

# Mission Trip to Makassar & Toraja

SEPTEMBER 7-12, 2018

by Pastor Matthew Wong



The Igniters went on a mission trip from September 7-12, 2018. Our first stop was Makassar where the Igniters had the opportunity to minister to the children at the orphanage, the blind centre, the rehabilitation centre for mental illnesses and many more. However, what struck the team was the gathering we had on the first night with members of the GRISPAN ministry. GRISPAN stands for Garis Hadapan in Bahasa Indonesia and when translated into English, it means Frontliners. They are a group of young men and women aged eighteen to thirty-five years with the intention to reach out to the people with the gospel of Jesus Christ by engaging strangers on the streets. Even though they don't get much financially from this ministry, they are filled with the joy of Christ as they give of themselves to this difficult work. The Igniters were encouraged by the fervency of their faith and the desire they have for Christ.



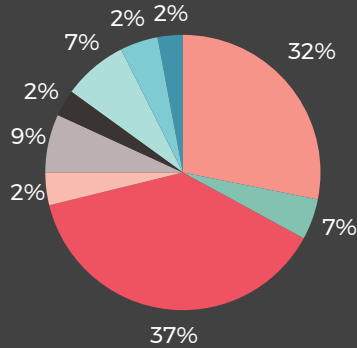
After spending three days in Makassar, the team traveled for about twelve hours to Kanan Village in Toraja. The Igniters had a lot of joy ministering to the children, engaging with the people and praying for them. We did a simplified

version of the Vacation Bible School programme with the children. We were simply filled with awe to witness the people worshipping the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind and strength despite the dilapidated church building. Some of the worshippers were from another village but they were willing to walk for about two hours just to come for the special worship service together with us. Truly, a church is not the four walls but believers who embody the living Christ by worshipping and loving God wholeheartedly. We were also blessed by the hospitality of Mary who sacrificially gave up her living room and bedroom for our use while she slept in the kitchen.



Overall, the Igniters had a life-changing experience considering that it was the first mission trip for most of them. We were encouraged by the desire and thirst the people have for God and the risk they were willing to take despite the challenges they have in life. Prayerfully, we will imitate their fervency in our faith and be willing to step out of our comfort zone for our Lord Jesus Christ.

## 2019 Missions Budget



Our Missions Fund is mainly channelled for the work of sharing the gospel locally and overseas. For Missions 2019, we need at least four hundred and twenty members or friends of KLBC to commit to a pledge of RM100 a month to achieve our Missions target of RM500,000. These pledges are to be given above and beyond our tithes.

RM 159,500	Local Support
RM 36,000	Overseas Support
RM 186,100	Christian Organizations
RM 10,000	Establishing Gospel Centre
RM 42,400	Seminary Students
RM 11,200	Assisting Baptist Churches
RM 32,000	Travelling / Mission Trips
RM 12,000	Relief And Natural Disasters
RM 10,800	General Expenses
RM 500,000	GRAND TOTAL

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## Mission Trip to Sarawak

28<sup>TH</sup> JULY - 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST, 2018

by Pastor Saw Ai Hua

I led a team of 5 member on a mission trip to Sarawak where we worked with Pastor Johny Tutong and Pastor Jackson Suntai whom we are financially supporting under our Missions budget. We travelled through rough terrain, ate exotic food, swam in muddy rivers and slept in longhouses in order to bring the message of Christ's sacrificial love to the Ibans in four different longhouses.

Our trip began on a challenging note as our flight was delayed. We were scheduled to arrive at Tawang Ulu Longhouse at 6.30 p.m. for an evangelistic service that day. The visit to this longhouse was very important as Pastor Johny had just recently started the ministry and wanted us to share the gospel with the families. After a 4- hour drive from the airport, we finally arrived at 8.30 p.m. Initially, our team felt tired and disappointed that we might not make it. After the long drive from the airport we finally arrived at the longhouse where we were warmly welcomed by the Ibans who had eagerly waited for us for two hours. We had an awesome night of worship with the Ibans and exhorted them to look to Jesus who is the spring of living water welling up to

eternal life. We also had a fun time with the children doing drama, singing songs and making crafts. The day ended with great fellowship and much laughter.

