



2023

LOVING BEYOND | BOUNDARIES

WELCOME HOME!

We are glad that you can join us today to worship the Lord as one family in Christ. May we continue to trust Him, and glorify Him in all that we do!

SERVING THIS WEEK

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| Dn Amos Chia | Sonja Chua |
| Arcci Amor | Hazel Chiang |
| Dns Joella Tan | Louis Tee |
| Janet Ang | Eld Lin Hongsui |
| Joo Neo Jaswantlal | Dns Clarissa Leong |
| Arcci Amor | Ng Jianmin |
| Jonathan Chua | Chow Lye Kuan |
| Chen Jinling | Dns Yim-Kow Meng |
| Samuel Tan | Choo |
| Dn Ding Si Han | Ivy Leong |
| Edmund Quek | |
| Brendan Toh | |
| Muru Nagaraju | |
| Manfred Ong | |

NEXT WEEK

Josiah's Reforms
2 Kings 23
Ps Lawrence Ong

Lead Ps Wendell Chua

9027 7465

Ps Lawrence Ong

9146 8277

Assis-to-Ps Joseph Tee

9088 0077

Ps Yap Kim Sin (Advisory)

9862 4390

Read (pg 8-10)

Reflection from Hanoi Mission-Tour
By Lau Wah Ming

ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Theme *God's Judgement*

Prepare for Worship

Prelude

Exalt His Name

Call to Worship
Invocation
Doxology
Opening Hymn
Responsive Scripture Reading

Matthew 7:1-5

Worship in Song

Listen to His Word

When Best Just Isn't Good Enough
2 Kings 22

Ps Wendell Chua

Holy Communion

The Bread and The Cup
The LORD's Prayer

Pray to Him

Pastoral Prayer

Give to His Work

Offering
Offertory Response

Closing Hymn
Benediction
Announcements
Postlude



SERMON NOTES

When Best Just Isn't Good Enough 2 Kings 22



1. Introduction
2. When Best is too little, too late
 - i. The New and Good king
 - ii. The Book of the LAW
 - iii. The Prophetess of Doom
3. Conclusion – So what now?



Reflections...

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Praying for Grace B-P Church

- » Do pray for Grace B-P's church succession. They are speaking to a candidate and this candidate is currently considering and waiting upon the Lord in prayer to make a decision. Pray that the Lord will lead and guide us as a church and send the pastor that He wants to lead the church.
- » Pray for their church outreach event in December at Bedok South Horizons. Pray for the team that is planning the event that God will guide them in organizing the event and finding the right speaker.
- » Lastly, pray for the mission team going to Ipoh, Malaysia, in December that they will have a fruitful time reaching out to the students there. Prayer that the team will trust and depend on the Lord as they do the work of evangelism.

Senior Adult Fellowship Outing: Sentosa & Peranakan Museum (24 Aug)

- » Pray for good weather, safety for all the participants and blessed time of bonding and fellowship.

Sharing the Gospel through Everyday Conversations Talk

- » Thank God for the opportunity to hear from our speaker, Mr Lim Chien Chong, on this pertinent topic yesterday.
- » Continue to pray that this workshop will help us to grow in sharing the gospel in everyday conversations wherever God has placed us.

cont.

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

ZS Prayer Month: Praying For Rebecca Lee (OMF Missionary to Cambodia)

- » Praise God for the partnership in the gospel with Zion Serangoon all these years. Ask that His uncommon blessings will come to all at Zion Serangoon as we gear up to embrace an uncommon purpose: be missional and living out the gospel in all of life.
- » Pray for a visit back to Cambodia from October 18 to November 18 to do some final handover. I will step down as chairperson of the Governing Board of SONOKO (a movement reaching University students and graduates for Christ). A young Cambodian woman called Nuth will lead the Board to oversee the direction of the ministry, which is also in need of resources such as personnel and funds. Please pray for this most needed and impactful ministry.
- » Pray that my application process with Oxford Centre for Mission Studies, England will be in line with what God has purposed for me. And from this time of reading, researching and asking questions, I will discern His leading for the next years.

CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

ZS Vision Survey 2023

We want to hear how you view our church's current & future vision!

Click on this Link:

<http://tinyurl.com/ZSvision2023>

Or scan the QR Code:



Adult Bible Class

20, 27 August, 11am @ Chapel 1

Thy Kingdom Come
(Book of Revelation)
by **Eld Lee Soon Tai**

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!
Please register with SAF reps
Roland or Joanne.

