



MISSION POST

WITNESSING GOD AT WORK THROUGH HIS CHURCH

Happy Birthday, KLBC!

DECEMBER 15, 2019



Kuala Lumpur Baptist Church (KLBC) celebrated her 67th year on December 15, 2019 with church members, visitors, former KLBCians, invited church pastors who were our special guests, a combined choir consisting of the different ethnic groups presenting special songs of praise, cake cutting by the church leaders and a scrumptious lunch courtesy of KLBC after the thanksgiving service.



It was a wonderful time of remembering and celebrating God's faithfulness through the years and thanking Him for His grace and love that carried us through the challenges and changes that

the church has experienced over the course of time. The one constant factor that always remained was the Lord's provision and protection in the midst of trying and testing times.



Everyone also enjoyed feasting on two huge roast pigs that were donated for the buffet lunch on top of the food prepared and served by the caterer. Our Myanmar and Filipino brethren also cooked their own national specialties to add to the spread. Needless to say, we were spoilt for choice! With hearts and tummies filled, the crowd trickled away and God-willing, we will have another year of enjoying God's goodness upon His church!



May all glory and honour go to our Lord Jesus as He is always the reason for our existence and celebration! Happy 67th Birthday, KLBC!



Christmas is Here!



Every Christmas season, we are reminded of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ whose glorious entry into the world as a baby so many years ago gives a ray of hope and light to those dwelling in darkness.

As always, our church wanted to bring tidings of great joy about the true meaning of Christmas to many who have yet to know. For three consecutive Thursdays, we visited different elderly folks' homes bearing gifts, singing Christmas carols and bringing cheer to them.

This year, Rosen Roy, a professional magician came along with us and used his magic skills to

*"But the angel said to them,
"Do not be afraid. I bring you
good news that will cause
great joy for all the people.
Today in the town of David a
Saviour has been born to you;
he is the Messiah, the Lord"
(Luke 2:10-11)*

illustrate vividly the need for us to ask the Lord Jesus into our lives as our personal Lord and Saviour. Praise Him for decisions made to receive God's gift of salvation!

Altogether we visited one hundred and eighty-two elderly folks and twenty-five workers during this Christmas season. We thank God for the partnership, participation and prayer support of our church members.

*"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on
earth peace to those on whom His favour
rests" (Luke 2:14)*

Idol Removal Service

Sister Penny Lim and her son, Brother John Siow, took the step of baptism last Christmas at Kuala Lumpur Baptist Church. With her husband's approval, she decided to have the idols in their home removed as a testimony of her new life in Christ.

An idol removal service was then scheduled for January 9, 2020 and a small group of co-workers and church members gathered at her home to have a time of worship and the reading of God's Word before the idols were removed. In his sharing, Pastor Leong encouraged sister Penny and her son to have full confidence that their sins have been forgiven and eternal hope is theirs as they continue to grow and obey the Lord.

The year 2020 is a new beginning for Sister Penny and it is her prayer that her husband will also receive the Lord's free gift of salvation in the very near future.

Special Sunday with Sun and Rain!



The sun represents sunny weather with clear, blue skies. Rain, on the other hand, is just the opposite and such is life with its share of sunshine and rain. But when there is rain and sunshine together, a beautiful rainbow is created.

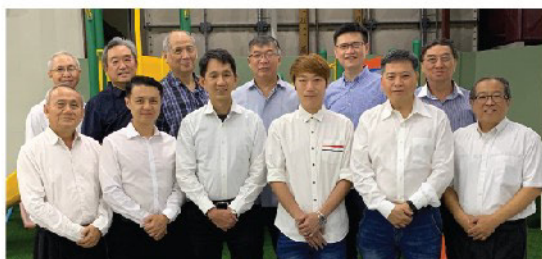
complete.

We praise the Lord for His wonderful love and grace that brought into our midst some special guests all the way from Taiwan on the last Sunday of 2019. Sun and Rain were their names and although they were physically disabled and on crutches, they seemed to be borne on angels' wings.

We listened intently to their sharing and rendering songs with music composed by them and a professor who was part of their entourage. They were a testament to the Lord's love despite the physical handicap they possessed. Everyday they would cling on to the promise in Philippians 4:13 that declares "I can do all things in Christ Jesus who strengthens me." It was obvious that the Lord's strength sustains them and makes their lives

Hearts were touched by their powerful testimonies. In spite of their painful life experiences, they did not blame the Lord but instead chose to love and serve Him all the more. After the service, church members flocked to buy CDs which Sun and Rain autographed. Prayerfully, they will be used to share their message of hope to offer encouragement to those who feel helpless and hopeless in their lives.

2020 Board Members



Back row from left to right

Deacon Bruce Lee Yee Lam, Bro. Brian Lee Eng Haow, Bro. Douglas Ong Eng Soon, Rev. John Kok Ann Seng, Bro. Andrew Loh Tse Yeow, Rev. Leong Swee Fatt

Front row from left to right

Datuk Dr. Tan Chik Heok, Bro. John Yap Hong En, Bro. Lee Vee Meng
Bro. Timothy Leong Wai Yan, Bro. Muk Sai Tat, Rev. Raymond Oye Chee Ping

My Testimony

BY BROTHER JOHN NG

Prior to my call into full-time ministry, my friend and I had started a company where I was the Business Development Manager with the responsibility of overseeing the daily operation and running of the business. At the same time, my wife who is a beautician, was miraculously offered to be the sole distributor in Malaysia for a cosmetic product from the United States. We were both elated and excited at this golden opportunity!

