



For Internal Circulation Only



From the President's Desk

Rev. Ong Hwai Teik, President

*I*t is a joy for me to share with you a brief update on a few of the latest developments & happenings taking place in our Annual Conference, especially at the Headquarters level.

As we continue to look to the Lord in having "a Centre that empowers" (see Presidential Report at 29th TRAC session), we are now able to proceed with the extension project in our HQ. We are glad for the continuing support of our churches for this 1st Project of the TRAC Millennium Ministry Fund. In the process we shall also be doing the necessary maintenance & upgrading work to our existing building. It will also mean that the TRAC Office will be relocated temporarily at the Council of Education premises (just across the road), probably from Sept 2005 onwards. Our churches will be informed once we can confirm the timing. We look forward to have more space for the ministry of training & equipping the saints in the days ahead.

As you may know, we have now a team of 5 full-time & one part-time serving in the TRAC HQ. We are introducing our new Missions &

Prayer Coordinator, Ms Cheah Lee Mun, & Mrs Rhema Rao, part-time Administration staff, to you in this edition of Berita TRAC. We welcome them & pray that their calling & contributions will continue to advance the Lord's Kingdom agenda & work in our midst.

The TRAC website at www.trac.org.my was launched on the 14 June 2005. This will help our Annual Conference to usefully share information, enable easier organization of events & keep us more connected so that we can grow together in unity in the Lord & to serve Him even more effectively. We shall need the help of our local churches, pastors, Chairpersons of Boards etc to keep things "updated & fresh".

On the Missions front, we continue to make steady progress. We had the opportunity to fellowship with Bishop Mawia of the Myanmar Methodist Church recently to receive updates & to pray together for Myanmar in our TRAC HQ. There will be a planned trip to set up a computer school in Yangon in August 2005. To date 7 TRAC churches are participating in this

project. In October, a team will be visiting Bangladesh to have a time of training & retreat to seek the Lord with our partners there for the future of ministry work in that land.

We note with joy the Ground Breaking Service that took place in Kampar Wesley on 30 April 2005 as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary in Thanksgiving. It is a timely development as the church look to the Lord for grace to be prepared & poised for ministry as UTAR is established in that town. Klang Wesley dedicated their new Sanctuary on the 24 June 2005, looking forward to "greater works" that the Lord has promised upon the coming of the Holy Spirit. Puchong Preaching Point continues to see new folks coming & the consolidation of an emerging local core group.

After the graduation of 3 batches from the Jeremiah School, we are now poised to enter the "next level" where our local churches provide room for young potential Christian vocational workers to confirm their callings & grow in service & spiritual maturity - in the context of the local community of faith. Missions trips

>> continue page 2

02	FromthePresident'sDesk Rev.OngHwaiTeik
03	Mission - TRAC&Mission a. Trac&Missions b. Pastors&DiaconalMinisters'School (PDMS)
12	Events a. FundRaisingProjectbyBerchamMethodistChurch b. BerchamFundRaisingProject c. TRACHeadquaterRenovation d. ThePrayerShield
15	Announcements a. IntroducingNewMissions&PrayerCoordinator b. Vacancy c. ATRACWebsiteLaunched

CONTENT



FromThePresident'sDesk

>> continue from page 1

will be planned for our youths, especially the alumni of Jeremiah School. Our hearts are gladdened to hear of their desire to organize a mini youth prayer conference (20-23 Aug.), to call together the younger generation in TRAC to give serious attention to the holy relational discipline of prayer.

"Open Heavens, Global Missions" is what I, together with our intercessors, sense the Lord is saying to our Annual Conference. We must ask from our Father

the 1st order grace of having a deepened desire to seek Him, to learn to wait on Him, to be in His counsel, to enjoy His presence. We need the Lord through the Holy Spirit, to make us a prayer movement! And then we shall be so empowered like the Moravians, after non-stop round the clock praying was started at Herrnhut by Count Zinzendorf (which lasted for a hundred years!) - to reach the nations for the Lord. It is said that the proportion of missionaries to home communicants in their community had been

estimated as 1:60 compared with 1:5000 in the rest of Protestantism (J G G Norman in The New International Dictionary of the Christian Church). O that we may become an Annual Conference with that ratio too!

"And just as He was coming out of the water, He saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on Him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are My Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." Mk 1:10-11. A

