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@ TALK ABOUT THURSDAY

Goshen Events in May/June 2018

Month of May and June 2018

Date / Day / Time	Venue	Event
Thursday 7.30pm - 10pm (Every week except the 5 th Thursday)	170 Upper Bukit Timah Road #19-01 Bukit Timah Shopping Centre, Singapore 588179	ONE TWENTY@ TALK ABOUT THURSDAY Ministering in Word and praying for the needs of the body of Christ.
Thursday 7.30pm - 10pm (10 th May and 14 th June)	170 Upper Bukit Timah Road #19-01 Bukit Timah Shopping Centre, Singapore 588179	GOSHEN PRAYER MEETING for the persecuted and afflicted brethren.

For other events which may be launched after distribution of this issue, kindly look out for updates on our Goshen's Facebook



Why STAND? By the power of His strength, we aspire to stand firmly through the storms that are sweeping through Asia and the world. In the 3rd issue of our magazine, we want to thank you for partnering us in feeding the persecuted and afflicted church. Let us continue to have the Lord's compassion in our heart.

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SPONSOR A PASTOR PROJECT

for the Persecuted and Afflicted Church

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me” (Matthew 25:35).

Thank you to all those who sponsored a pastor or who wrote letters of encouragement or prayed for them. The pastors' conference in El Nido in February 2018 was a huge success. Through the lessons many discovered their own giftings and ways to be more effective in their ministry. Most of them have been persecuted for their faith and struggling on their own with no social or emotional support. At the conference, they received a much needed refreshing and encouragement from the Lord and from friends in Singapore. Here are some of their testimonies.

Thea

I was deeply hurt and saddened by my 1st church as I was persecuted by a former companion and close friend. Until today, he and other church members still do not want to talk to or associate with me at all.

After I was abandoned by my 1st church, I fasted and asked God, “What is my destiny? What is my gift – pastor, teacher or evangelist?”. Then I saw a vision of an angel and heard the voice of Heaven saying, “Go to a particular place and sow the Word of God, sow the seed”. I told God, “Yes, Lord, I will obey Your instructions”.

I have a family with 6 very young children to



support. It is hard to start from scratch all by yourself with no support from anyone. However, I chose to obey God and have never regretted doing so. He has used me in the ministry to plant churches, casting out of demons in Jesus' name and to pray for healings.

Rosalie

Before I became a Christian, I was a very proud woman who felt that I could do anything I wanted as long as I put my mind to it. As a student I studied very hard and did well in school even though I had to help with the daily household chores.

I accepted Christ at a young age and decided to go to Bible school and serve the Lord full-time. However, my family was not supportive of this decision. They felt that I should get a well-paid job overseas instead of becoming a pastor. But I love the Lord and chose to obey Him rather than my family.

Whilst serving the Lord as a pastor in the mission field, I was badly traumatized and persecuted. I was constantly called a fool and often ridiculed by people. Throughout this very trying period, I had no emotional support from family or friends. All I had was a God who constantly protected, comforted and assured me of His love. I continued serving the Lord because He promised to supply all my needs. He also promised that nothing will separate me from Him.

Even when I was diagnosed with cancer and had to undergo chemotherapy treatments, I did not give up serving the Lord. As far as I am concerned, to live is Christ and to die is gain (Philippians 1:21). This is the Bible verse that spurs me on and motivates me to never to give up.

Analyn

My father was a pastor. At the age of 11, I accepted the Lord and was baptized in the Holy Spirit at a Youth Service. Following my father's footsteps, I went into full-time ministry at age 21. Because I was young and because I was a woman, older pastors/elders would walk out on me during church service when they heard me preaching. I was also persecuted by members in the church who were uncomfortable with the exercise of prophetic gifts. They would find me weird and remove me from involvement in their work. Through the conference I learnt to be more self-aware and discovered my giftings. I also learnt how to overcome my difficulties as a young female pastor.

Alejandro

My youngest sibling conducts Bible studies at our home and was the first to share the gospel with me. At first, I was not open and



avoided the Bible study group altogether. At the age of 24 I was diagnosed with a liver disease and was hospitalized for 7 days. The day I was discharged from hospital was the same day that they had a Bible study session in my home. When they learnt of my physical condition, the members of the group prayed for me and I was miraculously healed from my liver disease.

