

# SHALOM MONTHLY

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Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.  
- John 14:6



## The Pastor's Desk by Pastor Wee

Our Friend's Sunday was very attended with 311 in attendance. We thank God that there were many first-time visitors brought by our members who made great efforts to invite their friends and loved ones to hear of the gospel. We appreciate their sincere love for the lost. We will attempt to have a Friend's Sunday each month to remind ourselves of the Great Commission to bring the gospel throughout the world, beginning in our backyard. We are called to be 'fishers of men' and not 'keepers of aquariums'. Let us pray and invite someone for our next Friend's

Sunday on 11 Aug. The topic is: 'DNA – The language of God'.

The monthly Prayer Meeting was well attended with an average attendance of about 70-80 people. We thank God for the messages, thanksgiving, prayer requests and precious moments of praying for the needs of the people and church. We encourage our members to be present to grow the church through our earnest prayers to the Lord for His blessing and power to be manifested in our midst. It is said that the church grows on her knees: "And they, continuing

daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.” (Acts 2:46-47)

We have a burgeoning list of church visitors – about 30 visitors - and let us love and minister to them. It means that we have to leave our friends and comfort zone from time to time to sincerely be a friend to these visitors and make them a part of the family of Shalom. We thank God that some of our members truly have a heart to reach out to these visitors. It is said that the longer we have been a member of the church the more we forget the challenges of a new visitor in church – it can be daunting to be in a place with 200 strangers! “... I was a stranger, and ye took me in...” (Mt 25:35) Let us reach out to our ‘strangers’.

On our last Mission Trip to Laos, we were acquainted with Pastor Jarmin Rodero’s daughter Jael. She is about 14 years old, has a problem with her curved backbone, and is needing some medical and educational help. While talking about helping her, I

was told that we actually helped in her birth by us as we sent money for her birth. I have totally forgotten that. Pastor Jarmin was very appreciative that we not only helped in her birth but now also in her medical and educational needs. We will be sending some money as a Mission Project to be a blessing to the family.

The Annual Night Cycling on 8 August will be held soon. Let us bring a friend to be with us for that event of fellowship, fun and evangelism. The church-wide tracting will be held on 3 Aug. Do check with your BSC leaders or the church staff (if you do not have a BSC) for the different locations for tracting. The church camp has few vacancies left as the hotel is fully booked. Please register as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. We have about 140-plus campers to date.

We have been struggling with the purchase of the Treasury Bills from the government and we will put our extra money in the fixed deposit in OCBC for the time being until we get the clearance to purchase the T-Bills. – Pastor Wee.

## Announcements

### Sunday School (May to August / Book of Daniel):

Classroom	Description	Course	Teachers
B1-01	Adults	Book of Daniel	Pas Christian / Bro Andy
B1-02	Adults	Book of Daniel	Bro Eric / Bro Denzil
B1-05	Young Adults	Book of Daniel	Bro Chris / Bro Joel
B1-06	Youth	Book of Daniel	Bro Dan / Bro Bryan

### New Mission Projects:

Pastor Kit Jamandron’s truck repairs, Cambodia:	\$500
Pastor Thaung Liang’s orphans’ education needs, Myanmar:	\$500
Pastor Jarmin Rodero’s Bible School, Laos:	\$500
Pastor Jarmin Rodero’s daughter Jael, medical/educational needs:	\$1,000

**Farewell to Sis Jenky:** Sis Jenky will be leaving us for the Philippines on 10 Aug. We wish her all of God’s best as she returns to be reunited with her family.

**De-centralized Tracting, 3 Aug:** Please take note that there is decentralized tracting by the various BSC groups in their respective areas on Sat, 3 Aug. Please check with your respective BSC leaders.

**Baptism (25 Aug):** There will be a baptism on 25 Aug. Please contact Pastor Wee or any of the staff if you are planning to be baptized on that day. Potential Candidates: Edward Yeo, Eileen Yeo, Gloria Chia, Lemuel Chia

**Business Meeting (25 Aug):**

To elect Lim Wei Chiet Andy and Jason Chan Wee Boo as our new trustees from 1 September 2024.

We deeply appreciate both the new trustees - bro Andy and bro Jason - as well as the outgoing trustees – bro Andrew Charles and bro Teck Guan - for their service to the church.