APOLLOGY

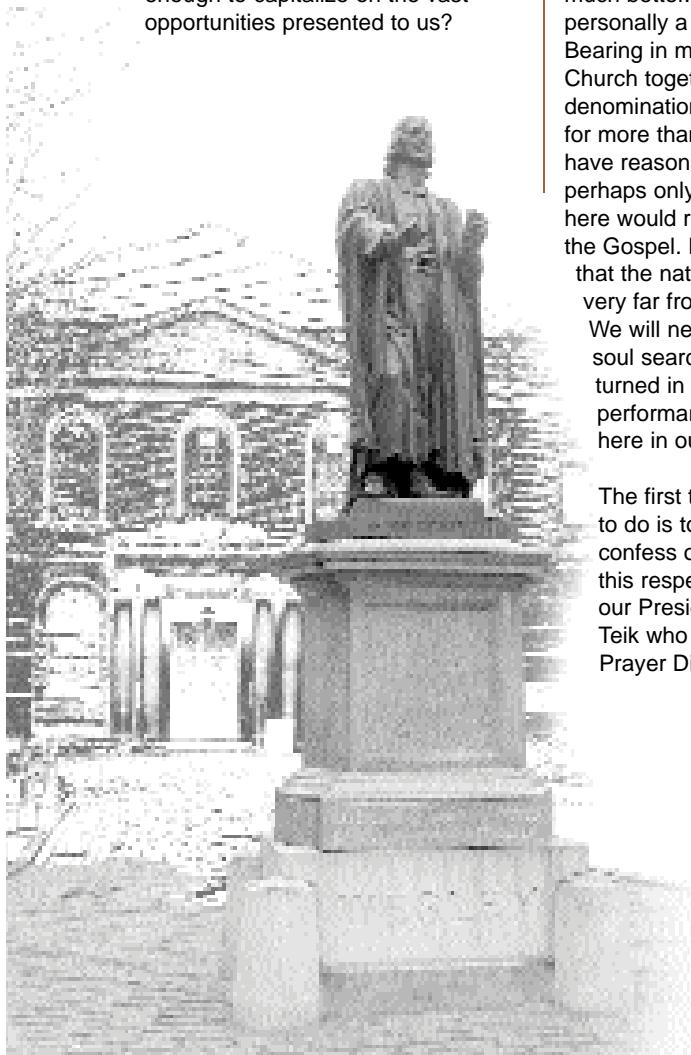
Members of the Berita TRAC Editorial Team wish to convey sincere apologies to Rev. Anthony Loke for the error made in the "Eulogy" section of the Berita TRAC, April/May 2005 issue, page 21, last paragraph, line 13.

It was an inadvertent error that the Editorial overlooked during the editing process. We apologize if we have caused additional distress on top of what has already been a painful period of grieving over the loss of the late Rev. Paul George.

TRAC&Missions

Mr.OonLaiSeng

As Christians in Malaysia, we are living in very exciting and challenging times. With violence being advocated in the name of religion by some quarters, the increasing moral decadence in our supposedly conservative Asian societies and the endemic growth of greed for material wealth coupled with unexpected natural disasters, we have before us perhaps what could be considered the greatest potential for the spread of the gospel in this region. But the issue is whether or not we are motivated enough to capitalize on the vast opportunities presented to us?



A few years ago, I was rudely shocked when I read the report on our country's national census and found out that for the entire Semenanjung Malaysia, the total number of people who professed the Christian faith was merely about 5%. In Sabah and Sarawak, the figure was at a respectable 45% plus for both of them. Overall, the total number of Christians accounted for only about 10% of our population. With so many church buildings in our major towns, one would have expected that we would have fared much better. That was for me personally a rude awakening. Bearing in mind that the Methodist Church together with other denominations has been in this land for more than 100 years, one would have reasonably expected that perhaps only 5% more of the people here would remain unreached with the Gospel. But the shocking truth is that the national statistics are not very far from the actual figures. We will need to do some serious soul searching as to why we have turned in such a dismal performance in mission work right here in our own backyard.

The first thing I believe we need to do is to acknowledge and confess our failure before God. In this respect, I stand fully behind our President, the Rev. Ong Hwai Teik who is also the TRAC Prayer Director, in calling upon

all our members to cultivate the culture of prayer in all our churches. I look forward to the kind of prayers by our members, which can shake the very foundations of this nation. Only when there is this kind of prayer can the Board of Missions and our churches really make headway in missions in our own country over the next 4 years of opportunities.

Perhaps the time has come for us to specifically ask God in our prayers what and how He would want us to serve Him in missions as a Conference and no longer as individual churches from henceforth. While the efforts of some individual churches in missions are commendable, it is obvious that a lot of synergy has been laid to waste by our sheer lack of coordination and cooperation in missions. Taking the lesson on body life from 1st Corinthians, it is obvious that unless the different parts of a body learns how to accept and coordinate well with other parts, we are not going to make any significant impact as a body.

The Board of Missions met in the earlier part of this year and we were able to make some plans together. The first of these is our annual Missions Consultations which will be held in KL Wesley from Aug 19 till 21st 2005. The registration forms have already been sent out via email

to all churches and we look forward to have as many of you as possible to join us for a great time of learning and fellowship together over missions. Our focus this year will be missions to migrant workers in our country. Please get the forms, sign up and send them back to TRAC HQ immediately.

Apart from the annual mission consultations, the Board of Missions would like to implement a national level TRAC Missionary Hospitality programme this year once approval is given by the TRAC Executive Board. This is a very simple programme in which our churches and members can extend our hospitality by providing free accommodation and fellowship to missionaries, full time Christian workers and pastors known to our TRAC churches regardless of their denomination. A number of suitably low price rest and recreation facilities all over our country would be identified including our own Methodist properties and these would be rented at very reasonable costs. The Board of Missions will be recommending some of these guests to participating churches who will not only pay for their accommodation but who hopefully can also extend their hand of fellowship to these guests who are generally non Methodists.

Although this programme is relatively simple, it will be able to serve a very vital need within the missionary community. Many of our missionary friends are often very tired people who need a good rest and lots of encouragement but are who simply are not able to afford it. And this is



where we come in with our TRAC Missionary Hospitality programme. Apart from meeting the needs of our friends, it is also envisaged that by the reciprocal encouragement these friends will give to us in our time of fellowship with them, it will lead us to learn more about missions. Hopefully one day we will replace or join them in their respective mission field ourselves.