Schedule of Classes

2023: 29 Oct, 12 & 26 Nov,
3 & 10 Dec

2024: 7 & 14 Jan, 25 Feb,
3, 10 & 24 Mar, 7 & 28 Apr

Prayer Fellowship

**PF takes place every
Wednesday except on public
holidays or as announced!*

23, 30 August
Wednesday @ 8.00pm

Join in prayer together
for our church:

<http://tiny.cc/zionPF2023>

Meeting ID: 865 4863 7670
Passcode: 017541

For queries, please contact
Ps Lawrence Ong @ 9146 8277

IF Online Bible Study

20 August, 8pm @ Zoom

To join, log in @
<http://tiny.cc/zionIFBS>

Meeting ID: 880 3654 6552
Passcode: 524832

**ALL FOREIGN WORKERS ARE
WELCOME!!!**

We encourage the employers
to let their helpers join this
Zoom BS.

For queries, please contact
Elder Hung Choo @ 9010 2893
or **Olga @ 8158 1885**

CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

25 Prayer Month

INTERGEN

Prayer & Praise!

DAY OF PRAYER

26 Aug (Sat), 4pm
Sanctuary 2

Contact ATP Joseph Tee for more info!



SAF Talk: Ageing Gracefully 2 September, 3pm @ Sanc 2

Let us journey to old age together! Dr. William Wan, author of the book "Through the Valley: The Art of Living and Leaving Well", will be the speaker. Come invite your relatives and friends to join us for the talk.

Ageing Gracefully...

Date: 2 September 2023 Saturday
Time: 3pm
Venue: Level 3 Sanctuary 2



Speaker:
Dr William Wan

Register with
Roland 93388054 /
Joanne 97808641

ATP Joseph Tee is away preaching at Evangel Baptist Church this morning (20 Aug).



Congrats to **Dn Daniel and Michelle Chay** on the birth of their baby girl, **Noelle Chay Xin En**, on 15 Aug 2023.



We would like to wish
Mr. Wee Hian Chai a
blessed 100th Birthday!
(DOB: 23 Aug 1923)

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

| Services | Worshippers & Volunteers |
|---------------|--------------------------|
| ZMS | 183 |
| 2MS | 110 |
| ZES | 52 |
| Total | 345 |
| Sunday School | 41 |

FELLOWSHIP TEA CONTRIBUTIONS

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| 20 Aug | - | - |
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WEEKLY OFFERING

General and Missions Fund
(Received 7 Aug - 13 Aug)

\$35,633.70



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REFLECTION FROM HANOI MISSION-TOUR

Practical Lessons in Worshipping God

by Lau Wah Ming

“Moral beings (men and women) are created to worship God, and to show love and care to others.”
A W Tozer; Ps 45:11.

“Union with Christ is central and essential for our communion with God” J Todd Billing; John 15:5

“...Worship the Father in spirit and in truth ... God is a Spirit.” John 4: 23-24

From 7 to 14 August 2023, Pastor Lawrence led a group of 36 persons on a minor epic journey that demonstrates the *Practice of the Presence of God*. For, the spirited and excited individuals (believers from Zion Serangoon, Zion Bishan, AMK Methodist and others, and some unbelievers but searchers for truth) were soon changed into a *cohesive team*, worshipping and praising God. How so? Through the working of the Spirit, the daily devotions led by Pastor Lawrence and his exhortations, by the meticulous planning of Linh and her skilful execution of the programme, by the unity in Christ shared by the members. And above all, by the manifestations of God’s bountiful blessing, providence, and love on all of us. We experienced first-hand what it means when God showers upon us abundant joy and blessings beyond what we initially expected.

Let me first give praise to God, then share what we went through.

Praise God, our mission objectives were achieved. We carried out our role: *Every Gardener a Missionary*. We visited the *Dac Thang Community Health Care Centre* to share and celebrate birthdays with the children, giving encouragement to the staff. Pastor Lawrence and Linh visited a *rehabilitation centre* and gave encouragement to the residents. We visited a *church at Sapa* on the hills built for the tribes who are residents there and sing and pray for them and share joy with them. By God’s grace we witnessed to 5 unchurched friends and two Catholics, We made new friends and develop friendships for Christ. We also encouraged each other in faith and spiritual sharing!



