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- Passionate about Jesus and love AMKMC
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- Willing to work in a team

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Updates...

Church Anniversary 2008

By Esther Marikea Tan

2008 marks the 30th anniversary of Ang Mo Kio Methodist Church. From our humble beginnings at Mayflower Rise, we have grown to become a congregation of xx members, and yy services at our current location along Ang Mo Kio Street 21. Praise be to our God for His faithfulness in seeing us through these years!



We were delighted to have with us the TRAC President, Rev. Dr. Wee Boon Hup as our guest speaker for the anniversary service conducted on 5th October 2008. His sermon, based on lessons from the book of Isaiah, was aptly titled – Remembering and Rejoicing. He exhorted us to position ourselves to capture the wave of God's move, just like an eagle which positions itself in the wind's powerful draft to soar effortlessly high above the land.

In light of the church's redevelopment project, Rev. Dr. Wee also encouraged us to proceed in faith to build a house of God that will serve the needs of not only the current congregation, but that of the future congregation that God will bless us with. Indeed, we are to stretch the place of our tents so we can do more for the kingdom of God!

After the service, more than 600 people adjourned to the anniversary dinner held at the Grassroots Club in Yio Chu Kang. It was a wonderful night of rejoicing and remembrance of His goodness toward us and hope for more to come!

Healing Service 2008

By Sue Chiam

We give thanks and glory to God for the way He avails and prevails throughout the Healing Service on 20 Sep 08, Saturday. A total of 131 came. And yes, we give thanks to God for Brother Henson, the worship team and all prayer leaders present that evening for availing and prevailing through.



Indeed the anointing was strong right from the pre-service prayer led by Rina. During ministry, many came forward to seek prayer and Brother Henson ministered relentlessly. Though the people were dismissed at 10 pm many still stayed on to seek prayers. By the time the last of us left the sanctuary, it was 10.55 pm!

Many were awed as God brought miracles and healing! We heard the crackling of bones coming together, saw immobile arms raised, numb legs walking, legs growing, anguish released, pain disappear and more! And there were lighthearted moments too as the measuring tape came in several times to measure the legs that were miraculously extended!

It was truly another awesome time as God worked and many was blessed even as the "sweet bread of life" (the Word of God) and eternal life (Christ) was preached. Hallelujah for the 2 new salvations! Let's pray forward to the next Healing Service in 2009! We pray that you'll be there to witness the next wave!

Sue Chiam is currently serving in the Prayer Ministry, among other ministries that she serves in. She is also one of the key coordinators of the Healing Services.

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The Hope of Christmas

You know, if you ever try asking around, you will most likely get different or even conflicting views and impressions of Christmas from people. Some say Christmas is about love, some say it's too commercialized and it's a season where shopping centers earn your money. Some say it's a Christian thing or a time for holidays and enjoyment.

Well, I think all of them are quite true to some extent. However, I want to bring to you a fresh message of Christmas. I believe Christmas is not just a Christian thing or just simply buying presents for people. Christmas is surely about you.

By Jessica Zhuo.

Yes, it's true that there's a Christian origin to it. But it's not just that. More than 2000 years ago when God sent baby Jesus to be born on this earth, He was thinking of you. He was thinking about how you live each day of your life and He knows it's not easy because there are a lot of things you have to struggle with. And by coming down on earth as a human, God is saying that He knows things are not easy, but He's here with you and He's here to give you hope for a better life. If you know the Christmas story, it happened in the cold season. On a cold dark night, an unusually bright star appeared in the dark sky. And somewhere in a small, not-so-nice stable where the animals lived, a beautiful baby was born.

When I think about this story, I am touched. Because God is telling us that no matter what situation you are in - whether your life is feeling cold and dark like that very night, or you think you're in a terrible mess like that stable, or you feel insignificant like those neglected animals - there is hope. There is hope for something better. Jesus is here to give you that hope. He can turn your situation into something beautiful because of his presence. Just like the bright star that lit the sky, and the baby that turned the stable into a mansion for a king, Jesus can do that with your life – if you allow Him in.

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By Colonel Chan Choy Kee

Ang Mo Kio Methodist Church was built in 1980 to accommodate a congregation of about 350 members. Over the last 30 years or so, our congregation has grown to nearly 1,000 worshippers. This does not include the additional 700 members from the other two Methodist Churches (CAC & ETAC) who are sharing the same building with us. Those of you who have been with the church long enough would remember the many additions and alterations we have made to the current church building to cater to our growing needs. Many of us were cognizant of the fact that it was only a matter of time before we had to re-build our church.