The Board of Missions has also agreed to work out plans whereby our younger people would be sent out for missions exposure on short, medium and long term with mission agencies like OM. We are serious about our responsibilities in worldwide missions and the first step is to expose our best potential people to it. Again, we will implement this as soon as approval is given by the TRAC Executive Board.

One of the things that I hope to do is to be able to get the Board of Missions to seriously consider starting a church-planting unit within the Board itself. This Church Planting Unit will have church planting locally as its sole responsibility and then plant as

many TRAC churches as possible in our own backyard and as soon as possible.

In the wake of the natural disasters lately, it would be good for TRAC to consider starting an emergency relief action team, which can minister to people in times of natural disasters. Some of my personal missionary friends have gone to Aceh and have been able to do some wonderful work among the victims there. But opportunities like these don't wait for anyone. We just have to get ourselves ready. The Board of Missions is now in the process of compiling its own directory on mission work among our various churches. We look forward to the kind cooperation of all in the churches to furnish us with the relevant information, which certainly would help us a lot administratively.

The Board will continue to work hard over the coming months and years and we look forward to exciting times of ministry together with all churches.

Maranatha! A

Pastors & Diaconal Ministers' School (PDMS)

Ms.TanChewMae
SupplyPastor,
GraceMethodistChurch,
Sentul

PDMS 2005 was held from March 29 - April 2, 2005 at the beautiful place, Pulai Desaru Beach, Johore. The resort is neatly tucked in the east of the town of Desaru away from the hustle and bustle of city life. It was a pleasant 4-hour journey. When I reached there I had a quick exploration of the place and found out that the beach was just nearby, I shouted in my heart, "Yeh! A good place for rest and quietness".

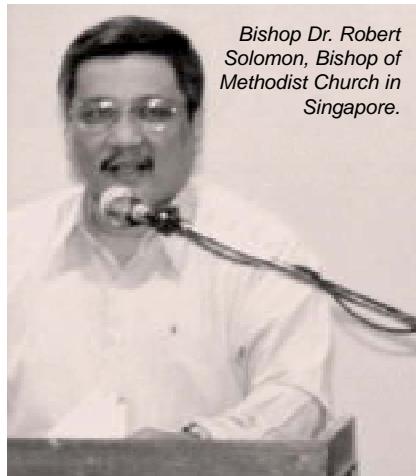
The meals were good and I enjoyed them very much. The fellowship around the table was one of the highpoints in the school. We talked and shared. The programmes were not heavy and we had time to do our own things.

The school began with a Holy Communion service. After preaching from Exodus 33, Bishop Dr Hwa Yung challenged all of us to seek and have a closer walk with God more even though we have found Him. It was an appropriate start-off as we were reminded of the one who has called us and for whom we are serving. There were open discussion sessions among the pastors and the diaconal ministers on certain issues. It was a good way of understanding and learning from one another's real struggles in our pastoral ministry to the hurting and broken world. On the last night Datuk Chua Jui Meng shared with us

how God had delivered and saved him and his family. God's holy power still delivers!

Throughout those few days, Bishop Dr. Robert Solomon's reminded us the power of the call of a Pastor. Some of the topics he shared from his heart were: the Pastor as a person, the Ministry of the Word, Ministry of Order and the Ministry of Pastoral visitation. His talks were enlightening and helpful. On the last day, as a closing, he blessed us with the passage taken from Luke 19:1-10 on Zacchaeus. He brought out two important points in our lives: significance and security. He called upon us to examine our lives and our quest; worldly measures are different from 'Christly' measures. The ending of the PDMS 2005 was as profound and meaningful as the beginning.

When I first heard of PDMS, I imagined it to be like a 'school' with rigid programmes and serious studies. I am glad it was not so. Pastors need to have time away for a rest and to be with the Lord alone so that they can be refreshed to minister to others when they are back home again. I managed to walk along the beach a few times. As the first timer in PDMS I didn't feel out of place and I came back refreshed and rested. A



Bishop Dr. Robert Solomon, Bishop of Methodist Church in Singapore.





A Short Report to Berita TRAC - Fund Raising Projects by **Bercham Methodist Church**