The highlight of the trip would definitely be our time at Nanga Ngemah Longhouse. This longhouse belongs to Pastor Jackson's in-laws. It was burnt down last year and our church raised funds for the rebuilding of the longhouse. It was a tough 3 to 4-hour journey from Sri Aman town in a four-wheel drive and on a boat where two of our brothers had to sit outside. We saw God's hand and favour upon us as we travelled because He stopped the rain right where our jeep was even though it was literally pouring on our right and left. Our faith was truly strengthened. That night we held a revival service. There is indeed new hope in the midst of suffering. Before the longhouse was burnt, the families were becoming lukewarm in their faith and some even turned back to their animistic beliefs. Some became involved in adultery, drinking and gambling, causing a lot of dissension and bitterness in the community that led to unforgiveness. For the first time in a long while, the families

We ministered in the following places:

- Tawang Ulu Longhouse
- Nanga Ngemah Longhouse
- Sebujok Longhouse
- Bakong Longhouse
- Sunday Service at Sri Aman Baptist Church



set their animosity aside and came together to worship. There were tears of true repentance mingled with genuine fellowship, laughter and prayer. We were moved to witness God's love uniting the people and covering a multitude of sins.

Our team was truly encouraged by the relentless faith of the pastors who toil unceasingly day and night, whose wrinkled, mud-stained feet tirelessly traverse rough terrain to bring the gospel to the multitudes in unreached places. Beautiful are the feet of those who are willing to go anywhere to anyone at any cost!



# Mission Trip to the Philippines

1<sup>ST</sup> - 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2018

by Pastor Matthew Wong



Our team consisted of Bro. Matthew Oh, Bro. Fook Sun, Sis. Oon Oon, Bro. Jimmy Ngu and Sis. See See and we visited the missionaries under our Missions support - Rev. Titus Laxa in Pampanga and Rev. Leo Decinal in Laguna.

The six of us spent seven weeks of preparation and towards the final week, one of our team members, Bro. Fook Sun, was down with shingles which caused him to pull out of the trip. Nevertheless, Bro. Fook Sun will go with Sis. Oon Oon to the Philippines in January 2019 to give them some pointers and guidance on farming skills. Prior to our departure date, we were pre-warned that the Philippines customs at the airport might stop us as we had planned to bring along seven boxes of hygiene kits, crafts and gift packs for the children we would be ministering to. But we trusted the Lord to answer our prayer to "close" the eyes of the customs officers so that they would not see the boxes and allow us to enter without being stopped. All glory to God! There are three special highlights in our mission trip. Romans 10:13, "Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved." God is indeed a God who



answers prayers. It was the first time for See See to do street evangelism, and she was in tears when the lady she was sharing the gospel with at a public cemetery during All Saints' Day decided to give her life to Jesus. That night, our team was blessed to see two ladies open their hearts to Jesus.

We also praise the Lord for Pastor Titus's connection with the public market vendors in San Fernando that opened the door for us to do a feeding and evangelistic programme in this place for the first time. About sixty children from that area came and joined us for a time of singing, and watched a gospel drama we presented. We also handed out crafts and hygiene kit to the children. The sight of homeless children from around the market giving their lives to Jesus that morning etched an unforgettable memory in our lives.

Another eye-opening experience was our visit to two Negrito Villages in Ipo Dam where we did feeding, ballooning, sang songs and shared the gospel. We also had a session where Sis. See See and Bro. Jimmy gave a hygiene talk and demonstration for the children regarding proper hygiene practice as to avoid the spreading of various diseases around the village. We never imagined that under such poor living conditions, lived a community that was so eager and hungry to find a ray of hope in the midst of their hopelessness. Hence through the ministry of feeding, we reached out to this community with

the Bread of Life. All our weariness melted away when we saw the children raising their hands to indicate their desire to believe in Jesus. Our physical tiredness was replaced by a determined passion to share with more the message of hope offered by our Lord Jesus Christ.