Since then I dedicated my life to serving the Lord in full-time ministry. However, life is tough as a young pastor. I was constantly persecuted and ridiculed for being young in the faith and I was labelled with all kinds of unpleasant names. I was also persecuted by my own family for giving up a stable and well-paying job to go into full-time ministry. Often, during ministry, I was physically attacked with a knife by drunkards at the squatters' area where I conduct Bible study. I am grateful for the opportunity to attend this conference in El Nido. I discovered my ministerial and mentoring gift which I was not aware of previously and I now have a clearer picture of how I can be more effective in my ministry. 🙏

Names changed to preserve the anonymity of the individuals



DAUNTLESS FAITH IN ACTION

Marisol had a good career in life. She has a Bachelor of Science in education and a certificate in nursing. A pre-school teacher with 17 years of experience.

Life was smooth sailing till she was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2002. She underwent surgery to remove the cancerous cells but the cancer was so aggressive that it quickly spread to her womb. Doctors advised her to start chemotherapy treatments. They also suggested that she undergo another surgery to remove the cancerous cells in her womb.

In her darkest moments of despair, Marisol chose not to question or doubt God. She had no money for chemotherapy treatments or for further rounds of surgery but she had faith in God, the Healer. In spite of her heavily bloated abdomen and deteriorating health condition, she chose to continue serving the Lord. While in the mission field sometime in 2005, God miraculously healed her and graciously gave her a 2nd chance at life. At the end of her 3-month mission trip, doctors declared her cancer free. Hallelujah!

Marisol understands the tremendous financial and emotional burden of having to care for the medically ill because both her parents suffered from cancer and have since gone to be with the Lord.

This experience and her own supernatural healing from cancer ignited her vision and passion for medical missions to the unreached tribes living in the remote mountains of the Philippines. She chose to venture into unknown territory where no man would dare to go, let alone a petite and soft-spoken young lady. Undaunted by the dangers and risks of sharing the gospel to tribal peoples, Marisol and her medical team would spend hours travelling through rough terrain in hot, humid and sometimes wet weather to reach them. They provide free medical & dental services, free medication, haircuts, eye check-ups, free meals for the kids, etc.

Her heart ached and she wept when she realized that these tribal children have no formal education because all births in these remote tribal regions are legally unregistered. The kids roam about their surroundings, while

picking up survival skills from their fathers along the way. It would appear that the poverty cycle and harmful lifestyles are perpetuated from generation to generation. She wanted to help improve the lives of these children but did not know how. As she prayed and sought the Lord for wisdom, He showed her that she could share the gospel to them through Art.

She approached an artist friend for help and spent 3 months learning how to draw and paint. With this basic knowledge of art and a lot of inspiration from the Lord, Marisol taught art and crafts to these uneducated tribal children. Their paintings were then put on sale by Marisol and her team to raise funds for these children and put food on their table.

"If I perish, I perish" (Esther 4:26).

This is the verse in the Bible that gives Marisol and her team the courage to conduct these medical missions. The tribesmen are naturally suspicious and wary of strangers. They have to protect their families, land, culture and beliefs. Any wrong move or word on the part of Marisol and her team could get them killed and no one would be able to locate their bodies in these remote mountainous regions. As such, Marisol and her team constantly look to God for protection and provision. Due to the extreme danger and volatile situations they face, they never fail to pray for the Lord's protection and anointing over every team member months before each scheduled trip.

With an unwavering and relentless faith in the Lord, Marisol boldly shares the gospel with them. She sees good in places where others do not. Her love and embrace of even the most violent and cruel tribesmen changed their hostility to one of acceptance. Through her ministry, many lives have been transformed for Jesus as they give up their old lifestyles to follow Christ.



In her service to the Lord, her motto is to go wherever the Lord calls her. She does not ask "How?" or "Why?". She only asks, "When?" and "Where?". Because she has learnt to trust and obey God absolutely. She knows that when the Lord gives her a special assignment, He will open doors and provide all the needs necessary for her to carry out and complete that assignment.

Would you consider spending a day up close with cannibals or persons infected with the HIV virus? Marisol has. She has previously ministered to cannibals in the jungles on the borders of Papua New Guinea & Indonesia and also taught art therapy to HIV patients dying of AIDS.

Let us pray for God's continued favor to be upon Marisol and her team as they seek to partner with Him to seek and save that which was lost (Luke 19:10). Pray also for divine provision of finance, materials and other resources. Pray also for more laborers and co-workers who will share her burden and passion for the lost.

"So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead" (James 2:17) (ESV).

