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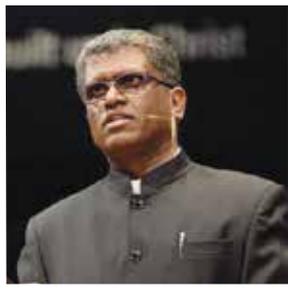
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## Being Authentic In The Midst Of Challenging Pastoral Conditions – *Part Two*<sup>1</sup>

### 2. AUTHENTIC MINISTRY

#### i. Ministry and Authority

The ‘super-apostles’ in Corinth were exercising strong leadership which was admired by the Corinthians. However, Paul did not feel that he needed to exert his authority. He saw himself as a servant of Christ (4:5b). As an apostle of Christ he could have commanded them to obey. “Domination, however, was not Paul’s style. He was there to serve them and used a command only as a last resort.”<sup>2</sup> The super-apostles were different. “They took their inspiration for leadership from the spirit of the age; he took his inspiration from the Spirit of God. They drew their examples for leadership from the secular messiahs of their day; he took his from the Lord Jesus Christ himself.”<sup>3</sup>

Servants of Christ must remember that Christ is the Lord of the church. The congregations for whom we are responsible are still His. And if He is Lord then we are servants. The question that Paul may have for us is, “Are we imitating the Lord’s kind of leadership authority or are we following secular leader’s type of authority? Are we conducting ourselves as servants of Christ?”

#### ii. Ministry and Discipline

Someone in the church in Corinth had verbally attacked Paul and this was public knowledge (2 Corinthians 2:5-11). Paul had called for the Corinthian church to discipline this person and they did so. As Paul now writes this letter he has come to know that this person has since repented. Paul therefore forgives and calls the church to reaffirm their love for this person so that the devil will not have a foothold in this matter.

We recognize that firstly, an authentic minister is one who calls for church discipline to be instituted. Sin is a big deal and sin affects the Christian community by grieving all of them (5-6).

Secondly, we also learn that forgiveness is essential (7). Therefore, we must not overdo discipline. When we rebuke a person and then offer love (8) we are ensuring that we do not give the devil a foothold (11). The authentic minister is one who helps bring reconciliation to the church.

Thirdly, the authentic minister is one who forgives first and does not keep the offence in his heart. Paul says, “And what I have forgiven – if there was anything to forgive – I have forgiven in the sight of Christ...” (10). It is when Paul has forgiven that he could call others to do the same. He has forgiven and put the matter out of his mind so much so he says “if there was anything to forgive.” If we do not forgive, bitterness and resentment will grow and our ministry cannot flourish. The truth is sometimes the offender may not repent, still we must not allow anger to linger.

#### iii. Ministry and Accountability

Accountability is an area that every servant of Christ needs to work on. It is easy to think that everyone is accountable to us but we need not be. In this area of accountability the servant of Christ must remember that he is ultimately accountable to God. As Jonathan Lamb puts it, “The call to integrity comes with greatest force as I understand my accountability to God himself.”<sup>4</sup> Even when no one is watching, the servant of Christ must remember that he is being watched by God. Paul repeatedly uses words such as: “God as witness” (1:23, NRSV<sup>5</sup>); “in the presence of Christ” (2:10, NRSV); “God knows I do” (11:11, NRSV); “God... knows that I am not lying (11:31, NRSV). And he also lived and worked in the knowledge that he must stand before God and be accountable for all that he has done (5:10). Paul had a powerful conscience that constantly reminded him that he is accountable to God.

<sup>1</sup> The third part will appear in the next issue of Berita TRAC.

<sup>2</sup> Belleville, Linda, *The IVP New Testament Commentary Series: 2 Corinthians*, 118.

<sup>3</sup> Clements, Roy, *The Strength of Weakness*, 14.

<sup>4</sup> Lamb, Jonathan, *Integrity: Leading With God Watching*, (Nottingham: IVP, 2006) 37.

<sup>5</sup> New Revised Standard Version Kohlenberger III, John R. ed., *The Greek New Testament: UBS4 with NRSV and NIV*, Grand Rapids: Michigan, Zondervan, 1993.