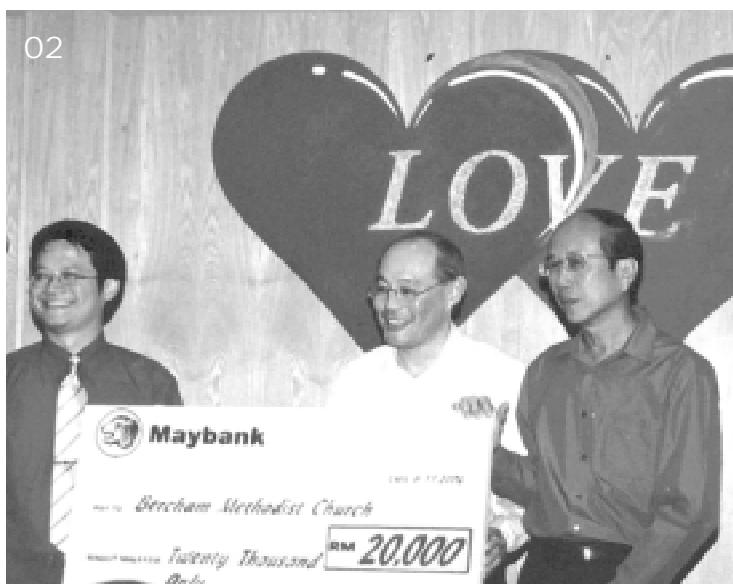
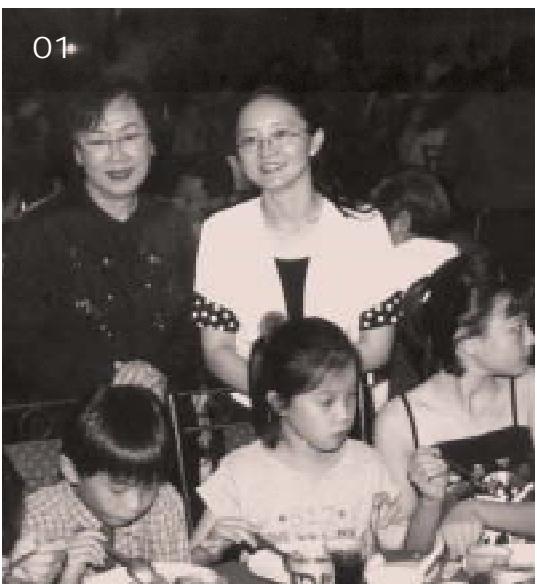
Dato' Daniel Tay
Building Fund Project Chairman
Bercham Methodist Church

Bercham is a village within the township of Ipoh. The village is growing and our humble church - Bercham Methodist Church or BMC is active within this community of predominantly Taoists and Buddhists. Our church sanctuary is on the ground floor of a double-storey shop, which has been rented for a few years now. The sanctuary doubles up as a medical clinic on Mondays and Thursdays. The clinic commenced operation in June 2000 and it has seen more than 1500 patients in these few years. The doctors, nurses and receptionists are all volunteers and they take turns to run the clinic. A legal clinic operates

at the same time and place on Thursdays. The lawyers are volunteers too.

The church leadership has felt that it is time for BMC to have its 'own' building. Under the pastoral care of Pastor Joshua Khong, BMC has purchased its building which is made up of two linked double-storey shops. The total cost of the whole project is estimated at RM750,000. As such, the members of BMC have embarked on a couple of fund raising projects. The first to take off was a fund raising dinner at a restaurant in Bercham itself. We were encouraged by the support we

received. The President of TRAC, the Rev. Ong Hwai Teik graced the occasion together with our DS, the Rev. Hwa Jen and the pastor of our 'mother' church, CGMC, the Rev. Ashok Amarasingham. Pastor Ashok was a great help as many members from CGMC came for the function. The chairman for the fund raising dinner was Mrs. Poh Kit Ying who doubled up as the MC for the evening. The cost of the dinner tables was donated and the proceeds of the dinner and the donations received amounted to about RM 70,000. We thank God for His provisions. We also thank those who supported us.



03



The next project was a food fair carried out at the YMCA of Ipoh one bright Saturday morning in March 2005. The chairman for the food fair was Mrs. Agnes Loke who worked tirelessly to raise funds. The TRAC President, the Rev. Hwai Teik graced the occasion by planting a tree in the YMCA compound to commemorate the occasion. Mrs. Magarita Lee, a member of CGMC blessed us by sponsoring a school band and Mrs. Lynnette Tan assisted us greatly with the sale of the coupons. Our own members also went all out to sell the coupons and many others assisted us by setting up the stalls.

The District Superintendent and the Rev Ashok were there to give us encouragement. Not all of us had the chance to taste (our) Pastor Joshua Khong's chicken ala king. Many testified that he is a fine cook. We thank God that about RM75 000 was raised. The Pastor, leaders and members of BMC worked their hearts out. We were all tired but happy. We are appreciative to the YMCA for the use of its premises, air-con, etc. without charge. We also thank all who helped us by contributing towards the success of this project. A

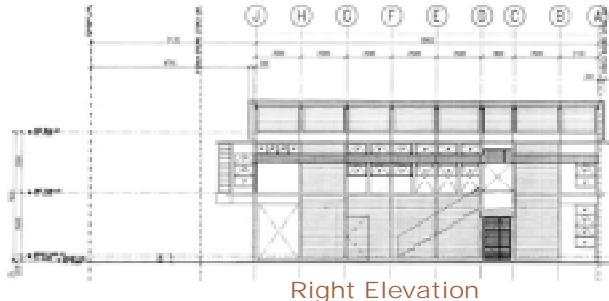
01. Children from BMC KIDS Church. **02.** The spirit of giving and blessing in building a church for God's glory. **03.** President, DS and Rev. Ashok from mother church CGMC **04.** TRAC President Rev. Ong Hwai Teik planting a tree at the YMCA with Daniel Tay (also YMCA President), Pastor Joshua Khong and Agnes Loke. **05.** Our talented young cellist and violinist.