Pic. 1 The team at Changi Airport



Pic. 2 Dac Thang Community Health Care Centre



Pic. 3 Drug Centre

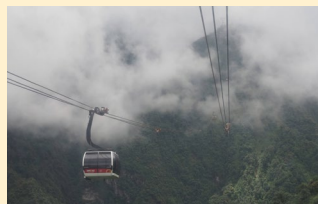


Pic. 4 Church at Sapa

REFLECTION FROM HANOI MISSION-TOUR

We saw many natural wonders and marvelled at the creation of God. We witnessed the spectacular sunrise from a cruise boat in the midst of Lake Halong. We basked in the warm morning sun, and enjoyed the surrounding beauty. We climbed the steep hill at Sapa on motorbikes (*yes really, see our photos*), We climbed hundreds of steps up Mount Fanispan after a short funicular tram ride and then a 25 minute ride on a cable car, travelling to a height of more than 3000 metres, and in intermittent showers.

We took in the sights and sounds in the mountain ranges at Fanispan and the terraced countryside, noting with childish curiosity even the indigenous plants and the water buffaloes and the cows by the road sides as we journeyed through the North-western region of Vietnam. Oh yes, we almost crossed into the south-western border of China, but alas, the strong fence and the security presence deterred us! A pity. And of course we enjoyed the food, the local cuisine, the Night Market shopping. We soaked in the sights, and we got use to the “local smell” and the clutter. We studied the **method in the madness** of a matrix of criss-crossing cars and the ubiquitous motorbikes. It was a lesson in appreciating a culture. And we also visited the Legend Pearl Centre at Dai Yen, Ha Long City and learnt about how pearls are cultured.



Pic. 5 Cable Car Ride



Pic. 6 View from Cable Car

Tozer had said *“Practically every great deed done in the church of Christ all the way back to the apostle Paul was done by people blazing with the radiant worship of their God. Church history proves that yearning worshippers were those who became the great workers, (i.e. in witnessing, sharing the gospel, showing love to all and giving care and encouragement to the disadvantaged.) Wherever the church has come out of her lethargy into the tides of revival and spiritual renewal, always the worshippers were at the back of it.”* Indeed, Pastor Lawrence and Linh’s Hanoi journey **brings to life** the many facets and colours of the out-pouring of true worship of God in a spectacular and scintillating manner, more deeply and poignantly than our members in this trip have realised at the point in time. Let me explain.

The team displays an attitude of active worship (not passivity), We hold morning devotions on the theme of worship, We pray and sing hymns, We praise God; reminding ourselves of our relationship with God, keeping it right, and our relationship with fellow believers and the church. And showing love and care and compassion to others with whom we interact. Ready to explain our belief and the Word of God to those who need it, who are still un-churched. The experience was just as Tozer had expounded. This Hanoi trip enables members to do all of the above naturally, joyfully, and biblically.

REFLECTION FROM HANOI MISSION-TOUR

But, wait, there's more.

In this tour, believers all wax lyrical in their expression of awe, and deeper belief in God's providential care, in giving strength, in overcoming our natural fear of physical danger, in experiencing the reality of God answering prayers especially fervent, trusting prayers.



We had to face inherent dangers with peoples overcrowding in small boats, Lives at risk from speeding hordes of motorbikes in the town



One team member was turned back at Hanoi airport and had to return to Singapore. There were boarding passes that were faulty denying some of our entry at the departure gates at Hanoi airport.

Wow, in 8 days, we experienced almost all the ups and downs of a Christian's life in miniature. Everyone has things to learn and some received messages from the Lord in their own way.

This is what Elder Hung Choo says in his WhatsApp text: *"When the pastor (at Sapa hill church) asked to pray for good harvest it struck me hard. We never thought about the quality of an agricultural harvest of food - for us God is already abundant and close by. May God grant our brethren a good harvest and fine weather for the labourers."*

Ella said; *"That experience taught me that I should always look and focus at the Cross and have no fear-all the way up and down, despite the narrow, wet, gravel-laden path (symbolises the distractions in life) He would get us all up and down safely. Their intense love for God and immense faith in God to provide for their needs put me to shame as I relearnt afresh what it means to care, to love and to be contented with what God has given me. Let's nurture a closer relationship with God, grow deeper in His Word and spread His love and salvation around us. Will remember them in my prayers."*

Thus, the mission-tour has achieved its aims and purposes, and God's blessings were showered upon each, in abundance, exceeding what each could have imagined at the start of the journey.

You are welcome to view and download the photos Elder Hung Choo took during our outing in Hanoi/Sapa/Halong Bay [here](#).



Pic. 8-10 Various memorable moments on the trip!