The authentic minister must cultivate a deep and sensitive conscience so that he is aware of the inclinations of his heart. The authentic minister must take the word of God seriously and the Christian disciplines of fasting, prayer and solitude seriously in order to develop a sensitive conscience. The authentic minister needs to be open and ruthlessly honest about his temptations and weaknesses on a regular basis with someone he can trust. It is best that this person is his spouse. Otherwise he can choose a trusted and matured friend of the same gender to confide in. The authentic minister is not one without weaknesses but one who is aware of his weaknesses and guards his life carefully.

#### **iv. Ministry and Boasting**

The 'super-apostles' in Corinth were influenced by sophists who adopted high standards of rhetoric, famous for their self-commendation and their strict requirements in demanding for payments. On the other hand, Paul's refusal to accept payments, his unimpressive rhetoric and unwillingness to supply them with a list of accomplishments caused the Corinthians to join the 'super-apostles' to look down on Paul and question his apostleship. Moreover, the accusation also centered around the idea that Paul was not mentioning anything about having received revelations from God?<sup>6</sup>

Paul functioned very differently. He trusted Christ and His gospel. He conceded that weakness and suffering was the main feature of his apostleship (11:16-33). He knew that when he was weak then he was strong in Christ. "It is Paul's contention that .... human weakness provides the best background for the display of God's great power, and so it is a valuable asset."<sup>7</sup> He was sure that self-commendation counted for nothing and all that matters was God's approval (10:17-18). Leaders who boast about great attendance, big offerings, large mission giving and outstanding achievements must heed the Apostle's words: "it is not the one who commends himself who is approved" (10:17). There are servants of Christ who are not so well-known, not eloquent preachers but faithful in their exegesis of the Word and serve the Lord in small churches without demanding larger congregations to take care of. They love the Lord and as a result are faithful in the work assigned to them. Those who boast

have already received their rewards. Those who receive the commendation of the Lord receive the real rewards.

#### **v. Ministry and Money**

One of the reasons for asking the church in Corinth to take an offering to help the Jewish Christians in Jerusalem is because Jerusalem was experiencing famine. The aid given will relieve the Christian community in that city. However, Paul is "charged with surreptitiously diverting funds gathered for Christians in Jerusalem to line his own pockets."<sup>8</sup> We therefore look at this passage to learn about how Paul handled church fund (8:16-23).

Firstly, we see that he asked three of his trusted colleagues to go and receive the sum collected. One of the persons that he was sending was chosen for this work with the consent of the churches. Paul did not just send close friends but men trusted and approved by the church. This shows to what extent Paul will go to guard himself in this area of money.

Secondly, Paul goes to great lengths and extent because this is right both in the eyes of God and men. He recognizes the temptation that one may face and therefore is careful. He also recognizes that no matter how honest he is the Devil will not allow him to go unaccused. In fact because he is honest the Devil is going to bring attacks against him. As John Calvin warns us, "...it is when a man is completely upright that Satan launches all his devices against him in an attempt to find some means or other of injuring his reputation...."<sup>9</sup>

To maintain integrity the authentic minister must handle money matters aboveboard. It is good to make collective decisions when it comes to raising funds and disbursing funds. The pastors in small churches who do all the work in the church must still ensure that there is someone else who is a treasurer. We must also be careful not to use on ourselves church money that may be in our possession temporarily, saying that we will put the money back. "Money can be a critical issue where integrity is tested."<sup>10</sup> So there is no such thing as being too careful in this area. Our salary may be lower compared to many others, but let us live with dignity and not lose our integrity. Let us trust that as we carry out God's work faithfully God will provide for our needs (cf. 11:9).

<sup>6</sup> Carson, D.A., *From Triumphalism to Maturity: An Exposition of 2 Corinthians 10-13*, (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 1984) 18ff

<sup>7</sup> Sanders, J. Oswald, *Dynamic Spiritual Leadership: Leading like Paul*, (USA: Discovery House Publishers, 1999) 206.

<sup>8</sup> Carson, *From Triumphalism to Maturity*, 4.

<sup>9</sup> Calvin, John, *Calvin's Commentaries: The Second Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians*, 116.

<sup>10</sup> Lamb, Jonathan, *Integrity: Leading With God Watching*, 100.