04



05



Right Elevation

TRACHeadquarters Building Extension

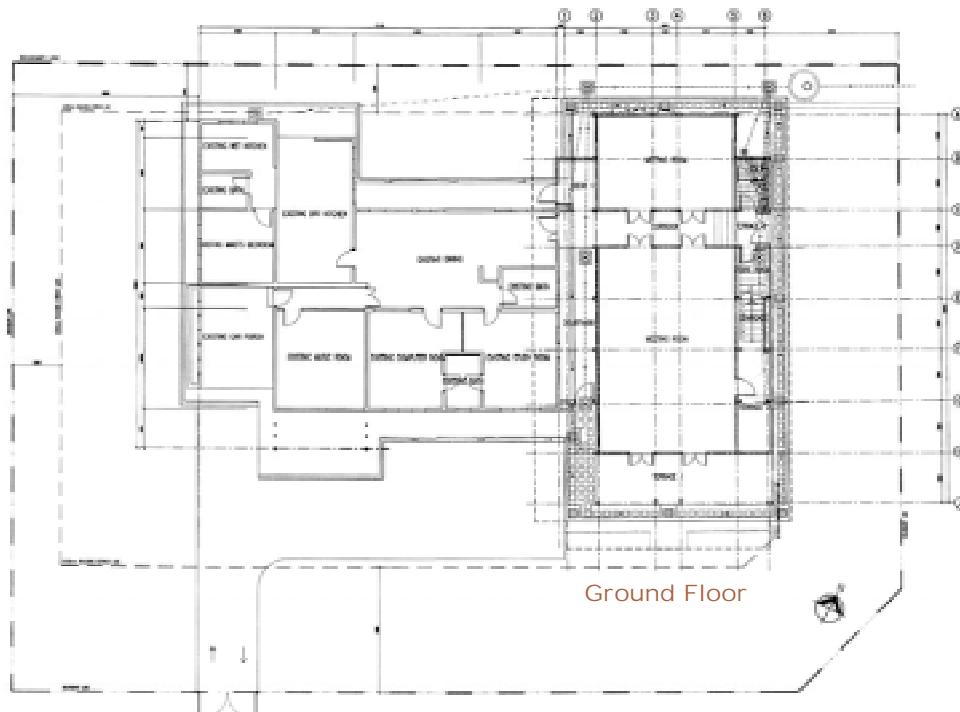
Dato' Michael Cheah
Chairman, TRAC Property Board

The long awaited building approval for the extension was granted in May 2005. At the time of writing this update report, construction tenders had been called and five contractors have submitted their bids. The tender committee shall be meeting as soon as possible to open the tenders, evaluate the prices and the terms, and make an award. Members of the committee are Mr. The Kean Ming (TRAC Property Board),

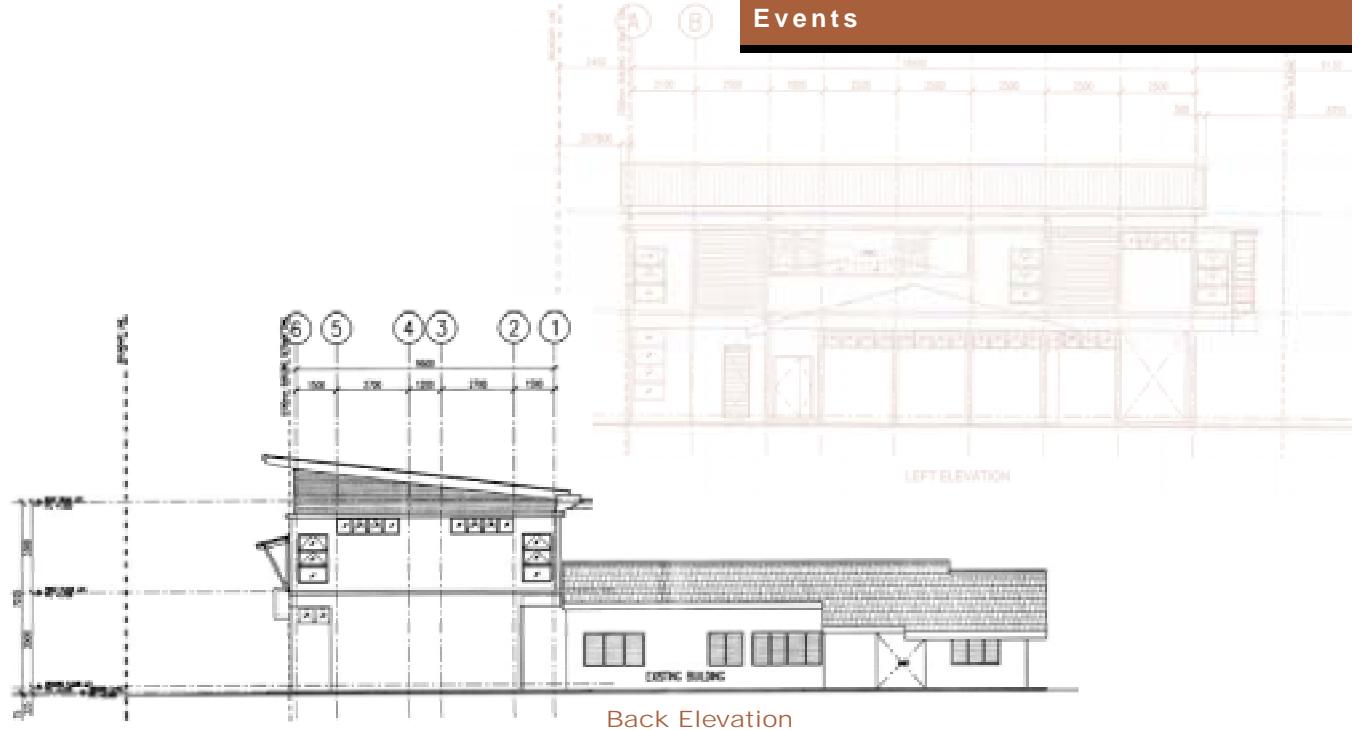
Mr. Kwong Choong Vai (Board of Finance), Mrs. Lily Ch'ng (Board of Presidency), and Rev. David Loo (TRAC Property Board). Building works are expected to commence in mid-August 2005 and the construction period will be between 10 to 12 months depending on the contractor selected. This period also includes renovation works on the existing single-storey building.