**Friend's Sunday (11 Aug / DNA - The Language of God):**

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

The DNA is the genetic code that defines the biodiversity we see everywhere – there is a unique, double-helix DNA code for each critter. Above all, the DNA is truly a digital code. All software code needs a programmer and the DNA code is no different – it needs the ultimate Programmer!

“DNA is like a computer program but far, far more advanced than any software ever created.” (Bill Gates) / “How did stupid atoms spontaneously write their own software?” (Paul Davis) / It can't!

**Apologetic Sunday (18 Aug):** There will be no livestreaming on that Sunday

**Mission Projects:**

Pastor Thaung Lian, Orphanage in Myanmar:	\$6,000 (\$3,000 sent)
Saigon Faith Baptist College, Pastor Tran:	\$1,000 (Sent)
Purworejo Baptist College, Pastor Antoro, Indonesia:	\$1,000 (Sent)
Church School, Pastor Juan Empleo, Vietnam:	\$1,000 (Sent)
Pastor Yakub, health, Indonesia:	\$1,000 (\$500 sent)
Pastor Srim Sara, Laos, Church Rentals:	\$1,000 (Sent)
Pastor Rodero, Laos, Bible School:	\$1,000 (Sent)
Pastor Rodero, Laos, Church building:	\$1,000 (Sent)

You can give to the Mission Projects by sending your money to the Faith Mission Fund (Shalom Baptist Church / OCBC: 518-075775-003).

**Church Funds:** Offering boxes for our giving are also available in the church (LT 1).

General Fund (GF):	OCBC: 518-075775-001
Building Fund (BF):	OCBC: 518-075775-002
Faith Mission Fund (FMF):	OCBC: 518-075775-003

“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.” (2 Cor 9:7)

**December Church Camp:** Please apply your leave early to avoid any disappointment.

Theme: The Minor Prophets

Date: 16 Dec – 20 Dec

Venue: Pulau Springs Resort Johor

**Costing:** The rooming is on the noticeboard outside. Cost includes the Tourism Tax of RM10.00 per pax, 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners & bus transportation. Please check with bro James if you are unclear about the rooming.

To-date we have about 120 adults with another 20 toddlers and children signed up for the church camp. In terms of rooming availability, we only have 12 x single/double deluxe rooms and 3 x 1 bedroom apartment left (2/3 & 4-bedroom apartment fully booked). **PLEASE REVIEW YOUR BOOKING & FILL UP THE TRANSPORT FORM IF YOU NEED THE BUS TRANSPORT FOR THE CHURCH CAMP. DO NOT REPEAT YOUR BOOKING IN DIFFERENT APARTMENT AND DO NOT REGISTER FOR SOMEONE ELSE UNLESS THE OTHER PERSON AGREE**

Type of Room	1 Bedroom Apartment		2 / 3 / 4 Bedroom Apartment	
	Single	Twin Share	Single	Twin Share
Adult	\$440	\$280	\$420	\$280
Children (4-11) Based on DOB on 16 Dec				
Type	Twin Share	Extra Bed	No Bed	-
Child	\$230	\$210	\$140	-

### **Regular Church Programs:**

Combined Service	Every 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month
Lord's Supper	27 Oct
Decentralized Tracting	13 Aug, 12 Oct, 7 Dec
Men's & Ladies Fellowship	17 Aug & 23 Nov
Youth Ministry Outing	14 Sep
Young Adults Ministry Outing.	24 Aug, 5 Oct, 16 Nov, 14 Dec
Seniors Fellowship	Every Wednesday @ 7.30am
In-house lunch	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Sun of the month
Prayer Meeting	Every last Sunday of the month

### **2024 Program:**

Childrens' Overnight Camp	15-16 Mar
Annual General Meeting (AGM)	24 Mar
Childrens' Holiday Outing	30 May, 13, 20 Jun
Children VBS	5-7 Jun
Young Adults Camp	8-11 Jun
Mission Trip (Laos)	13-22 June
Night Cycling	8 Aug
Childrens' Games Day	5 Sep

