

# DOING MISSION FROM THE LIVING ROOM

Haggai 1 | 20/21 July 2019



CREATIVE WITNESSES  
AS THE SCATTERED CHURCH  
GCF Missions Month 2019

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Today's Message (20/21 July 2019) / *Haggai 1*

## IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY

*What is the church?*

## THE TIME HAS NOT YET COME

*Pressure, precision, convenience*

### **Sunday English Services**

*(8 & 10:30 a.m., & 5:30 p.m.)*

Prelude

Call To Worship

Worship through Praise

Worship through Fellowship

Testimony

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem

Scripture Reading

Worship in the Word

*Samuel Lim (all services)*

Worship Through Giving

Response Song

Benediction

## CONSIDER YOUR WAYS

*Who is at the center of our lives?*

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NOTES

## PLEASE WELCOME OUR GUEST SPEAKER

For this weekend, let us welcome our guest speaker, Samuel Lim. I met him way back in 2016, in the third Lausanne Younger Leaders gathering. He has also hosted Wetfoot teams in the past years as a missionary of OMF in Northern Thailand where he, his wife and four daughters are based.

He has a wealth of experience ministering to Shan migrant communities and the Tai Yuan (northern Thais), focusing on church-planting and discipling the segment of young professionals and families.

Samuel graduated from Singapore Bible College with an M.Div in Intercultural Studies and is also part of a research study group with International Association for Mission Studies (IAMS).

## REFLECTIONS ON THE LAUSANNE COVENANT

As we have been learning in the past weeks for our Missions Month, every believer is called to mission. Whether it is at home, at work, or out in the world globally and cross-culturally, we are co-laborers in Christ. We do this as a means to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, which he not only preached by word, but also through deed. This is as the Lausanne Covenant states,

To evangelize is to spread the Good News that Jesus Christ died for our sins and was raised from the dead according to the Scriptures, and that as the reigning Lord he now offers the forgiveness of sins and the liberating gift of the Spirit to all who repent and believe. Our

Christian presence in the world is indispensable to evangelism, and so is that kind of dialogue whose purpose is to listen sensitively in order to understand.

To preach the gospel, it is essential for every believer to be present in the lives of the people around us. We are to listen to them sensitively and understand them, so that we may be able to present Christ as savior and Lord of all, and when I say all, I mean all authority in heaven and earth has been given to Jesus Christ as Lord. Thus every area of life, personal and public, is the arena where Christ must be seen and heard—at home, at work, in society, and in our environment we are witnesses of Christ in word and deed. As we have said, we gather on a Sunday as the church and on the weekdays we are the scattered church.

If you would like to learn more about the Lausanne Covenant please visit their website at [www.lausanne.org](http://www.lausanne.org).

## MAKING AN IMPACT BY DISCIPLING CADETS

One of the ways we can make an impact in our society is by discipling influencers in the society. Among them are the uniformed women and men who serve our country. Thus, the Joshua and Caleb Ministry that is serving in the Philippine National Police Academy invites GCFers to adopt cadets who are graduating this 2020. By doing so, you can help in transforming the society by giving them spiritual support from the outside uniformed community. If you're interested please connect with Abe through **0915 825 3278** ■

# Ministry Opportunities + Announcements



## FAMILY CONFERENCE

All official and regular members included in the church roster are invited to attend August 4 (Sun), after the 10:30 a.m. service



## SUFFICIENT, SUSTAINED, SATISFIED

Connect Ministry Camp for BPO workers August 2-4 (Fri-Sun), Word of Life Camp Site  
Speaker: Pastor BJ Sebastian  
Regular fee: P1,500, until July 21 (Sun)  
To register, please fill out the form at <https://forms.gle/aS9wV3ktAuN356W8A>. Payment is at the information booth at the lobby.



## #PARENTSTALK

Establish your relationship with your children August 9, 16, 23, 30 (Fris), 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
Sign-up (at the info booth) for a free book!  
Please contact 0917 532 7663 for more details.



## WEDDING NINONGS AND NINANGS FELLOWSHIP

August 10 (Sat), 1:00-4:00 p.m., BM07-08  
Explore how you can minister to your *inaanaks* in this unique *oikos* relationship.  
Registration is at the info booth. For more details, contact 0917 532 7713.



## DISCOVERING OUR PLACE IN THIS WORLD

*Sabbath Retreat 2019*  
August 23-25 (Fri-Sun), Hacienda Isabella  
For young and middle adults  
Fee: P2,500, registration is until August 11 (Sun) at the ministry information booth, or through [sabbath2019.weebly.com](http://sabbath2019.weebly.com). Payment is at the information booth at the lobby.

*The flowers this week are given with praise and thanksgiving to God by Marlyn del Rosario and the Basilad family. Please call 632 1354 to 56 for inquiries on how to participate in this ministry.*

## Join a DISCIPLE-MAKING GROUP

### Growth Group Express

Mixed group led by Ptr. Emer Manaloto  
Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.  
Rm. B124

### GGEx Extreme

Choose any group: Women, Men, Young Men, Youth  
Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall

### Burning Hearts Chronicles GG

Group for couples  
Sundays, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Rm. B124

### Jars of Clay GG

Group for women  
Sundays, 9:30-11:00 a.m.  
Rm. B512

### Best Together in Christ

Group for couples  
Sundays, 9:30-11:00 a.m.  
Rm. B508

*If you are interested in joining any of the small groups above, fill out the tear-off form of this bulletin, drop it in the offering bag, or submit it at the Growth Group booth at the lobby. For more information, you can text or call us at 0906 358 1500.*

