

# MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORIAL TEAM

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

May the peace of our Lord be with you all.

What was our Lord Jesus Christ's mission on earth? His mission was to fulfil His Father's will (John 4:34, John 5:30, John 6:38). In other words, his mission was to give his people eternal life through redemption by his blood.

What is the mission for Christians? Our mission is to love and to share. However, love is the foundation for us to go on missions to share the Gospel. This is because we love all those who have not heard the truth. Our Lord had modelled for us by faithfully obeying our heavenly Father's commands. We, as his disciples, will do likewise by obeying our Lord's instructions (John 16:15, John 20:21, Rom. 10:14, Matt. 28:18-20). Jesus gave more specificity to this mission when, just before his ascension into heaven, he said to his disciples, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the end of the age." Jesus tells us clearly what to do, where to do it, and how to do it. We only need to lean on Him who is with us now and always. It is our Lord's will that we shall work together with Him (2 Cor. 6:1) to bring people to repentance and be saved (2 Peter 3:9).

One of the harvest fields for us is to do evangelism actively to our surrounding community as envisaged in our Church's vision as a communal church. We have to really focus and reach out intentionally to our neighbourhood. In doing so, we need more workers. As stated in Matthew 9: 37-38; "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few". This scenario is also similar to most ministries in TTMC. Thus, it is our fervent hope and prayer that more congregations will take initiative to join us in embracing God's salvation plan to all through serving in the various TTMC ministries.

Let us all shine for our Lord Jesus Christ and be a faithful thriving church like the Smyrna or the Philadelphia Church.

Blessings, Editorial Team



# MESSAGE FROM TTMC PASTOR

Rev. Candy Liong

Jesus Christ said, "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

Light and darkness cannot exist together. Light illuminates the darkness. When there is light, the darkness will not be able to overcome it.

In the Bible, God uses light to refer to 'hope'. Before the creation of the universe, there was darkness and chaos everywhere. God then created light. The light removed the darkness and chaos. There was hope. Light also represents goodness, holiness and life. Our God is light (1 John 1:5). He is holy and He is good.

As believers, we are to bear Christ's light. It means, we are to do good deeds to others and live a life of holiness. It is so that others see the works that we do and praise our Father in Heaven.

TTMC strives to be a communal church. Through its various ministries, our church reaches out to the community, cares for the students at the schools and nurtures the Christians in the church. May God inspire us to bring hope to those who are hopeless, to do goodness to those who are wounded and marginalised in the society and to live a life of holiness as an example to others. May TTMC continue to shine for God and bring His light and love to the people around us so that they too will experience His love through us.



# MESSAGE FROM TTMC LAY LEADER

Dr Simon Wong CK

# WHAT IS THE DIRECTION FOR TABUAN TMC IN THE COMING YEARS?

In order to achieve our Vision as a Communal Church, our Goals must be two-fold:

Goal 1 - Inward Growing: Grow, Glow & Disciple-making.

Goal 2 - Outward Reaching: Sharing Gospel and Engaging Our Immediate

#### Community.

For the past 6-7 years, we had focused on building up our people especially on discipleship. We pray we are glowing brightly and shining Jesus's light in the community. While we continue to dwell on Goal 1, we will seek to do more of Goal 2 in the coming years. For this to happen, we need to mobilize the congregation, empower small groups or service groups to come together individually or as combined groups to participate and serve. Our church must be readily open to welcome new people, including non-believers. At the same time, our minds need to be transformed to intentionally reach out, by sharing the gospel and engaging our immediate neighbours including the Tabuan Laru residents.

Evangelism is part and parcel of christian living in the neighbourhood. We need to be prepared and equipped to handle this challenge.

Meanwhile, we have to bear with 'congestion' in the church as our members increased from 111 to 274. These are physical constraints that we have to overcome. Let us pray hard asking God for a better solution to accommodate our needs in worship, meetings, fellowships and gatherings especially Sunday School, Boys' Brigade, etc. In the meantime, we need to be accommodative to each other in sharing resources and facilities effectively.

\* Our Vision/Goals in pictorial form.