The idea to redevelop the church building was mooted more than five years ago. It made prudent sense as we still have a balance lease of seventy (70) years for the site. Finally, after prayerful consideration, on 30th March 2008, the Joint Management Committee (JMC) made up of key representatives of the 3 Churches (Ang Mo Kio Methodist Church (English), Ang Mo Kio Chinese Methodist Church and Ang Mo Kio Tamil Methodist Church) decided to embark on a church rebuilding plan.

Our Church leaders wasted no time and set up our own TRAC AMKMC Redevelopment Management Committee. Under this committee are four sub-committees taking charge of the various aspects of the redevelopment namely: Fund Raising,

Publicity, Relocation and Finance. These are mirrored after the JMC level committees formed by representatives of TRAC, CAC and ETAC. I am glad to report that we have made significant progress since the decision was made to go ahead with the Church redevelopment. We have designed a corporate logo for the project, produced a publicity video, an FAQ booklet, completed a number of fund raising activities and most recently, conducted a Q & A session to update and solicit feedback from Church members on the project.

The new building will cost \$18 million to construct. Of this, \$5 million will be raised by JMC. Of the remaining \$13 million, TRAC will have to raise about \$7 million, 54% of the \$13 million. We envisage that 80% of this amount or about \$5.6 million will have to come from pledges and 20% from fund raising activities. We have given ourselves 2 years to raise the money and we are still a long way from our target. We need to raise at least 70% of the required \$18 million or \$12.6 million by mid 2010 before we can proceed with the redevelopment. As Pastor has said, "the sum may seem daunting, but nothing is impossible with God". We must move forward with faith. With God's help and your support, the redevelopment committee is confident that we will succeed in enlarging our tent for God's glory.

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"Now is the Time!"

-Enlarging Our Church for God's Glory-

In conjunction with AMKMC's Church Redevelopment Project, a Fund Raising Dinner will be organised in March 2009. Details are as follows:

What: Church Redevelopment Fund Raising Dinner

When: 21 March 2009 @6pm

Where: Suntec City Convention Center Ballroom 1- 3 (Level 2)

How much: Tables are selling at \$2,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Proceeds from the table sales will go towards the AMKMC Church Redevelopment Fund.

Dinner registration begins on 21 Dec 08 (Sun). More details are available in the church bulletin.

ONE YEAR AT CATHAY!

a testimony by Brother Wee Peng.

I was visiting a few churches to look for the "perfect church" before I was invited by Swee Ching to join the Forerunners cell group on a trip to Bollywood Veggie Farm (at Chua Chu Kang) in late August 2007. At "Bollywood", it was the first time I got to know about my present brothers and sisters in Christ and was touched by their warmth. Subsequently, I also joined the zone for Corinthians Bible study and attended the 4th service. I found that the teachings were sound and the people genuine in receiving me. The organisation of the church was also very systematic and methodical which I like (that's an attribute of the Methodist Church which I can never deny).

As I pondered about what God has in store for me by leading me here, I also realised that there is no such thing as a perfect church. We had all made the church imperfect by entering it as we are imperfect people, needing both the grace and redemption of God. I decided to get myself rooted in this church and grow in it. This would also give me the opportunity to get a prayer support group that can engage and pray for my family or friends when I bring them here. I thank God for Adrian who has guided me in his teachings and Sean who had welcomed me into the AV ministry. Thank God also for the rest of the Forerunners who have welcomed me and allow me the opportunity to get myself more involved in this new family.

I was encouraged to go for the Baptism and Membership class in March this year and finally became a member of the church in July 2008. What a joyous occasion it was when my mother, sister and friends witnessed the whole

experience. I thank God for that. Indeed, for the past one year, I realise that God has been faithful to me as I committed myself to Him in little things. Despite a most intensive and busy work schedule, God has provided me strength and time to allow me to attend cell group, services and events in the Church. It was His providence and faithfulness that allowed me to be rooted and to grow in this church. He is Jehovah Jireh indeed.

What else more can I say, when I now have found a big family in Forerunners and in AMKMC? So let us be a people who go ahead, preparing and showing the



*Wee Peng (extreme right) attends the 10.30am service at AMK Hub and is a cell member of the Forerunners Adult Zone.



way of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

"We are to let our light shine before men, that they may see our good deeds and praise our Father in heaven."- Matthew 5:16

In faith and truth,
Wee Peng
17/10/2008