### Oikos Bible Study (OBS) Training

Learn how to facilitate inductive Bible studies at your home, school, or office on June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4 and 11 (Suns), 9:30-10:30 a.m., at B302.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT / July 2019

JULY	Projected	Rcvd., July 1-17	YEAR-TO-DATE	Projected	Rcvd., as of Jul 17
General Funds	7,987,263	3,567,523	General Funds	56,643,090	54,231,089
Mission Support Fund	5,059,368	761,541	Mission Support Fund	12,965,555	8,248,573
Others (Designated, etc.)	648,050	317,774	Others (Designated, etc.)	7,838,156	7,759,026
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,694,681</b>	<b>4,646,838</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>77,446,801</b>	<b>70,238,688</b>

# Missions is everyone's ministry

BY ELMER SANTOS

I first met “Tracey” during the early years of my leading Chesed GG in 2007. She was working for an agency that caters to the Chinese minority tribes. As I got to know her, I sensed her dedication to her work, and her heart for the Chinese. It was then that I and my GG decided to support her and partner with her in reaching out to the Chinese for the Lord.

Just last year, the MCare team did a presentation in Chesed 1. A new challenge we had to figure out was what specific roles we were to take to be of better assistance to Tracey. With much enthusiasm, we coordinated with the two other GGs supporting her, and her MHP or Missionary Home Partner team was formed.

Christians constitute only a small percentage of the Chinese population. As such, the Chinese have been unaware that there is a God who loves them and cares about their state. But due to globalization and the influx of different cultures, they are slowly becoming interested in knowing the truth despite the authorities' regulation on the activities of its citizens.

Christianity and the gospel is restricted and regulated in China. Only a certain number of churches are allowed and recognized by the government. This means authorities have the right to monitor, restrict or even prevent activities of the church. Sermons contradicting government programs like

those dealing with abortion are not allowed because of fear of societal disintegration. Because of this, people decide to go to underground churches, hiding from the government.

Despite persecution, the Church has managed to stand for the faith and has been constantly growing at an annual rate of 10%. It is predicted that by the year 2030, China will be the home of the largest number of Christians in the world. Truly, a spiritual awakening is happening in China.

Please take part in the spiritual revival in China, intercede for the church there and the workers in the harvest. Pray that the believers will be filled with the Holy Spirit and will emerge victorious in the Lord despite their sufferings. Pray that the name of Jesus will be magnified in that country!

Because of the tension between China and the Philippines, we may consider them as enemies. But weren't we instructed by the Lord to love our enemies? Let's take this as a perfect opportunity to follow the Lord's command—because He loved us even while we were still sinners and His enemies.

Missions is everyone's ministry, a responsibility that we take seriously because it bears the very message of reconciliation of God with us, with our *oikos*, and the rest of the world. May we be good stewards of the most important message of all time ■

**PRAYER**  
*at the Chapel*

**The GCF Hour of Prayer**  
*Tuesdays, 6-7 a.m.*

**Midweek Prayer Service**  
*Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.*

**Weeknight Prayer Gatherings**  
*Except Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m.*

**ON THE COVER:** Darwin Bayani on location for the shoot of one of their gospel film projects (*photo courtesy of Darwin*). Darwin provides leadership for the Vernacular Video Ministry Church Mobilization Initiative (VVM-CMI) where he is a director and producer of gospel films for their organization. He also creates various teams for different language projects.



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# How may we SERVE YOU BETTER?

Fill-out this tear off form and drop it in an offering bag/box or at the Ministry Information Booth. Please check all that is applicable:

- I am a first-time guest.
- I prayed to receive Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord today.
- I would like to know how to become a Christian.
- I am interested in becoming a member of this church.
- I want to join a Growth Group.**  
(Specify age group: \_\_\_\_\_)  
(Specify group composition: \_\_\_\_\_)
- I want to start a Growth Group.
- I want to host a Growth Group.

Please share with us some information about yourself:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_ Landline no.: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile no.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of membership: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Growth Group (if you already have one): \_\_\_\_\_

*Today is **20/21 July 2019**, and I attended the 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. (Sat) (encircle the time).*

Write below *any* inquiry or prayer item that you want to ask or share.

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## God's Way to Heaven

### THE GOSPEL

"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."  
*(1 Corinthians 15:3-4).*

### THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD

**God is holy and righteous:** "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty, the whole earth is full of his glory" (*Isaiah 6:3*). **He requires holiness of us as well:** "Be holy, for I am holy" (*1 Peter 1:16*).

### THE TRUTH ABOUT MAN

**Man is sinful:** "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (*Romans 3:23*).  
**Sin demands a penalty:** "For the wages of sin is death" (*Romans 6:23*).

### THE TRUTH ABOUT CHRIST

**Christ is the expression of God's love for us:** "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (*Romans 5:8*). **Christ paid the penalty of our sins and died for sinners:** "For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God" (*1 Peter 3:18*). **Through Christ, God offers man reconciliation:** "God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them" (*2 Corinthians 5:18*).

### WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

**Believe and receive Jesus as Lord and Savior:** "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (*Romans 10:9*).

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PRAYER: *Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. I believe that you died on the cross in my place, to save me from my sins, and I accept you as my Savior, and the Master of my life forever. Amen.*

## Need someone to talk to?

Visit the Emmaus Road Counseling Center at the GCF Mezzanine floor or contact 632 1354 to 56, 635 0078 to 80 or 0917 532 7794 for inquiries.

For hospital or house visitation, dedication service, or funeral service requests, please call or text 0917 532 7794.