Vision: A Growing Communal Church Mission Statement- To be and to make disciples of Christ

1. Church (Inward Growing)
Goal-Grow, Glow & Disciples
Making

Plans: Sunday WS, Thursday prayer, Daily Devotion, SG(8Ws), BS, Family Worship, Baptism & Confirmation. Disciples classes, seminars, SS and Youth Development. 2. Church (Outward Reaching)
Goal-Reaching Out, Share Gospel,
Practice Communal Living

<u>Plans:</u> Home Visitation, Outreach to immediate neighbors/students/ youth;

Targets: SWS@ SMKTJ; SK Tabuan Ulu, KAA, Light House Kapit/STEM

3. Church Support Light House/STEM,

KAA, Living Hope
PP SMK Tabuan
Jaya, SK Tabuan
Ulu.

More on Outward Reaching (2)
SG – Practise 8 Ws -Service and
active participation; Church
Family Camp
SS, Youth, BB, SG- welcoming
new people
WM-PW/ guitar promotion
training
CSC-SK Tabuan Ulu
M&E – Evangelism to
neighbourhood
(Gideon evangelism tool)
CE - Short Disciple class,
Seminar
Youth- Youth Convention &
Zeekers Fellowship
Pastoral group- selective
leadership short course
Mission – Korean Language &
Caté Outreach
Church Premises – Re-enforce
Safety Measures & New
Land/Church Expansion

Each plan and every action under each goal are meant to achieve the two goals in order to realize our Vision. Our Focus of Actions in 2024 is shown in the orange column.

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

by Ting Kong Yu

#### Introduction

What comes to your mind when you see the picture on the right? Yes, this picture is illustrating Jesus's parable of "Wise and Foolish Builders" to sum up His 'Sermon On The Mount' as recorded in Mathew chapter 5 to 7. Who is the wise man who built his house on a rock that can withstand all kinds of weather? Jesus says the wise man is "everyone who hears these



words of mine and puts them into practice". After delivering a long sermon exhorting his followers to be salt and light in every aspect of a believer's life. Jesus reminds his audience to follow and practise what He teaches, otherwise they will be like the foolish man who built his house on the sand and unable to withstand any small challenges in their faith. Jesus also warned his followers to hold fast to the word of God and be on constant guard against the wrong teachings of false prophets.

In recognising the importance of knowing and understanding God's word and putting them into practice and standing firm on our faith, our church had organised the following activities in 2023.

#### (a) Basic Bible Study

Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31-32). In order to help all our church members to know and be rooted in the Word, the church organise the following Bible Studies:

a) Basic Christian Belief: This study is a 16 weeks one-hour Bible Study to reinforce the understanding of our basic Christian faith which every believer must know, e.g. what is Bible, who is God, conflict with sin, etc. This course will cover the key essentials of Christian faith as described in the Methodist Manual.

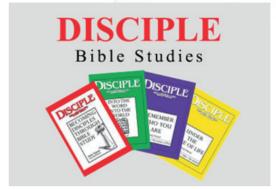


After the completion of the course, one of the participants says, "My name is Alice Lau. I am a new believer in Christianity. Prior to my newfound faith, I had little knowledge in Christianity. However, through the enlightening words and teachings from our Bible Study, I have found inspiration and have come to embrace Christ. I am now one of His beloved children. Through this experience, I have been deeply moved and transformed by the wisdom and love found in God's words."

#### (b) Disciple Program

It is a disciplined Bible study which aims at helping a believer to further his spiritual growth. This study allocates equal time to the Old and New Testaments, emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as a revelation of God. There are 4 main modules:

*i. Disciple Red:* Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study, is the Foundational Overview. This first DISCIPLE Bible study serves as the



basis for all other studies in the DISCIPLE family subsequently. Over the period of 34 weeks, it covers the entire Bible (Old and New Testaments), following the biblical story from Creation to New Jerusalem. After completing this module, one may join any of the following three remaining Disciple modules (all 32 weeks) according to your need.

- *ii. Disciple Green:* Into The Word Into The World offers a deeper examination of Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts. It emphasizes the rhythm of coming to God and going for God..., approaching all experiences of life as opportunities for faithful witness and service.
- *iii. Disciple Purple:* Remember Who You Are examines the connection between memory and identity as the people of God in the Old Testament Prophets and the Letters of Paul. Participants will find common themes, including calls to remember, calls to repent, calls for renewal, and calls for community.
- *iv. Disciple Gold:* Under the Tree of Life, conveys the promise of finding shelter, security, and rest in God's love, through the study of the Old Testament Writings, the Gospel of John, the Epistles of John, James, Jude and finally, Revelation. Participants will see the entire process of living toward final completion of rest and reward.