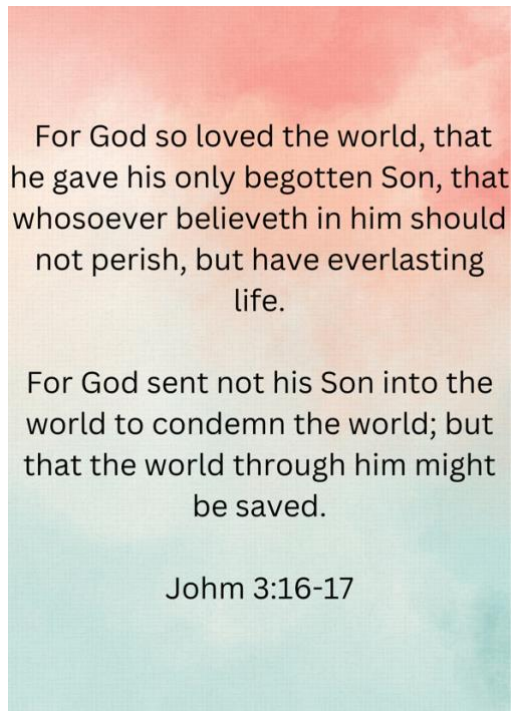
Mission Trip (Hyderabad, India)	2-11 Oct
Childrens' Holiday Outing	21, 28 Nov
Childrens' Holiday Outing	5, 12, 26 Dec
Church Camp (tentative)	16-20 Dec
Christmas Service	22 Dec

**Membership:**

English – 249  
 Chinese – 30  
 Total – 279  
 Newly added members by baptism: Nil  
 Newly added members by transfer: Nil

**Average Attendance for February 2024:**

English	:	205
Chinese	:	33
Children	:	38
Total	:	276



Khong Teck Guan	Lim Grace	Tan Esther	Lee Joseph
Loh Zachary	Chua Yeo-Dolly	Low Rachel	
Koh Low-Judy	Singh Harvinder	So Chee Mon Edwin	
Yu Carrie	Tan John	Tan Janice	
Chin Mee Fong	Dai Aina	Ling Nguk Ng	





## From the Mission Field...



Dear Pastor Wee & Shalom Brethren,

Greetings from Vietnam!

**What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me? [Psalm 116:12]**

This whole Psalm is coming from the heart of a Psalmist that is humbled and grateful for all the benefits and blessings that the LORD has afforded him. The Psalmist asks and answers the questions what we can render to the LORD in response to all His benefits. First, Praise and Thank the LORD; then, Pray and Trust the LORD; lastly, Pay our Commitments to the LORD. May the LORD grant us the humble and grateful heart in recognition of all His benefits and blessings through the Lord Jesus Christ. His goodness and grace has never been meant to make us proud and feeling entitled.

### **MEANINGFUL PRAISES**

We are beyond grateful to the Lord for the wedding of our daughter Rachelle Anne D. Espino and David Chymist last June 21. The lives of both David and Rachelle are testimonies and trophies of God's grace and goodness. From the time they were born and up to their salvation and calling to the ministry and all the wonderful opportunities the Lord has granted them, surrounding them with godly influences and with all the amazing support and love from friends and classmates, the Lord has just been so good to them. We are so grateful for the love and support of Pastor Szydlowski and Pastor Pangle and Pastor Chymist and family. We are praying that soon they will be ready and able to go to the field the Lord has called them to labour.

We are also praise the Lord for two of our teens receiving Jesus Christ as their Saviour. One of our ministries is the GBIMC Teens Group and this past couple of weeks we had Japhia Haniel Flores and Queen Canto receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. Our children are an heritage from the Lord and we need to fight for them and to do everything we can to protect them and the most important thing we can do for them is for them to know Jesus Christ as their Savior. That is why GBIMC and SAGA are very passionate in reaching the teens and young people with the gospel.

### **MINISTRY PROSPECTS**

Last June 26 Brother Le Anh Tu Phuong graduated from Baptist Voice Bible College in the Philippines. Brother Phuong is from Quang Ngai Province in Central Vietnam. He has surrendered to God's call to go back and reach Central Vietnam with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In the

meantime, Brother Phuong will be HCMC for his internship and to have more practical training in the ministry. Three of our Vietnamese men are preparing to “launch out into the deep” will serve the Lord in northern, central and southern part of Vietnam. Brother Nguyen Van Khanh will serve in the North; Brother Le Anh Tu Phuong in the Central part and Brother Le Nguyen Quang Minh in the South. As William Carey said, “The future is as bright as the promises of God.”