However, the euphoria dissipated after a few days as I was torn between pursuing material success and serving God, especially after watching a movie about a missionary couple who sold all their possessions to bring the message of the gospel to a people in a foreign land who

lived in darkness without the hope of salvation. My wife and I decided to request for the distributorship offer to be put on hold so that we could fly over to Cambodia and meet the missionary couple whose life story touched our hearts so much. At the same time we continued to trust and wait for the Lord to guide us as we sought His will for our lives. While in Cambodia, we witnessed the Lord's provision in the life of this missionary couple who did not suffer any lack even as they served Him so faithfully.

The Lord used Matthew 8:19-22 to convict my heart about following Him. I then shared with Pastor Raymond and the missionary couple in Cambodia about the Lord's call for me to go into full-time minis-

try. After much prayer and struggle, my wife and I decided to reject the distributorship offer from the United States. In spite of the seemingly "foolish" decision, I felt a deep sense of fulfilment coupled with the joy of the Lord in my heart. I knew without a doubt that the Lord was with me in this decision.

Before long, I found myself doing an internship at Kuala Lumpur Baptist Church that allowed me to be involved in various ministries of the church. That gave me a glimpse into and an understanding of what the pastoral ministry entails. My time as an intern also served as a further confirmation of my call.

2 Corinthians 8:11-12 is a reminder to me that the Lord looks at the willingness of my heart to let Him fulfill His purpose in my life. Thankful for the church support, I am currently pursuing my Bachelor of Arts in Theology at Malaysia Bible Seminary. To God be the glory!

New Upper Sanctuary in KLBC Desa ParkCity

At our second Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) on July 15, 2019, church members gave the green light to construct a new extension at KLBC Desa ParkCity with a budget of RM3 million. Phase One of the plan was to demolish two existing classrooms to make way for an upper sanctuary that will have a seating capacity of one hundred and fifty people. Renovation

started on November 18 and in less than two months, the work was completed together with fittings (air conditioning units, lighting, a sound system, curtains, acoustic panelling and chairs) at a cost of RM218,158.50.

With this additional seating, the sanctuary can now hold more than five

hundred people at any time. Let us pray that the seats will quickly fill up by inviting our families and friends to join us on Sundays for worship. In the meantime, we are praying and waiting for the approval from the authorities to move into Phase Two of our building expansion. All glory be to our Lord!

Christmas 2019 – *That's The Love!*



"That's The Love" was the theme for Christmas 2019 and a two-hour long Christmas programme was lined up to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thirty-two brethren were baptized into the church through water baptism conducted by Rev. John Kok whilst

seventeen had their membership transferred to Kuala Lumpur Baptist Church.

A group consisting of an all-male pastoral staff called "The Brothers" led by Rev. John Kok made its debut with a medley of two Christmas hymns. The Singing Ambassadors sang one song and collaborated with about thirty Sunday School children to present another special item.

It was a joy to welcome many first-time visitors to celebrate with us as well as to reflect on God's love through His precious Son who is the Reason for the Christmas season!

Vacation Bible School – To Mars And Beyond



Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2019 saw more than three hundred and fifty participants comprising of teachers and helpers ministering to students aging from three to seventeen years old coming together with excitement to learn from God's Word once again. For some, it was a reunion of sorts as they have been attending VBS for quite a number of years. There were familiar faces and new ones as friends were invited by our "regular" participants to join them.

It was more of a galactic theme this time round with the participants journeying to different "planets" in the galaxy and discovering a God who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by His power at work within us (Ephesians 3:20). This theme verse was reinforced during the week through lessons about the faith of Daniel in the lions' den, the boldness of Queen Esther when she took a courageous stand, compassionate love shown through the kindness of the Good Samaritan and a response in gratitude expressed by the

leper who returned to give thanks to the Lord Jesus for his healing. They also learnt about the assurance of hope through the encounter of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus when Jesus drew close to comfort them.

A highlight of the VBS week was the giving away of bags of rice donated by church members and VBS participants to some charitable homes and orphanages. Their representatives were invited on stage to personally accept the bags of rice. In all, a total of more than 1,200 kilograms of rice were distributed to Sunbeams Home, Amal Jireh Orphanage, Charis Drug Rehabilitation Centre, Kampar Elderly Home and two families in need. Cash donations were channelled to purchase more bags of rice to bless some old folks' homes that our Charity Department members and pastoral staff visited in the month of December. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of God's children who gave so joyfully beyond our expectation!

May we never forget that God is more than able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by His power at work within us no matter what may come in the days ahead!

Blessed 6th Anniversary, KLBC Desa ParkCity!



With the blinking of an eye, KLBC Desa ParkCity celebrated six amazing years of God's faithfulness in her midst despite the many challenges that sprang up along the way. The combined anniversary service was very well attended by regular worshippers and well-wishers from the main church as well as other churches. The programme included special items from the choir, a message of encouragement from our Senior Pastor, Rev. John Kok, and cake cutting followed by fellowship around a pot-bless lunch cooked and contributed by the members of the various congregations under the umbrella of the church. God is always faithful! Praise His wonderful name!

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