The most memorable highlight was our time of sharing from the life of Daniel in the Bible study with the police force in Laguna together with Pastor Leo about having integrity and practising righteousness in their job. We also had the opportunity to witness the earthquake drill. On the same day, we did an evangelistic programme at a prison. During the worship time, we had a glimpse of what heaven will be like as we gazed at the many hands raised in heartfelt worship to the living God. God is indeed the father to the fatherless and a hope to the hopeless. They were all locked up physically behind bars but the Lord spoke to us that He has come to set them free spiritually. We couldn't hold back our tears as we experienced the love, grace and hope of God like never before. An ex-prisoner on our team was one of the fruits of this ministry. He shared about how destitute the prison condition was until the main gang leader gave his life to Jesus and opened the way for more frequent visits and disciple-making. Indeed beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!



# Personal Touch from God

22<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2018

by Victoria Low

Hi my name is Victoria and I am 14 years old. I went for my first mission trip to Pekan, Kuantan during the school holidays in August this year. I was rather reluctant to go as mission trip doesn't sound that fun to me. I almost pulled out from the mission trip as I learned that only one other youth signed up. What fun can there be? How much can we do? On the appointed day, 5 of us, Pastor Matthew, helpers Kok Hoong and Sonia, me and the other youth, Jeremy departed from Desa Parkcity Baptist church on 22 August 2018 to Auntie Mabel's house in Pekan, Kuantan, our abode during the mission. It was a long journey and when we arrived, we just rest and prepared for the next day.

The next morning we left for Cini to an orang asli village to do children ministry and gotong royong clean-up of the village. The village is pretty dirty with rubbish strewn all over and a peek into their house tells they do not have much. There were hardly any furnitures or any toys to play with. It was here, I was touched by God's works. I can see the miracles God has worked among the orang asli. Listening to their personal encounters with God and stories really touched my heart. Worshipping with them was another eye-opener. Their love and joy for the Lord really resonate in the songs they sang. I was reflecting whether if I am in their shoe, will I be able to praise the Lord with all my heart, will I be grateful still?



Auntie Mabel also shared some of their personal encounters with us. Auntie Mabel is really an interesting person! She could tell many funny stories and you can



never get bored of them. Although it looks like she lives a happy life, she has many struggles herself. Despite the financial constraint which she has to juggle to keep the ministry going, her hard work and effort in helping the orang asli is really incredible. You can see that God is really working through her. It is amazing how she always help others cheerfully, having a heart for them. She is at the age where she can sit down, relax and have a cup of tea but she chose otherwise. She always put God first and that's something we really should learn from her. From witnessing her work, I came to believe that God has a plan and purpose for each of his children.

Prior to coming to the mission trip, I was blinded to see that I have a blessed good life. Whenever I have struggles in life, I will think that God has abandoned me. I felt like a lost sheep but now I found my shepherd Lord Jesus. Seeing the orang asli having even more burden and struggles, yet they persevere in their faith in God, I was truly touched. I will have stronger faith and love for our Lord Jesus. I will do more of God's works. I know I cannot make an immediate impact but at least this is the start of something big. We did crafts with the children, sang many songs and also cleaned up. It was tiring but I can feel the prompting of the

Holy Spirit in all our work.

Other than hard work we had fun too. We went hiking to Panorama Hill and watched the sunrise and in the evening, we strolled along the Teluk Cempedak beach. We took many photos and really bonded. Another highlight was the great food we had especially Auntie Mabel's wild boar curry.



This mission trip has full purpose and meaning. Sometimes we are too busy with our own lives that we have forgotten our Provider and our purpose. There were nights when we gathered to pray, I could feel the Holy Spirit in our presence, telling us that we have more to give. The experience of seeing God's work personally has really impressed on my heart to reach out to the less fortunate. A personal touch from God himself! I guessed this is the start of God's plan for me.