And after completing all the four Disciples, one may consider joining *Companions in Christ*. The Companions in Christ (CIC) offers a powerfully transforming small-group experience that builds spiritual practices within congregations, helping participants to be more fully open to God and to one another.



One of the participants, Joyce, shared at the end of the Green Disciple, "Embarking on the Disciple Green journey has been a profound and transformative experience in my Christian education....

This experience transcends the boundaries of conventional education; it is a catalyst for profound spiritual transformation. It has fortified my faith, equipping me with the tools to navigate life's trials with grace and wisdom. Through Disciple Green, I discovered a deeper connection with God, a clearer sense of purpose, and a renewed faith for living out His teachings."

#### (c) Daily Devotion

Acts 17:11 recorded that Berean Jews "received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true". The Berean Jews are good role models for us in that beside listening to God's Word, sermons, etc, we should also study God's Word daily.

The church is encouraging all church members to build up the discipline of doing daily devotion, basically setting apart a time daily with God, through reading the Bible, meditates on the Word of God, praying and worshiping God.

The church has suggested two daily devotion materials to help the church members doing the daily devotion, namely:

- *i. Our Daily Bread* (free quarterly publication from ODB). You may contact the church office to reserve a copy.
- *ii. Daily Living Water.* This series consists of 12 books annually. These books provide many useful guides to do daily devotion, covering the whole Bible in approximately 5 years. The Church will subsidise the subscription for all church members.

All members are encouraged to join the above programs to fortify our faith. The timing will be announced in the church bulletin.

# SMALL GROUPS MINISTRY

By Wong Changi

I vividly recalled the evening when I received a phone call from Rev. Candy, asking me to take the role of a coordinator for the small group (SG) ministry. I still remembered I called my mom and Audrey (my SG's mentor) to seek their opinions on whether I was qualified for this ministry. The questions of "being too young, not good enough, not having deep bible knowledge", etc. were some of my stumbling blocks and worries. Nevertheless I was encouraged by my mom and Audrey to take this challenge. I am glad that I obeyed and faithfully accepted to serve God in this ministry. That was three years ago and still counting. I really thank God for His abundant mercy and grace to have the church and SG leaders guiding and supporting me whenever I encountered problems throughout this journey of faith. In addition to that, my SG also plays a crucial role in my spiritual journey. I can openly share my struggles with my SG members who would support and pray for me. Apart from learning and sharing God's words with them, I am always encouraged by Audrey's personal testimonies and her sacrificial love for God. She is always willing to sacrifice her time serving in various church ministries and taking care of the three young adult SGs. Small group is also a place where I have fun during the fellowship and enjoy good food with them.

Tabuan Trinity Methodist Church (TTMC) currently has 13 SGs that have persevered through the Covid-19 pandemic. Most of the groups have transitioned from online platforms to physical meetings now. As a growing communal church, with the mission of "to be and to make disciples of Christ", SG ministry will be focusing on the outward reaching to the neighborhood of TTMC.



Celebrating answered prayers of SG members



Bible study



Mid Autumn Festival gathering 2023

We will practice the 8 Ws: "Word, Warm, Warfare, Work, Welfare, Worship, Welcoming, and Witnessing".

In the upcoming year of 2024, we will be organizing two major events: mid-autumn festival gathering and church family camp. We encourage every SG member to participate in these events. Besides that, we also encourage the members to serve in various church ministries such as praise and worship, Boys Brigade, Sunday school, Students' ministry, etc. We praise the Lord in that we already have few SGs which have agreed to participate in certain church ministries. Jalan Song SG is taking care of the SMKTJ students whereas Friday Young Adult SG has started Toddler Sunday school and also taking care of the hygiene and health needs of SKTU students.



In SG, we encourage and support each other, sharing our blessings, struggles and weaknesses. We also pray for one another, disciple one another, sing praises to God, study His words, and grow deeper in faith. Most importantly, being part of a SG fosters a sense of belonging to the church. So, if you have not joined any SG yet, I strongly encourage you to consider joining one now. You can contact Rev. Candy, Audrey, or me for further inquiries. More information can be found in the Barcode.

### YOUTH MINISTRY

By Jacob Ting King Soon

At TTMC, we're excited to share the incredible journey of our Youth Ministry! Our passion is to create a space where young hearts and minds can thrive, grow and discover their purpose in a supportive community. Here's a glimpse into the impactful work we do:





#### A Place of Belonging:

Our Youth Ministry isn't just a program; it's a family. We provide a safe and inclusive environment where teenagers can forge lasting friendships and find mentors who genuinely care about their well-being.

