享，Monita就說：「神的大愛是賜給每一個人！」她們三人分別為Connie和我的家人祈禱，我記得其中一段禱告文說：「神是全能的醫治者，萬物的創造者，求神醫治Connie的病，保守她的健康，求神與她同在，將Simon所有擔心的事情、所有的憂傷，都一一交在主的手中，求神賜他一個喜樂的心，能照顧他的妻子和家人。」她們鼓勵我和妻子天天祈禱，將不快的事告訴天父。

想來也奇妙！當我和妻子離開教堂時，我沒多想到她的病，亦沒有問起她有何不適，反而問她要不要到Market City走走，她同意了（平日當她完成每次治療，都會因疲累而想盡快回家）。自此以後，我每次陪妻子做化療之前，會為她祈禱，求神保守她，每次祈禱後我都感到心情沒那麼憂慮，我沒有往時那些擔心。

Monita、Jenny和美玲經常到家中探訪我們，期間她們問我和太太是否有意決志信主，她們可以幫我問牧師安排，我和太太都願意，所以在她們安排下在一個主日晚堂接受灑水禮決志。

未信主之前，每有憂心的事，定是心情不安，左思右想，不知怎麼辦好，尤其是想到我太太的病。但信主之後，遇見憂心的事、牽掛的事，就靠禱告一一放在主耶穌手上，心情好似放下心頭大石一樣。感謝主耶穌！

國語堂查經心得分享

讀路加福音8:49-56
鄭鷗牧師

忽聞女逝心傷透，
不怕只信必得救。
主命：女兒，起來吧，
死裡復生驚不休。

讀路加福音10:38-42
方書淦

天父本質是「純愛」，
基督代死我得生。
聖靈領我行「旨意」，
天國此世已降臨。

讀路加福音6:20-36
方書淦

四福四禍要分清，
屬靈俗世當辯明。
丹心盛裝主真愛，
此生方能榮耀神！

讀路加福音10:12-20
鄭鷗牧師

奉差降鬼眾歡欣，
主聞匯報點迷津。
事奉成功非目標，
喜作天國神子民。

讀路加福音9: 37-56
邱玉科

神喻彰顯榮耀神，
謙卑待人真偉人。
罪人永生蒙主救，
不受萬人侍其身。

讀路加福音9:18-28
邱玉科

耶穌是誰誰未明，
彼得心知祂是神。
敬神舍己倚神道，
永生得福隨主行。

讀路加福音7:18-23
方書淦
修直道路迎貴賓，
萬王之王主降臨。
貧苦孤寡得看顧，
是神先愛眾罪人。

讀路加福音8:22-25
邱玉科

湖瀚水灝浪滔天，
渡船冲击水滿淹。
門徒見危呼主救，
耶穌指斥風浪消。

讀路加福音12:22-34
譚國雄

人無遠慮有近憂，
稱義所求仍依舊；
轉注鄰舍盡己力，
神的豐盛永不朽。

讀聖經路加福音6: 27-36
邱玉科

有來有往相慷慨，
無來有往神國愛。
以善報惡神教誨，
不蔑仇敵真善待。

國語堂查經心得分享

《尼希米記》13:1~9

吳承士

涇清渭濁律法明，
引狼入室是私情。
掃地出門非絕唱，
耶穌一怒聖殿寧。

路加福音13:31-35

譚國雄

耶穌呼喚表關愛，
招聚小雞翅膀開；
人貪己利竟推卻，
若棄舊我重生來。

路加福音13:31-35

譚國雄

耶穌呼喚表關愛，
招聚小雞翅膀開；
人貪己利竟推卻，
若棄舊我重生來。

讀哈該書2:20~23

吳承士

群雄逐鹿終塵土，
所羅巴伯脫穎出。
前承大衛從立約，
後表基督主耶穌。

讀馬可福音15:6~15

吳承士

世人皆是彼拉多，
身在江湖無奈何，
當斷不斷屈壓力，
似是而非鑄大錯。

讀哈該書1:1~6

吳承士

私宅舒適殿凋殘，
葦路藍縷亦徒然。*
大河有水小河滿，
世事雜沓神居先。

*以色列人沒有把神的事放在首位，
只是經營自己的安樂窩。因為不蒙
神的喜悅和保守，以色列人的辛勞
都是白費心機，得不償失。

路加福音12:35-48

譚國雄

精明能幹夢寐求，
全力以赴卻烏有；
警醒準備主再來，
莫仍耽遲終歉疚。

讀路加福音12:49-59

譚國雄

羨慕家和萬事興，
正確觀念問誰定；
信與不信必相爭，
捍衛真理被煉淨。

讀路加福音9: 57-62

邱玉科

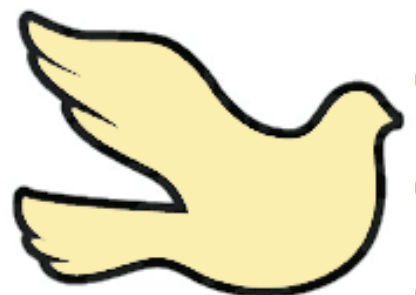
志在基督緊跟主，
表里如一神同步。
天國要事人唯愿，
隨主傳道胸無府。

讀路加福音13:22-30

譚國雄

選擇寬路*不經意，
強闖窄門難自持；
竭力明白生命道，
船到江心補漏遲。

*見馬太福音7:13-14



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