# Nusajaya Methodist Church Constituted As A Local Conference

*Report prepared by Rev Joshua Hong, Pastor-in-charge*



The Nusajaya Methodist Church was birthed out of the church planting vision of the Wesley Methodist Church Johor Bahru in 2012. In 2013 a group of members, with a passion and vision for church planting, came together for prayer, planning and study. (They studied Rick Warren's *Purpose Driven Church*.) This group soon became the "Pro tem Committee" for the church planting work. It comprised the following: Tee Leong Chin & Joslyn Tee-Foo, Pan Kum Wan and Carol Pan-Li, Gan Tiong Ann and Tina Gan-Lui, Dr Andrew Lim & Mei Yeng and Jonathan Wong. The resource persons were Yip Kee Tiong & Mrs Yip-Choong Mee Min, and Jeffery Toh. Before the close of the year 2013, they had identified a shop-lot (first floor) located at 4A, Jalan Indah 28/1, Taman Bukit Indah 2, 81200 Johor Bahru, Johor, as a suitable place to commence a church.

In 18/1/2014, the Pro tem Committee members were prayed for during the church service at Wesley Methodist Church JB (WMCJB) and they were officially released and entrusted with the task of spearheading the church planting work in Nusajaya. The Pro tem Committee also

embraced, "Reaching Out, Touching Lives With Jesus' Love" as its theme. Their purpose, apart from catering to the needs of WMCJB members who live in the area, is to reach out to the relocated Christians, students who are studying in the universities nearby, Singaporeans and the Nusajaya community at large. The mother church provided support through prayer, finance, office administration and musicians while Rev Joshua Hong provided the pastoral leadership.

On 1/3/2014, the inaugural service was held with the TRAC President, Rev Dr T. Jeyakumar, presiding at this service. Since then the Lord has been good to bring visitors to this church and by the end of 2014, the average weekly attendance was 50. It was especially encouraging to see students from the nearby universities coming for our services from the beginning of September. The offerings collected have also been very encouraging. Thus towards the end of 2014, the Nusajaya Preaching Point expressed its intention to become a Local Conference. Its intention and resolution were blessed by the mother church, WMCJB.

This resolution, when brought before the Second District Conference (Southern District), was also unanimously accepted. It was then presented at the 39<sup>th</sup> Session TRAC and was duly accepted that Nusajaya would be a constituted as a Local Conference in 2015.

After the 39<sup>th</sup> Session TRAC, the Pro tem Committee began to set in motion the plan to be a Local Conference. The date agreed upon for the Constituting Church Conference (CCC) was 17<sup>th</sup> January 2015 (Saturday) at 9.30 a.m. It began with a period of worship. There were 110 people in attendance. The offering collected on this day, amounting to RM 6,252.50 was designated as the “Church Development Fund.” The TRAC President, Rev Dr T. Jeyakumar, was invited by the TRAC Southern District Superintendent, Rev Joshua Hong, to preside at this worship service.

After the worship, the CCC was called to order. It was presided by TRAC President and assisted by the D.S. Rev Joshua Hong. Joslyn Tee-Foo was appointed as recording secretary. The names of all those who had expressed their desire to be founding members and who were 21 years of age and above were presented to the President. The breakdown is as follows:

1) Members transferred from Wesley Methodist Church Johor Bahru:	28
2) Members transferred from other Methodist churches:	11
3) Members from other denominations:	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>

The number of youths transferred from Wesley Methodist Church Johor Bahru who were under 21 years old	6
<b>Total number of founding members:</b>	<b>49</b>

After the membership was verified, all those present and were eligible to vote set about to vote in the elective stewards. They were: Pan Kum Wan, Choong Mee Min, Tina Lui and Desmond Boey. With this, the church was properly constituted. It is now officially called the “Nusajaya Methodist Church (NMC).” The President announced Rev Joshua Hong as the Pastor-in-charge of NMC. The CCC was then adjourned with a prayer by the President.