#### **Exploring Faith Together:**

Guided by faith, we dive into meaningful discussions, Bible studies, and spiritual reflections. We're all about asking tough questions, seeking answers, and fostering a deeper understanding of God's love.

#### **Worship and Creativity:**

Music, art, and creative expression are integral parts of our ministry. Through uplifting worship sessions and creative projects, we encourage young individuals to connect with their faith in innovative ways. We also encourage youths to participate in the ministry of the church, in particular the Praise and Worship Ministry.

#### **Nurturing Leaders:**

We believe in empowering young leaders. Youths of TTMC start by serving in the youth committee in honing their leadership and organizational skills.

#### **Growing Together:**

Growing together in a church youth fellowship is about building a strong spiritual foundation, forming lasting relationships and gaining the skills as well as knowledge needed to navigate the complexities of life while maintaining one's faith. It can be a transformative and positive experience for many young people.

<u>Ioin Us!</u>: Whether you're a teenager seeking a community to belong to, a parent looking for a nurturing environment for your child or someone passionate about supporting young people, we invite you to join our Youth Ministry at TTMC.





# CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

by Clement Wong Teck Hoo

Shalom brothers and sisters in Christ. In line with TTMC's focus for the year 2024, namely 'inward growing' and 'outward reaching', the Social Concern Ministry (SCM) will focus on outward reaching. The Goal is to reach out to the community, share Gospel and practise communal living. For the current year, SCM has carried out several community projects.

#### Amongst others are:

- (1) supporting Kuching Autistic Association (KAA) for their food charity, assisting in the sales of KAA's merchandise and also gotong-royong to spring clean their centre
- (2) giving monthly food aid to the students of SMK Tabuan Jaya
- (3) sponsoring school uniforms and shoes to 110 students of SK Tabuan Ulu and also donating pre-loved clothing to the students.
- (4) home visitations to the elderly and sick
- (5) Samaritan funds to financially support those in need
- (6) attending wakes to give emotional support to those who lost their loved ones, and
- (7) donating electrical appliances and food to the Cheshire Home, Kuching.



# Gotong Royong cum Get-Together Sessions @ Kuching Autistic Association



Date :18th August 2023 (Friday)

Time: 8.30a.m. - 11.30a.m.

Venue: Kuching Autistic Association

Lot 5492, Block 225 KNLD, Lorong 15 Jalan Desa Wira, Batu Kawa, 93250 Kuching, Sarawak.





Supporting for their food charity

Selling of KAA's merchandises after Sunday Service

Apart from the on-going projects that have been carried out in the year 2023, SCM's plans for the upcoming year would primarily focus on SK Tabuan Ulu as the new area for TTMC's outward reaching. There are many poor students in SK Tabuan Jaya and SCM plans to assist these students to elevate their quality of life. SCM plans to:-

- (i) organize a talk on the legal aspect of the Child Act. This is to create awareness amongst the parents that it is an offense under the law for their failure to send their children to attend primary education
- (ii) sponsor the students' outing to Borneo Happy Farm
- (iii) provide counseling training by professional counselors to the teachers in order to equip them with the skills to counsel the students
- (iv) continue to provide school uniforms and shoes to needy students.
- (v) BB Love Box during Christmas, and
- (vi) organize Health & Hygiene medical talks given by our doctors to the Primary 4 , 5 & 6 students on puberty & how to care for themselves.

Lastly, we hope more brothers and sisters will join SCM in the coming years and participate in our community projects for 'outward reaching'. May the name of our Lord be glorified, Amen.



School Uniform & Shoes Project for SK Tabuan Ulu



PRE-LOVED CLOTHING TO SK TABUAN ULU
All the pre-loved clothing were washed and sorted into different categories before sending to the school



Food Aid to Students of SMK Tabuan Jaya

Christmas 2022

August 2023

# **MEMBERSHIP & EVANGELISM MINISTRY**

By Noreen Tan

First and foremost we must give thanks and all glory to God for He has brought TTMC through the pandemic outbreak in the last few years. Our members and worshippers have come back for physical worship now. Praising the Lord for the increase of full members from 111 (when the Church was first constituted in 2017) to 277 now.

We have two Worship Services every Sunday. One in the morning at 8:30am and the other one at 5pm in the evening. We have an average of about 140 worshippers in the morning and 60 in the evening. This does not include Sunday School children.

