

5th September 2021

Dear brethren,

PPCOC Annual Mission Sunday, 24th October 2021

I thank our God for your kind and generous heart in giving more than S\$10 000 to aid our Myanmar brethren to purchase food for the villagers and oxygen cylinders for the severely affected Covid-19 victims recently.

Remember that Sunday, 24th October is our traditional Mission Sunday when we, as a family set aside the entire collection for mission work. Currently we are providing regular financial support to Jhunma & Babes in Tuao, Joema (SIBI graduate) in Negros, Jojo Ramos in Baguio, Joseph & Beckham in Myanmar, Joel & Kiran in India, Arthur in PNG, and the Batam school staff for their medical insurance. SIBI also receives our financial support. We are happy that our graduates like Jessie is serving as a minister in Midtown Church of Christ; and Grace is working fulltime with Midtown. Jonah and Simon will assist in the coming October retreat in Beijing, , though they are holding regular jobs.

During this October Mission Month, our elders would like to dedicate messages to inspire a Spirit-led Great Commission, Matthew 28:19-20 :

...¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Let us focus on the words of Jesus, "teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." "Them?" Who is them? All nations. Make disciples of all nations . . . teaching them." The Great Commission is not just, "Go and make converts from all nations," but "Go and make disciples," that is, those who "observe all that I commanded you." And to that end, teach them "to observe all that I commanded you." Teach them. Teach. Teach. Teach. We pray that the September worship series would drive home the point. This month we look at how we will disciple a nation and reach out to different nations.

Paul said in Ephesians 4, that the risen Christ gave to his church "shepherds [pastors] and teachers . . . so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine" (Ephesians 4:11,14). Churches and Christians without teaching remain children, and children are weak and vulnerable. So, Jesus gives teachers to his church. That's what he is doing here in Matthew 28:20. He is calling and commissioning teachers for the nations. *SIBI has been training SEA and North Asia church leaders and teachers. I pray that you will desire to be equipped at SIBI too or join the Harding program offered by Global Christian Studies (GCS).*

Below is the October worship series that encourages the PP family to be involved in mission work :

1. Humanity's Mission Statement - Humanity's nature and relationships are intended to be a visible expression of God.
2. Sent to Sacrifice - The sacrificial life is connected to Jesus sending you.
3. Go to the Ends of the World - How God uses Christians to accomplish His purposes.
4. Building Eternity – The Light of the Gospel.

On Sunday, 31st October, PPCOC's 57th Anniversary, Bro. Chew Chong Lin will be sharing a message on "The Light of the Gospel – How To Build Eternity?" We know that Christ established the church to build life eternal in a Christian community. Let us not neglect to devote ourselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer (Acts 2:42.) Let us encourage our family members "Back to Church" as we celebrate God's favour upon us over the last 57 years.

I pray that each member at PP Church be filled with the Holy Spirit and see the glory of God just like Stephen did (Acts 7:55-60).

Tan Beng Chuan (Lead Minister)