"But be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (James 1:22) (ESV)

Are you willing to put your faith into action?



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LET US ENCOURAGE SISTER MARISOL AND HER TEAM AS THEY GIVE THEIR ALL TO SERVE, MANY TIMES IN TEARS.

How to write a letter or card to encourage.

We've made it easy for you! Here are some guidelines.

- Start off your letter by introducing yourself a little bit – where you live, what the area is like, your family, your hobbies, and so on.
- Pray and ask the Lord if He has a specific word of encouragement for your readers.
- You can use an encouraging Bible verse and or some Christian greetings such as 'God bless you' and 'May the Lord be with you'.
- The very act of having received your letter will encourage and assure them that they're not forgotten and that someone is praying for them.
- We will be mailing out the letters/cards received from you by end of June 2018. If you wish to receive a reply to your encouragement letter or card, you may provide us with your name and address so that we can forward such replies to you. Many people have developed rewarding relationships in this way, hearing from people who suffer because of their faith.

Happy writing



SCHOOL OF MANTLING EAGLES

The School of Mantling Eagles ("SME") is the other arm of Goshen besides serving the persecuted and afflicted church.

In SME, we aim to educate, equip and minister to the body of Christ. We teach them Godly principles and guide them on how to receive revelations from the Word of God so that they may remain steadfast and strong during the last days.

It grieves us to see our persecuted and afflicted brethren suffering in anguish for their faith. However, we are encouraged when told these brethren had courageously refused to deny Christ in the face of their perpetrators. We pray that they will not succumb to the pain or fear inflicted by their persecutors.

John 15:20 (NASB)

"If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also."

We want to be ready and prepared when troubles come. We should not take peace and the apparent lack of persecution here in Singapore for granted. We need to be watchful

and on the alert for we do not know which day the Lord is coming (Matthew 24:42) and pray that we may have strength to escape all these things that are about to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man (Luke 21:36).

Here at SME, we believe in raising an army of God's people who know their God, are firmly anchored in Him and will do great exploits for Him.

1 Peter 2:9 (NASB)

"But you are a CHOSEN RACE, a ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, a HOLY NATION, a PEOPLE for GOD's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

COURSE AND SEMINARS

Since we started conducting the course "Hearing God's Voice 1" in 2017, about 50 students have been deeply blessed and enriched. This course is a series of 6 lessons taught by Rev. Pat Owyang who is also one of the Directors of Goshen International Ministries Ltd.

The 3rd batch of students called "Team Anna", has just recently completed and graduated from this course with a renewed faith and passion for the Lord. Here are some of their testimonies :-

Sister GK

The impartation of the spiritual gifts, practical exercises and participation made this course very special. It has built up my faith in the Lord. I am now more confident in hearing the Father's voice. It is both exciting and encouraging to see family and friends being blessed and touched by the Lord through me. I am also able to sense more of the presence of the Holy Spirit in my life. My desire to hear God more clearly and accurately have been fulfilled through this course.

I am truly edified and exhorted!

Mostly importantly, I am walking more intimately with the Lord. Attending this course has made me hunger and thirst for more of the spiritual things of God. I am eagerly awaiting my next adventure with God.....

Brother JK

The "biggest takeaway" that happened to me after attending this course is to be able to tangibly feel the presence of the Holy Spirit touching my uplifted hands during praise & worship and prayer.

Since the day I started this course, I have been waking up with a worship song playing in my mind every morning. I have never experienced this before and I just feel the urge to praise and worship Him immediately upon waking.

I also ***began to hear more clearly from God*** speaking to me through words of encouragement or Bible verses. As I was spending time alone

with God and asking Him what His plans are for me in attending this course, the verse 1 Peter 2:2 came to mind, "as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby".

Praise The Lord! Hallelujah!

Sister Ing

I saw the transformation in my cell leader after he completed this course and I longed for the same transformation in my life. Unfortunately, due to my financial situation as a freelancer, I decided not to sign up.

As I was out walking and praying to the Lord I coincidentally bumped into my cell leader at a place he usually does not visit. After this chance meeting, my cell leader called me on my mobile and offered to sponsor me for this course. In that instant, I knew God has something in store for me in this course.

I have learnt so much in the 6 lessons and have received healings from sickness of the body and emotions and felt released into a greater freedom and deepened relationship with God. The practical lessons and assignments have also given me a greater sense of clarity and knowing in my spirit when I pray and minister to others.

God has not just met but EXCEEDED my expectations!