We are working closely with a team of faithful workers in the following areas:

- a) Welcoming/Engaging Team the team welcomes everyone who comes to the church to make them feel at home.
- b) Post -Sunday Worship Refreshment Team the team prepares light refreshment to encourage worshippers to stay back for fellowship with one another.
- c) Home Visitation Team the team intentionally endeavors to visit worshippers at their home.

We also work closely with Christian Education to encourage newly baptized members to join Basic Bible Study. This will equip them with the basic truths which are very essential for building up their strong Christian faith as disciples of Christ. We fervently hope they will in turn make disciples for Christ as they progress in their spiritual maturity. (Matthew 20:18-20). This is in tandem with our TTMC's Mission Statement: *To be and to make disciples of Christ.* 

In 2024, we will focus more on evangelism. We will encourage the congregation to join a short evangelistic course. They will be equipped with the knowledge on how to share the gospel with our immediate neighbours at Tabuan Laru, our family members, relatives and friends. At the same time, they will also show their love, care and concern to them and invite them to worship with us at TTMC.

Let's pray that as a Body of Christ in TTMC, we will work together and obey the Great Commission for the extension of God's kingdom in our community.



Infant baptism class

Infant baptism



Baptism & Confirmation on Thanksgiving Sunday, Aug 2023

Post WS refreshment

# OUTREACH TESTIMONY

By Joy Jho

My name is Joy. I just came back from a training called DTS a week ago. DTS stands for Disciple Training School. It is a six-month training which consists of 3 months of lectures and 3 months of outreach. In this training, we learned to interact, grew deeper in our relationship with God and experienced reaching out in a multicultural community. I had my DTS in Jeju, Korea. We went on an outreach program to Mongolia and Taiwan. I am going to share a little bit about my outreach experience.



All the DTS participants were divided into two groups. My group was called 'Light Up'. The first country we went to is Mongolia. We spent one-month doing outreach focusing on helping the BM (Bless Mongolia) Ministry. We gave out bibles to the rural areas in Mongolia. During this time, we had a chance to sleep in 'Ger', which is the traditional Mongolian tent. We went to people's houses to share the Gospel and our testimonies. We also had a time of blessing the Mongolian families when we visited their houses and prayed for them. Besides, we conducted the children ministry, where we taught them English, worship songs and did some fun activities like games and face painting.

After Mongolia, we went to Taiwan for about three weeks. We stayed in Dansui. We did a lot of ministries, amongst them we did the prayer walks and street evangelism in Dansui. We showed the local people the location of local churches and told them Jesus loves them. The Taiwanese are not receptive to the gospel. We used Korean Culture to approach them, especially the youths with some Kpop and worship dances. We also made some Korean food to attract them and had fun playing some Korean traditional games.

What I learned from the DTS and outreach is that God is in control. He is omnipotent and omnipresent. This trip opened my eyes to see how God works through the people and through the ministries. I also learned how to be dependent on Him to get the job done. This training also helped me to grow in faith together in a community with different people of different backgrounds. This is the biggest lesson I learned despite some hardships and conflicts on certain issues. I found myself drawing so much closer to God through worship and prayers.

DTS is available all over the world for all ages. I strongly recommend you to take up this training, which is good for your spiritual growth.



## PERSONAL TESTIMONY

By Captain Bong Kui Chiew

#### God's calling to serve out of retirement

In general, the average age of retirement is 65 for males and 63.5 for females, based on Wikipedia finding. There is a tendency to increase the retirement age all over the world. The latest technology of AI ChatGPT defines retirement as to let go of what was done for years and start a new chapter of living by having some hobbies, leisure, maintaining physical health etc. What do you think is the age that we should retire?

For most Asians, the general perception for retirement is 'we must have enough money' because of the high cost of living, yearly inflation and other reasons. A recent TV news in Malaysia on 6/11/2023 reported that one needs to have RM3.9 million in order to retire comfortably. Do we agree?

At the end of 2002, I started to pursue my business in order to support my family, not so much as to accumulate that amount as reported above. Since my business requires my full attention and time, I had no choice but to leave 2nd Kuching TMC BB. However, after about 10 years of running around, I found my life was meaningless and empty. So I prayed for several years, asking God to grant me a way to come back to serve Him again in order to prepare myself a plan before I retire. My prayers were only answered in March 2019. God truly opened a way for me when Rev. Poh Chin Sing announced that TTMC was going to start a BB ministry during one of the Sunday services. This new ministry needed some officers to start off. I believed that it was the faith that I hold firmly in God, based on what I was taught through the BB motto "Sure & Steadfast" which was taken from Hebrews 6:19 – HOPE, LOVE & FAITH.