After a five-minute break, the First Local Conference

(LC) was called to order. Those present were the elective stewards – Pan Kum Wan, Choong Mee Min and Tina Lui, together with the pastor-in-charge, Rev Joshua Hong, and the presiding elder, Rev Dr T Jeyakumar. Joslyn Tee-Foo was the recording secretary. The pastor presented the Nominations List for the 2015 office bearers. They were all elected en bloc into office:

1. Lay Leader: Tee Leong Chin.
  2. LCEC Chairman: Andrew Lim Vee San
  3. Recording Secretary: Joslyn Foo Shiang Nghoh
  4. Delegate to Annual Conference:  
Jonathan Wong Ah Soong; Tee Leong Chin (Reserve)
  5. Treasurer: Yip Kee Tiong
  6. Church School Superintendent: Kok Mei Yeng
  7. Chairpersons of ministry:  
Christian Education – Andrew Lim,  
Membership – Tee Leong Chin,  
Missions – Gan Tiong Ann,  
Worship and Music – Joslyn Tee-Foo,  
Property Management – Jonathan Wong,  
Small Group coordinator and Evangelism – Carol Pan-Li.
- Other committees elected were:  
PPRC and Nominations Committee (2015-2017).

With this, the NMC was properly organized and Rev Joshua Hong led in a closing prayer.

#### **Prayer request of NMC:**

1. Pray for a full-time resident pastor to be assigned here in 2016.
2. Pray for the children’s ministry. There are presently about 12 Chinese-speaking children in the church school.
3. Pray for the students’ ministry. The students come from the Newcastle, Reading and Southampton Universities.
4. Pray for the founding members to rise up and be involved in the life and ministry of NMC.
5. Pray for the plan to purchase a RM 1 million shop-lot which will be completed in 2017.
6. Pray that the mission, “Reaching Out, Touching Lives With Jesus’ Love” will be realised and more will be added to the church and to God’s kingdom.

## Orang Asli Flood Relief

Late December last year, Malaysia was hit by one of the worst floods in decades. Whilst the majority of the flood relief work to help the flood victims was concentrated in the East Coast area, the plight of the Orang Asli (OA), especially those affected in Perak, however, was hardly brought to the attention of our nation.

Thanks be to God for granting our TRAC President, Rev Dr T. Jeyakumar, the foresight and wisdom to spearhead the Orang Asli Flood Relief (OAFR). This commendable effort was made possible with the help of Pastor Loh Kan Hooi who is a Lutheran pastor. She has been ministering to the OA in a few villages in Pulau Banding within Lake Temenggor, Perak, and also in the Lenggong area. The Christian villages in Pulau Banding are Kg. Sg. Kelian, Kg. Sg. Kertai, Kg. Balakong, Kg. Chuweh, Kg. Tebing Lama and Kg. Tebing Baru, and those in the Lenggong area are Kg. Bukit Sapi and Kg. Sawa. The villages in Pulau Banding are only reachable by boats which had to be rented at RM300 per boat. Due to the different locality of the villages, two boats had to be rented – one to cover Kg. Sg. Kelian and Kg. Sg. Kertai which are in the south, and the other to cover the remaining 4 villages in the west of Lake Temenggor. On the other hand, the Lenggong villages are reachable by 4WDs.

The disaster has brought much misery to the OA. The water level at Lake Temenggor was estimated to have arisen to an estimated height of 50 feet. Some of the OA houses and their churches were swept away or submerged under water. Others had to be relocated to higher grounds. Some plantations were destroyed by the incessant rain, including the route into the plantations. This has adversely affected the livelihood of many OA plantation workers who are daily wage earners, living from hand to mouth. Further, the heavy rain had also worsened the condition of the laterite roads leading to the OA villages, cutting them off from the outside world and making access to such villages almost impossible except by way of 4WDs. Our trip to the OA village in Slim River saw one of our 4WDs get stuck in mud so deep that even with the help of 2 other jeeps, it was to

no avail. Thank God for sending a backhoe to pass our way to rescue our damsel in distress!

When the appeals for the OAFR were made, the people called Methodists in Malaysia rose to the occasion and gave generously and unreservedly, showing their care and concern for those affected. In no time, the main collection centres in Sungai Way-Subang Methodist Church, and Living Faith Methodist Church, Ipoh were filled to the brim with all sorts of food supplies and goods, not to mention that many sub-collection centres were also opened in local churches across the nation for this purpose. Donations also came in from other Methodist Annual Conferences and outside sources as our people approached corporations, proprietors and individuals for sponsorships. While many people gave donations in cash and kind, there were some who walked the second mile by giving up their precious time to get food supplies and goods sorted out and things organised. Some of them went further by offering their services and their 4WDs to go into the villages to hand the food stuff and clothes to the OA.