Sister EL

The one thing that I take away from this course is "***do not put God in a box***". I have learnt not to limit what the Almighty God can and will do. Thank you Abba Father!

Follow us on Goshen's face book and look out for more exciting courses coming soon.

Let's learn and grow together in the Lord. 🌟



APRIL 2018 - FOUR MEMBERS OF A CHRISTIAN FAMILY KILLED IN EASTER ATTACK

Easter should have been a joyous time for family gatherings but sadly for one family it was not to be so as 4 members of the same family perished in an unprovoked attack whilst they were travelling through Balochistan's capital city, Quetta.

The four family members, three men and one women, from the different parts of Pakistan were travelling through the Christian suburb of Quetta visiting relatives to celebrate Easter when they had their lives brutally terminated by terrorists allegedly targeting Christians.

The Masih family had just got into a rickshaw in Quetta when two armed attackers opened fire, killing all four of them instantly. A 12-year old girl, Sidra, suffered bullet wounds in the attack and had to be hospitalised for treatment. Sidra's father, Pervaiz Masih, owner and driver of the rickshaw was a resident of Quetta. At the time of the attack, he was transporting his brothers-in-law and sister-in-law who were visiting from Punjab province to celebrate Easter together.

It is reported that the Islamic State ("IS") has claimed responsibility for the attack, quoting that they 'managed to target a number of the combatant Christians' – though police have suggested other extremist groups may be to blame.

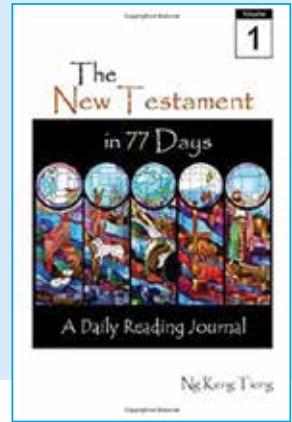
(Source: Morning Star News/Release International)

- Pray that God will heal Sidra of all physical and emotional scars brought on by the trauma of witnessing and surviving such a horrific incident. Ask the Lord to comfort grieving members of her family and friends. Pray that God will provide for the financial needs of the family in the absence of the head of the family.
- Pray for divine protection for Christians especially in the provincial capital of Quetta where extremist groups are targeting Christians. Just a few months ago, before Christmas, a suicide bombing in a Methodist church killed 9 and wounded 50 people. Pray for courage and boldness in the believers here. Pray that they will not cower in fear from such reports but will be even more united in their determination to follow the Lord and obey His commands. Pray for wisdom and discernment and divine protection during times of persecution and affliction. May the Lord's Kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven (Matthew 6 : 10).
- Pray that the enemy's crafty plans for evil will be frustrated and they will achieve no success (Job 5 : 12) against your people. Pray that they will grow weary of a lifestyle of violence and bloodshed and begin to question the meaning and purpose of life. Pray that God will remove their heart of stone and replace it with a heart of flesh to be open to the gospel.
- Pray that these extremists will encounter Christ and be convicted of sin and righteousness. Pray that the Lord Jesus Christ will manifest His Lordship in their dream.

Ecclesiastes 4:12

Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken. 🌿

THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 77 DAYS BY NG KENG TIONG



Reading through the Bible at least once is a big undertaking for many Christians because it requires great discipline as well as determination to stick to a reading plan. Not surprising, many are content to live on bite-sized daily devotionals, while still others prefer theirs buffet-styled allowing them to pick and choose their favourite books or passages. Those bold enough to take up the challenge, however, often find difficulty grasping the essence of what they read and end up discouraged.

If that describes your predicament, fret not. The New Testament in 77 Days is written to put back the joy of reading the Bible. It aims to help you by doing two things. Firstly, building up your stamina for God's Word through a less ambitious

and achievable approach via a systematic book-by-book reading process. Secondly, whetting your spiritual appetite by giving you an introductory overview and structure of each book so you get a better picture before reading it, and supplementing each day's reading with journalistic insights and provocative questions to ponder and meditate. There is no short cut to any worthy endeavor, but if you are willing to persist the reward and satisfaction will follow.

It is my prayer and hope that as you embark on this enriching journey through the New Testament, you will not only rediscover the pleasure of reading God's Word, but also find gems of truth that will have you coming back for more. 🙏

About the Author

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If you are interested to purchase the book, The New Testament in 77 Days written by Ng Keng Tiong, you may email us at admin@gosheninternational.org and get a copy.