After 17 years since I left 2nd Kuching (TMC), I returned to BB in 2019. I was 49 years old then. For most of the youth uniformed organizations, 49 years old is far beyond retirement age. I came out of retirement to serve our Lord again because I was strongly encouraged by the faithfulness of Moses. He was 80 years old when he was called by God to lead the Israelites out of Egypt and he faithfully served God for the next 40 years leading the Israelites wandering in the wilderness. The first 40 years for Moses was to equip himself. The next 40 years was spiritual preparation and the last 40 years for him was the path of His mission.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11.

It is important to live a balanced life of Physical, Mental and Spiritual Health. Our spiritual well-being is far more important than our material possession. "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Isn't life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?" Matthew 6:25-27

We must set our devotion time with the Lord so that we can discern His purpose in our life. I strongly encourage those who have not yet made up your mind to serve Him in whatever ministries, to put on the "Armour of God", rise up and advance as a "Warrior" regardless of your age.

In His name we serve.

# PERSONAL TESTIMONY

by Ho Boon Heong

#### My rollercoaster journey to my Salvation

In the beginning of my life, I was brought up in an environment believing in things such as curses, revenge, black magics, self-centeredness and so on. The list never ends. I was a very negative and proud person then and the worst thing was I felt good about that.



Even though there were a lot of things that had happened to me in my life (good or bad), I never even once said thank you to God because I believed in a lot of 'gods'. Whatever good things happened to me were my own achievement and whatever bad things happened to me were caused by someone else. I always had a finger pointing attitude.

In my opinion, no one could change my mind about what I believed.

Then in 2017, I felt sick due to a mild stroke. I was immobilized on the hospital bed for about a few days. That moment was the scariest thing that had ever happened to me and my family. I said to myself at that time, 'That's it, I am done.'

Then on the fourth day, I was drifting away towards a beautiful spiral of light which I had never seen before in my life. The light was so gentle that I felt so calm and for the very first time I felt peace in my life. I was still subconscious at that time and I thought my time was near.

Then, out of nowhere, I heard the voice of my father in-law drumming in my ears saying, 'Ehh, don't go there, it is not your time yet.'

Suddenly, I woke up in the hospital bed with my toes starting to move, followed by my fingers one by one, arms, legs and finally my whole body after a few days. At that instant, I knew there was something beyond my self-ego that was doing the trick on me. I believed it was the Holy Spirit.

That evening, I was discharged by the hospital and the doctor told me, 'We don't know what had happened, but we believe you will be ok.'

After all these incidents, it still took me years to believe in God because of 45 years of brainwashing and hardwiring in my life.

When I recalled all the incidents that had happened in my life:

- 1. When I was 5 years old, I fell into the river in Brunei and I was saved by a passing fisherman.
- 2. In 1995, I worked for one of the civil consultant firms in Kuching. I was once lost in the jungle during one work assignment. Fortunately, I was found by the local people. I was able to go back to work again the next day.
- 3. In 2003, while picking up my daughter from kindy during a downpour, my car spun 3 times and came back to track at the BDC roundabout.

These are just a few things that I cannot make sense out of them.

Then I realized that all these incidents were destined by God to show me that He was there to save me at every incident.

Now, all the dots are connected. The jigsaw puzzle is clear to me that God is omnipresent. His ways are always higher than mine (Isaiah 55:9).

Someone once asked me why I came so far from the 9th mile to attend the preaching of sermons at TTMC. Well, the answer is I didn't choose which church I wanted to go to worship God. I was guided by something powerful to come to TTMC. I believed it was the Holy Spirit who had touched and warmed my heart, melted the ice crystal formed in my heart a long time ago. God had chosen me for a reason. I do not know why but I am not going to ask because God's plan is always wonderful.

Now, I have faith in God, I put my life in God's Almighty hand.

Now, I feel comfortable going to church.

Now, I found peace within me.

Now, I found peace with God.

Thank you and may God bless us all.

# CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION 2023

Christmas Parade on 2 December 2023





# SMKTJ Pra-Krimas on 4 December 2023









# ${\it PP's}$ love ${\it gifts}$ for SK Tabuan Ulu on 15 December 2023







# Christmas Caroling

at Ah Liong Café / YS food court / e-Mart King Centre on 16 & 17 December 2023