For those of us who forgotten what the plans looked like, I am featuring them again in the following pages. I want to thank Garis Architects for the description of their design, which I reproduce in part as follows.

Situated at No.2, Jalan 5/39, Petaling Jaya, the TRAC extension is a two stories building addition to the existing single storey structure on the site. It is placed to one end to



Ground Floor



Back Elevation

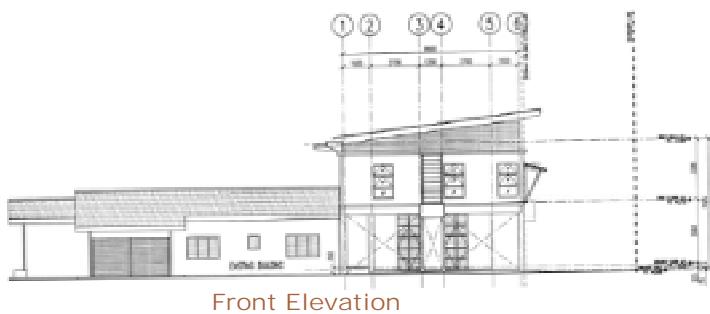
avoid the noise generated by the neighboring school and to also optimize the land use for expansion in the future when necessary.

While the offices for administration shall remain where they are now after some much needed upgrading works, the ground floor of the extension will be primarily used for conferences and lecture/seminar purposes. The upper

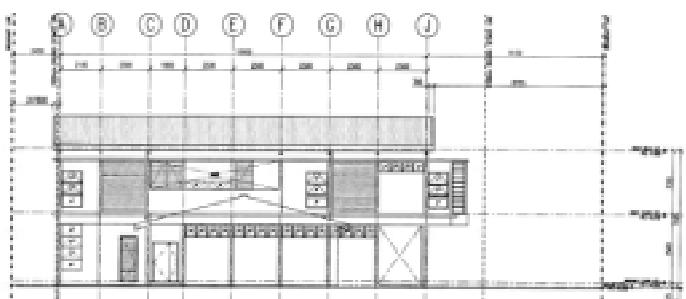
floor is for residential use with one apartment and two other bedrooms to host traveling guests.

The architecture is a contemporary approach to the 70's modernism stylistics, which allows it to blend better with the existing houses in Section 5, P.J., including the existing building on site. Total built up area of the extension building is approximately 3,800 square feet.

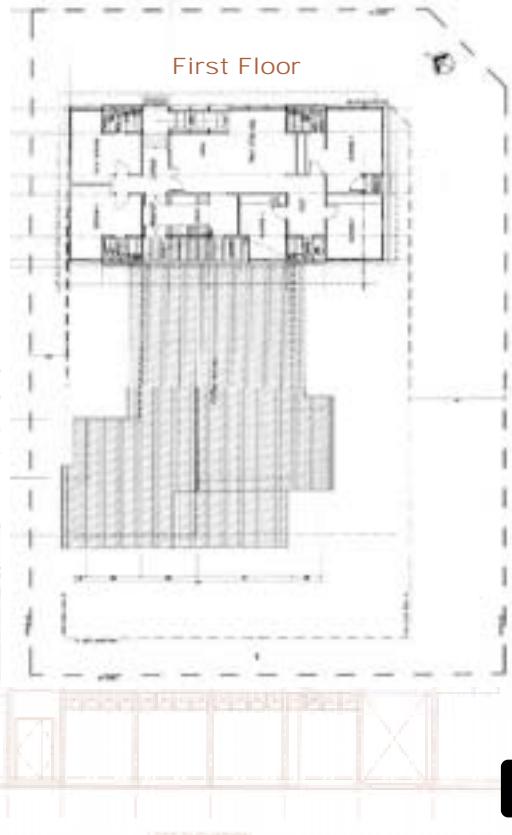
The total budget for project amounts to RM 800,000 with the following breakdowns: RM 600,000 construction of new building; RM 100,000 furniture, fittings, and equipments; and RM 100,000 upgrading and renovation of existing building (new electrical wiring, plumbing and roof structure). A



Front Elevation



Left Elevation



The Prayer Shield

By Mark Goodwin



In ROMANS 15:30 Paul says, "I urge you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me." This was a man of great prayer. Sometimes with his apostolic team he would pray late into the evening for many things concerning his life and ministry. But he knew that this was not enough. Paul knew that he needed others to regularly pray for him. So he said to them, "join me". ..join my team and pray for me. In I THESSALONIANS 5:25 He says "Brothers, pray for us."

**Do you have a group of people that regularly prays for you?
This article will explain how to establish your own prayer shield.**

How To Develop A Prayer Shield

Get The Vision For It

First of all you must have a vision for it. You have to see the need for it. You must desire it. Ask God to give you a group of people that will form a prayer shield around your life and ministry. Jesus said, "Seek and ye shall find." It won't happen in a day or even a month. A solid prayer shield will take months to establish properly.