When involved in such disaster relief work, one has to be on a learning curve. There were so many lessons to learn ranging from managing time and things to managing personnel and resources. In addition, we also learned many things from the OA. One funny incident happened in Pulau Banding when mineral water was first given out to the OA. The OA asked what water that was. We told him it was mineral water. He then asked if it was sweet. We said no. He then questioned whether we had to pay for such water which we answered in affirmative. He then remarked, “Why pay money to buy this mineral water when we have plenty of spring water here? It’s better to buy food stuff.” It was a humbling experience for us to learn the important lesson that when bringing aid to the OA in the jungle where fresh, clean springs never run dry, food is still the No. 1 essential item they need.

Not only had the flood adversely affected the human beings, it also had affected the wild beasts in the jungle.



They were driven to look elsewhere for food. The OA reported to us that the wild elephants had rummaged through their plantation in search for food causing great damage and loss. Another OA also related this to us: *Air bah musnahkan makanan kami, kami masuk hutan cari makanan, kami jadi makanan bagi binatang buas* (The flood destroyed our food supplies, we went into the jungle to look for food, we became food for the wild beasts). They then informed us that an OA Village Headman was bitten to death by a wild boar just a few days before that and another OA was bitten by a tiger more than a month before, but he survived and spent a month in hospital.

As the water level in Lake Temenggor is receding very slowly, the plight of the OA continues until this day. Let us continue in our efforts to help the OA in Northern Perak, especially our Christian brothers and sisters. "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." (Galatians 6:9-10, ESV).





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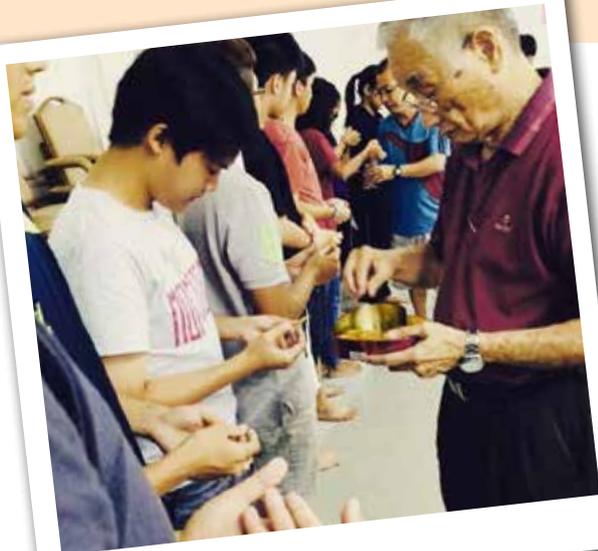


It has been a wonderful JS Journey with 25 awesome Homo sapiens guided by 8 experienced Homo sapiens whom we called mentors. My first impression of Jeremiah School was a “National Service camp with the addition of Christian elements”. After knowing that I was not chosen for National Service, I thought it was all over--3 months of freedom in my hands! Well it became the reason why I was reluctant to join this programme. But I didn’t regret it at all. I am glad that my parents encouraged me to join: 3 months of freedom replaced with 3 months of Freedom in Christ! Thank God for that! My life would probably have been “eat, sleep, game” (repeat) if I had not gone to Jeremiah School.

**Ling Yi Sheng – DUMC**

In JS, I learnt about love generally. I finally got to know what family love is like, with my brothers & sisters in Christ around me. My relationship with God also got better as the days passed. God also reassured me through **1 Timothy 1:15**, “Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners- of whom I am the worst.”

**Yeo Yi Jin – EMC**



In this programme, I learned that Jesus is the solution. If you really want it and you ask for it, He will give you the humility, wisdom, and patience you need to forgive and mend any problems in life.

**Wak Mayna**  
**Kampar Wesley**

From the first day of JS until now God has been piecing a jigsaw puzzle as Uncle Herbert described. Now the picture is complete and it is beautiful and satisfactory because God has been working in me. **Colossians 3:23**, *“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men!”*

**Shaun Yong - FMC**

Here in JS, I have learnt to humble myself and put myself to the lowest when I come before the glorious presence of God. Pride, ego and self-reliance have always been my stumbling blocks. God, in all His might and grace has helped me to put these aside when I serve Him. We have always been taught to love our neighbours as ourselves, but do we really look deeper into this great commandment--to think of others as more important than ourselves? Besides this, I have also learnt how to treasure my salvation in Christ. I, a sinner so unworthy, have been given the privilege to call the Lord Almighty as my Father, because the price has been paid: Jesus took the death penalty for me. Now I can enjoy the fullness of Christ, embracing the abundant life I have in Jesus.

