

January 2013 Newsletter

(A division of Evangelical Fellowship of Singapore)

President's Message

A Life Well Lived

2013 has arrived. You've probably heard calls for introspection and read about making resolutions on what you should be and should do. Some resolve to lose weight or spend less time on frivolous Internet searches and more on prayer and Bible meditation.

A Christian life is often perceived as avoiding a list of prohibitions or modifying moral behaviour. Scripture paints a different picture. Living well demands the risen Jesus living through us and transforming us into new beings who radiate His magnificence. Who we really are defines us. Too many of us settle for so little in life - a passionless religion, an exciting mission trip overseas or an occasional miraculous answer to prayer. Without understanding our true identity in Christ and embracing our calling as His children we will not fulfill our divine purpose. We simply drift along and miss the exquisite splendor of being a representative of Creator God.

Prophet Isaiah was not hallucinating when he described God's people as "oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor" (Isaiah 61:3). How do we live for His glory? Allow your hands and feet to be instruments of the Almighty, your ears constantly tuned to God's instruction, your mouth declaring God's truth, your heart beating with God's passion and your mind thinking God's thoughts. May your whole being be consumed with purposeful passion, centering and exalting the reigning Christ who works so powerfully within us. (Colossians 1:29)

Let 2013 be radically different- marked by His transforming presence in us. Many will see what He has done and be astounded. Have a wonderful New Year.

Dr Boey Mee Leng

Highlights of July-December 2012 Activities



41st Medical Students Exchange Program in Xitou, Taiwan 9-13 August 2012

Around 100 christians consisting mainly of medical students and doctors gathered together in a beautiful forest camp called Youth Activity Center in Xitou, Taiwan. Representatives from the Korean, Japanese & Taiwan

Christian Medical Associations, Chinese Christian Medical Mission(CCMM) & Christian Medical and Dental Fellowship (CMDF) Hong Kong were present. Their theme was: "Promoting Networking & Collaboration in Medical Missionary". Ms Tan Chiew Hwa and Dr Boey represented Healthcare Christian Fellowship International (HCFI). Dr Boey shared on the 'Value of Kingdom collaboration'. The students asked many questions relating to work balance and ministry. They were hungry for answers to difficulties in life. Lugging their suit-cases in the rain and across high speed rail stations were small inconveniences compared to the great joy they both experienced in the presence of His people, listening to testimonies of God's faithfulness to them.

Community Health Evangelism (CHE) Training of Medical Students - 13-15 November 2012

Training in Community Health Ministry was conducted for a small group of 13 medical students. The latter were involved in project Sothea in Cambodia.CHE Trainer Dr Lim Su Min taught on the approach and transformation of livelihood and healthcare in rural communities.

Hospital Visitation Seminar 8th December 2012

30 persons met on a Saturday afternoon in Level 8 of National University Health System. Trainers Drs Boey and Stephen Chang taught on the biblical perspective of Hospital Visitation and a



compassionate approach to patients. Participants were later divided into several groups for practical training in patient care. The participants were medical students and cell group members from various churches. They showed great enthusiasm and expressed gratitude for this preparatory course for the hospital outreaches.



Mount Elizabeth Orchard National University Hospital

Hospital Outreaches Dec 15, 16,22nd December 2012

(Tan Tock Seng Hospital, National University Hospital, Mount Elizabeth Orchard and Novena) Christmas carolling saw a large group of supporters and volunteers at National University Hospital (NUH) where gifts were distributed to patients in 13 wards. The joy of the season was palpable as many hearts were opened to the songs and prayers of His people. Approximately 40 medical students joined in the carolling in NUH. Carolling was done for the first time in the new hospital of Mount Elizabeth Novena.

Here are some testimonies:

"I had previously assumed that one person less makes little difference to the group of carollers. But I no longer because that one person, if fully surrendered to the Lord would be used by Him to minister to one lost sheep. Scriptures say "there is more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over 99 already saved" Luke 15:7. I sensed the angels hovering around us when we sang & prayed for the patients & I believe that others also felt the same.....hence the carollers weren't ready to stop, they wanted to go on and on......"

Rebekah Chan

"In the short one hour I had with the team, we sang and prayed for 5 patients and many were in tears. The last patient we prayed for came across as someone desperately seeking healing, peace and truth. He told us he would believe if the Lord healed him of the nerve problem in his left hand. His honesty surprised me when he confessed that apart from his physical condition, he has suicidal thoughts. I wished we had more time to speak to him about the truth of God. I realized truly that 'the harvest is plentiful and the workers few'. The openness we encountered was something I had not expected of the patients". Ng Bee Ling

Announcements

New Year Day of Prayer: a dedication of Healthcare to our Lord Jesus Christ

Date: Saturday, 12 January 2013 Venue: Level 9, unit 03, NUHS Tower Block Building, Lower Kent Ridge Road Time: 2-4.30pm Speaker: Ms Leonora van Tonder Message: Year of Faith

Global Prayer Summit

Date: 21-23 July 2013 Venue: YWCA Fort Canning Lodge Theme: Thy Kingdom Come: The Transforming Kingdom of God Trainer: Pastor Peter Tsukahira

7th Regional Asia- Pacific HCF Conference

Date: 23-27th July 2013 Venue: YWCA Fort Canning Lodge Theme: Transformation in Healthcare Details: Log into website: <u>www.hcf.org.sg</u>

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HCF wishes you & your loved ones a blessed New Year!