Ask Others To Pray For You

Begin by asking others to pray for you. Jesus said "Ask and you will receive." You can do this by a general letter, by Email, personally, by phone or from the pulpit. Don't be ashamed of doing this. As people join with you in prayer they will be rewarded one day for doing so. God has no limit to His eternal rewards. In fact he wants to reward the people who pray for

you with a reward very similar to the one you will receive. If you encourage people to be on your prayer shield they will be appreciative to you for all of eternity.

It Must Be 100% Voluntary

After you have gotten the names of those who are going to be a part of your prayer shield you have to teach them what their responsibilities are. In all of this it must be clearly expressed that this is completely voluntary on their part. You may want to ask them to make a temporary commitment for one month and then ask them for a one year commitment. But everything you ask them to do must spring from their love to you and desire to serve the Lord in this way. There must be no legalistic pressure placed on anyone.





CommunicateRegularly

You must write to the members of your prayer shield regularly. How often depends on the situation. It might be that you want to do it once a week. Others might want to do it once a month with special communications when there is a greater time of ministry. The best way in our modern world is via Email. If you decide to do it weekly then set aside one day of the week where you commit yourself to writing to everyone on your prayer shield.

Talk about the difficult things you are facing and then share with them about the victories. 2 Corinthians 1:10-11 says, "He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. As you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many."

MakeAListOf PrayerRequests

Make up a list of prayer items. Here is an example of Paul's prayer list.

ROMANS 15:31. Pray that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea

Pray that my service in Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints there, v32 Pray that by God's will I may come to you with joy and together with you be refreshed. Paul asked them to pray for specific things that he was facing.

PrayForEveryMemberOf YourPrayerShield

Pastors should pray for those on their prayer shield. Philemon 14 says I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers. At least once a week and possibly daily pray for those on your prayer shield. Encourage them to write to you about prayer requests in their own lives and believe God together for real a break thorough in their lives as well.

VisitThemAndLetThem VisitYouInYourMinistry

In Philemon 1:4 Paul says, "I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers. And one thing more: Prepare a guest room for me, because I hope to be restored to you in answer to your prayers.

TrainTheWomen InYourPrayerShield

In Philippians 4:3 Paul speaks about "these women who have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel." In this intercession group we must appreciate the place of women. This is especially true when there is a prophetic dimension to their lives. Historically God has used women more than men in this area of prayer and intercession. We must encourage and train up these women in this area.

HaveThemReady ForCrisisIntercession

You need to have people ready to pray at a moments notice when something urgent comes up. This week we received a wonderful testimony about this. Pastor P. in Burma was taught about the prayer shield and felt led to set it up earlier this year. About one month ago he was arrested and placed in jail for several weeks. When he got out of jail last week he gave this testimony, "The thing that sustained me under torture were the saints in my prayer shield who were praying for me. They set up prayer for me around the clock. My interrogators asked me why I was smiling when they



were torturing me. I told them about those who were praying for me. It made all the difference in the world!"

TrainThemToHearFrom TheLordDirectly

We must all be filled with the Holy Spirit all the time. Twenty-four seven. If the enemy is getting ready to attack or if there is a major conflict on the horizon then the Lord wants to reveal that to those in the prayer shield. The best example of this is in the life of Peter. Jesus, The Great Intercessor is acting as Peter's prayer shield in this instance. He told Peter that even though there was an attack from Satan coming upon him Jesus had prayed for him so that he could overcome in the coming trial.

TrainThemIn SpiritualWarfare

Let's look at this passage in Ephesians six. If this passage is taken as a whole it is clear that one of the purposes the prayer shield is to contend with the powers of evil on behalf of the one they are praying for. Get the prayer shield to meditate on the phrase: "the flaming arrows of the evil one."

Ephesians 6 tells us to take our stand against the devil's schemes. That our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

That above everything else there is a need to take up the shield of faith, with which you can

extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

Accountability

Members of the prayer shield need to pray for your holiness. That you be free from all sin. One of the areas we believe needs to be attended to is the area of the internet. Programs like Covenant Eyes can be placed on your computer with one of the members of the prayer shield acting as a watchman over that area of your life.

HaveMembersOfThe PrayerShieldPrayForYou DuringSpecificTimesWhen YouArePreachingOr Ministering

Ephesians 6:19 Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel. Whenever you have a speaking engagement you should have some of the members of the prayer shield be in prayer for you during those times. So if on a Sunday morning you are speaking assign two of them to pray during that time. If there is a time of ministry to people after the service have them praying





during that time as well. If there is a time of praying for the sick or casting out demons have them pray for you during those times as well. One of the secrets of a powerful anointed ministry in the pulpit is to have someone on your prayer shield raising hands to heaven while you are preaching. We need bold preaching!

Teach Them How To Pray For One Hour

That was what Jesus asked his disciple to do with Him. He said to Peter, "Could you not watch with me one hour? So the members of the prayer shield should try (remember the part about 100% volunteer!) to set aside one hour each week to pray diligently for you. Set the watch at the hour and discipline yourself to stay there for one whole hour. I suggest that each member print out the prayer list that you send out to them each week. Take that into their prayer room and kneel down and pray through that list. After going through the list get up and pray out loud about different things. Pray in the Spirit. Ask the Lord for a prophetic anointing in prayer. Ask Him to speak to you directly about things to pray for.