**Adrian Chen – Taiping Wesley**

In JS, there’s one day each week where we need to do our Quiet Retreat. Surprisingly, I felt really calm during Quiet Retreat. God really spoke to me every time during Quiet Retreat. I’m truly touched by how God spoke to me. Lastly, I want to thank everyone here in JS who helped me through ups and downs, put my life back into God’s path, and guided me throughout these 6 weeks. I also want to thank God for putting me into this community.

**Vivian Cheng – Segamat Wesley**





During the 5<sup>th</sup> week, we had a session called Spiritual Mapping. We went out to different parts of Port Dickson to do physical research of the particular area that was assigned to us. Now I realize how important it is to be aware of the spiritual battle that's going on around us.

**Desmond Lean – Alor Setar Wesley**

Before I came to JS, I was very confused about my emotions. I always let my emotions get out of control. But in JS, we had a session called Understanding Emotions and I can tell you that I feel much more in touch with my emotions now.

**Winnie Tey – Taiping Wesley**

More importantly, my stay in JS has made me love God harder and no matter how I try, I just can't express it enough. Because of Him, my whole life has changed. I'm not the same person that I know any more. Through Him, I feel more matured, more responsible and even more disciplined. He has also made me eager to know Him more. But I myself will have to go through some challenges. I guess, this is from God who wants to test my faith in Him.

**Wak Masnah – Kampar Wesley**

In the 7 Steps to Freedom session, there was a point where I had to forgive the people who had hurt me in the past. It was hard for me to do it, but I decided to ask God to guide me and strengthen me. I felt that God wanted me to forgive these people. In the end, I forgave them and I thank God for that! After that, I began to feel the crack in my heart being patched up together. I felt so free and now there are no more burdens pressing down on me. I really thank God for helping and encouraging me to go through hardships. I really learned a lot from 1 Peter 3:9, "Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing!"

**Joel Lim – GMC, Sentul**



I have learned and discovered new things that can only be learned in a community setting. For instance, we were divided into 4 different groups and the groups took turns to wash everyone's dishes after every meal, clean the dorms and bathrooms and so on. In JS, each of us got to take turns to lead in worship, Bible study and share a 5-minute sermonette which was critiqued by 5 other people. At the end of the sharing, there was an evaluation period when all the others provided feedback to affirm the good points and gave suggestions for improvement.

**Melanie Woo - EMC**



# GOD Changed Me

By Rowena Francisco



**Rowena Francisco, a member of Subang Methodist Church, shares her testimony of how she received Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Saviour, and how the Holy Spirit ministered deeply in her heart. Praise the Lord!**

Before I received Christ, I had some bad attitudes. I was often angry, answered back and leaned on my own understanding.

My parents did their very best for me, but it wasn't enough for me. I could not feel their love for me. I felt they were focusing on my two brothers, and I was jealous. One of my brothers was actually very kind to me, but I often quarrelled with him. Because we could not understand each other in the family, I could not stay long in my house.

One day, I had a serious problem with my husband. He complained about my attitudes, but I never listened to him. On 19 December 2012, my husband left me and my four-year-old son. It was a very painful experience for me and I was very angry with my husband. My brother advised me to move on and take care of my son. But I found it hard to do.

In November 2013, I decided to come to work in Malaysia. I got employers who are kind and are also Christians. Every Sunday, they would bring me to Subang Methodist Church. I attended the Bible study class for the domestic helpers where I learned God's Word. Although I had heard the gospel before, I did not apply the Bible's teaching in my life.

The day, 12 January 2014 was a special day for me. During the Bible study class, I began to understand who I really am – a sinner, and who God truly is. I received Jesus into my life as my personal Lord and Saviour that day.

Since then, I have begun to love God more. My attitude has started to change and I have become more kind and less angry. I try not to answer back to my parents, and instead to understand them better. I feel happier.

Jesus is my Saviour. He leads me, protects and guards me. Now I continue to ask God to change me, strengthen me and help me to follow where He leads me.

**1 John 5:11-12** is meaningful to me.

*"The testimony is this: God has given us eternal life, and this life has its source in his Son. Whoever has the Son has this life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life."*

Then in 2014 I attended the Family Camp. I learned two things at the Family Camp: firstly, about forgiveness and secondly, "waiting time is not wasted time".

- **Forgiveness**

In the past, my heart was always angry with my husband.

It was very hard to forgive my husband. He gave me so much pain when he left me and my four-year-old son over something small. I was angry and I even taught my son to be angry with his father.

At the Family Camp, God spoke to me through Rev Dr Jeyakumar. He shared a story of a broken family just like mine, and how the wife forgave the husband (who had left her), and even took care of her husband's family after he passed away.

When I heard that story, I felt cold and sad. I realised how bad I had been. God sent His Holy Spirit to make my heart more open and tender. God knew I had already forgiven my husband before my baptism. Now I ask God to help me find a way to meet my husband again. When I see him, I want to tell him I forgive him.

God's Word for me:

*"If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened."* (Ps 66:18)

*"If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."* (Mt 21:22)

- **"Waiting Time is not Wasted Time"**

In the past, like Judas, I also lacked understanding and self-control. I was often angry, insecure and jealous. After I received Christ, my life changed. I was less angry, less insecure, and I try to grow in understanding others.

After the Camp, I learned to wait on the Lord. He gives me peace of mind. During this time of waiting, I continue to worship God, read, memorise and apply God's Word. At the domestic helpers' class, I learned of God's deep love for me, how Jesus is the vine, and I am the branch. Without Jesus, I can do nothing (John 15:5).

On 28 June 2014, I was very happy to be baptised at Family Camp. I thank God for helping me choose His way. I also thank God for people who encouraged me to apply God's Word in my life.

On 29 July 2014, I felt God responding to my prayers. The Holy Spirit touched my heart. My heart was open and ready to truly forgive my husband. Truly I can conclude that "waiting time is not wasted time".

My favourite verse is:

*"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has gone, the new has come."*

**(2 Corinthians 5:17)**

# HEALING CONFERENCE

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**John & Merilyn Edwards**  
Directors of Brisbane Healing Rooms

**10 July 2015 (Friday)** 8:00PM – 9:30PM | **11 July 2015 (Saturday)** 10:00AM – 5:00PM | **12 July 2015 (Sunday)** 9:00AM – 12:30PM

## Have you ever wondered...?

Who are you? What is your identity? Are you living like a son or daughter of the King or like a servant in His Kingdom? What does the Word of God say about healing? How to have a believing faith?

Why is it that not everyone we pray for gets healed? What are those things that can block the flow of God's healing power in our lives and prevent us from receiving this gift? What is "the promise of the Father" mentioned in the Book of Acts and why do we need it? How do we walk in fullness of the life that God has ordained for us? What is "the anointing"? What can it do for your life?

Then this Conference is for you! In fact, it's for EVERYONE desiring to learn more about the ministry of Jesus Christ and to experience His healing and freeing work.



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## ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



### **John & Merilyn Edwards** Directors of Brisbane Healing Rooms

John and Merilyn Edwards are both ordained ministers with the Full Gospel Churches in Queensland, Australia. They have been happily married for 48 years; have 4 children and 8 grandchildren. They love the Lord and have served God through the local church for many years as Youth Group, Bible Study and Home Group Leaders as well as Elders.

Over the past 12 years, they have headed up an interdenominational healing ministry which ministers to people from all walks of life, cultures, creeds and nationalities who have need for physical, mental, emotional or spiritual healing. Signs and wonders are evident every time their team gets together to minister. They have seen God do amazing healings and miracles in hundreds of people's lives and many respond to the Gospel message.

They are also Queensland State Directors and National Trainers for Healing Rooms Australia, overseeing 16 Healing Rooms across the state as well as travelling to many developed and developing nations across the world, training hundreds of local Pastors to operate in Healing Rooms in their own churches or villages.

They have a burning desire to see God's Kingdom come on this earth as it is in heaven and consider themselves extremely privileged to be able to serve God in this way.

### CONFERENCE TOPICS

**Opening Session:** The Father's Heart

**Session 1:** The Healing Word

**Session 2:** Hindrances to our Healing

**Session 3:** Holy Spirit Baptism & Anointing

**Session 4:** Ministry Time

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