Teach Them How To Guard Things In Secret

Sometimes there are sensitive things that we need to pray for. The members of the prayer shield should be trained to not speak about these things. In some cases even to their own wives or husbands.

Prayer Shield Responsibilities

Pick a day that you are going to set aside to pray. If it is Tuesday then do it every Tuesday. Print out the week's prayer requests to take with you into your prayer room. A PSC (Prayer Shield Communication) should arrive regularly. Plan the approximate time of the day that you are going to do it. If it is 10 A.M. be disciplined to be there! Pledge



yourself to a certain time to be in prayer. It could be only fifteen minutes to begin with. It might end up being one hour as we grow in faith and experience. Set the clock and keep to the time you have committed to pray. As always the secret to prayer is to set aside time to pray. Pick a day that you are going to set aside to pray. If it is Tuesday then do it every Tuesday. Print out the week's prayer requests to take with you into your prayer room.

Plan a time to pray with the one or two other members of your Whirlwind team. If you live near each other plan a regular time of prayer together possible once a month.

In 2 Corinthians 1:11 Paul says "Help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many." The perfect plan of God for your ministry is to have a group of people, a Prayer Shield, regularly praying for you. Then watch as God unleashes tremendous blessings upon your life and ministry in answer to the prayers of many. A

EquippedToGO!



A group of people has been meeting at TRAC office every first Monday of the month to pray for Myanmar. At the same time, preparation is being made for a group of 4 members of TRAC churches to go to Yangon to set up a Community Computer Center and to train selected Methodist youths and Pastors and youths there in using computers and Bible software.

Here is the short article to go with the photograph of Bishop Mawia

In June, Bishop Mawia of the Methodist Church of Lower Myanmar attended the Bishops Conference. Arrangement was made to hold a special meeting with him to update us on the situation in Myanmar after our visit to 125th Anniversary last year. Invitation was made to TRAC churches in the Wilayah and Selangor Districts. There were 14 present from WMC KL, EMC, SSMC, CMC Ampang and TMC Sg Buloh together with staff of TRAC office. A

For A Worthy Course...

Photo shows (from left) Rev. Bah Uda, Rev. Ong Hwai Teik, Rev. Hwa Jen and Dato Daniel Tay holding up the mock cheque of RM30, 000 which was raised at the guest night dinner in conjunction with the 29th Session, TRAC Annual Conference. The actual amount raised for the Sengoi Endowment Fund was RM34.082. We wish to thank all those who had donated so generously on that night. A



Introducing Our New Missions & Prayer Coordinator



My name is Cheah Lee Mun. I come from Penang, where I was born and grew up. While in Penang, I enjoyed being a part of the Air Itam Chinese Methodist Church, Penang.

I joined TRAC as the Missions & Prayer Coordinator on 15 March 2005. Prior to joining TRAC I was doing accounts, first in private companies and later in Christian organizations. I have always enjoyed accounting. So I was thankful that even after my theological training, God opened the ways for me to serve Him in the area of accounts.

In August 2002, God brought me to Christ Methodist Church,

Ampang (CMC). In many ways this is the church I was hoping to find when I came to KL. So I was able to settle in fairly quickly. As I became more and more involved in CMC, I felt I wanted to do more in church ministry.

I was still doing accounts then in a missions organization.

Then came a point in time when I felt I had to make a choice. I decided to let go accounts.

I took up this position with TRAC knowing very well that it is new. In the area of Prayer, I am assisting the Prayer Director to coordinate in mobilizing TRAC churches to pray as a united family. In the area of Missions, I will take the initiative to get in touch with churches to understand what each church is already doing. Then I will make approaches to churches to explore the possibilities of working in partnership with TRAC. Ultimately, I hope that as a family in TRAC, we will see our Missions Board actively sending workers into the mission fields. A

AWorldOf AppreciationFrom Jesseca &PeterJohan

**Dear Brothers
& Sisters In Christ,**

Peter and I would like to thank you for the love gifts, funds, support, kindness and care that you have shown us. Although we miss Paul greatly, we know and believe that he is in a much better place and that we will one day see him again. Thank you too for all your prayers. We thank god for providing me with a job in the seminary Theoloji Malaysia library. May God bless you abundantly.

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." Jer. 29:11A

The Methodist Church in Malaysia requires a Property Officer to assist the Secretary of the Trustees of the Methodist Church in Malaysia on Church property matters including liaison with churches and government agencies and managing the Trustees office.

Requirements:

- Degree or its equivalent
- Good communication skills
- Team work ability
- Good command of English and Bahasa Malaysia
- Computer-literate
- Relevant experience in property maintenance

Please apply to:
Administrative Secretary
Methodist Headquarters
No. 69, Jalan 5/31
46000 Petaling Jaya.

e-mail:
gc@methodistchurch.org.my

VACANCY

http://www.TRAC.org.my

TRAC Website Launched!

In keeping with the advancements in this technological age, TRAC has launched its own website, <http://www.TRAC.org.my>. Every effort will be made through this website to keep churches, members and friends updated on information and developments in our Methodist Church, with special emphasis on TRAC and the churches in her conference. It is our prayer that this website will cultivate and further enhance our sense of oneness and identity as Methodists within the family of God.