This semester ends all the lectures and classes for Independent Baptist Bible Institute - Vietnam. Our students are preparing for their thesis writing and one more semester for their ministry practicum. We have five candidates for graduation that have worked so hard on top of their regular jobs and even university studies to learn the Bible from IBBI and to prepare for the full time ministry. We have been richly blessed and favored with some of the best instructors and mentors these past years at IBBI. These were men who are not just professors, but practitioners of the word of God and the work of God.

## MANIFOLD PRAYERS

“For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.” [1 Corinthians 16:9] We covet your prayers for our family and our ministry for every adversity that comes along every opportunity of ministry. Our desire is to establish model Independent Baptist Churches in HCMC, Danang and Hanoi. We are now preparing the young men that have surrendered and committed to go to these places. Please, pray for their protection from the enemy and for God’s provision for them for godly wives and that God will supply all their needs.

Please, pray for us as we continue to translate sound Baptist materials for discipleship. Translating Biblically sound books and discipleship materials is a huge need in Vietnam. We are now on our way to finishing translating the ABCs of Christian Maturity into Vietnamese. We are hoping to finish it this year and praying just like the ABCs of Christian Growth we will be able to print it with the government stamp of approval. Please, pray for the financial provision for us to print enough copies to distribute to all our fellow missionaries and national pastors.

Please, pray for a second batch of IBBI students. Pray that the Lord will call more Vietnamese young men and women to the ministry. We thank the Lord that we are beginning to see the fruits of the Filipino missionaries in Vietnam. But we are barely scratching the surface in evangelizing a nation of 100 million people.

Please, pray also for good health; protection and provision for the Espino family as we continue to serve the Lord in Vietnam. Thank you so much for your years of faithful partnership in missions. May the Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless you all and to use you more for His glory and honor!

YOURS FOR VIETNAM,

THE ESPINO FAMILY

Support Gratefully Received: \$3,600.00 April – June 2024

“FOR WE ARE LABOURERS TOGETHER WITH GOD: YE ARE GOD'S HUSBANDRY,  
YE ARE GOD'S BUILDING.” 1 CORINTHIANS 3:9



# The INVENTOR Family

Serving in RAN

## 2ndQUARTER REPORT 2024

### Dear Pastor Tiong and Church,

This quarter was a memorable one. We praise and thank God and also for all of you for entering into our labors – John 4:38. **TO GOD BE THE GLORY!**

Our church camp was a successful one. It was a humbling experience to be reminded once again how to love the church the way our Lord Jesus Christ did. And as for us leaders NOT as “lords” but SERVANTS. We thank the Hernans and the Ponces who joined us in this year’s camp.



We had another victorious missions’ trip during this quarter. Our goal is to build a solid relationship between the local leader and his community where he serves. It’s our privilege to work alongside them as they continue to share the gospel to their community. One family was led to the Lord by one of our local church pastors. It was a joy for me when I saw our Filipino members spearheading this trip.



The local youth camp was a memorable event as well. Our partner Bro. K organized this annual youth event and we praise God again for the results. There were 4 professions of faith and 12 baptisms. Several youth surrendered to serve “fulltime” in the ministry.



Another milestone was the graduation of a Hmong Bible student. Although he was the only one who graduated, we were so excited to see where God will lead him as he endeavors to reach his own people for the Lord. In addition, there were 18 Filipino members of ours who enrolled in a Bible Institute in partnership with LSBC.



We had another great harvest during this quarter. Both of our English and local mission works. **We had a total 58 professions of faith (8 Filipinos and 12 baptisms (3 Filipinos) for this quarter!**

In behalf of my family and the different ministries here we gladly received your MISSIONS SUPPORT of **P25,348.44** in the **2nd quarter of 2024.**

## Shalom Baptist Church

August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 11:00am Combined Sunday Service 7:30pm Prayer Meeting In-House Lunch	29	30 7:45pm Discipleship 7:45pm Through The Bible	31 7:30am Senior's Outing 7:45pm Shalom Bible Institute	1 10:30am Online Chinese Bible Study	2	3 2:00pm Decentralized Tracting
4 11:00am Sunday Service Lunch at 7 Stars	5	6 7:45pm Discipleship 7:45pm Through The Bible	7 7:30am Senior's Outing 7:45pm Shalom Bible Institute	8 10:30am Online Chinese Bible Study 5:00pm Shalom Night Cycling	9 8:00pm BSC (Cancelled) NATIONAL DAY	10 11:00am BSC: Bedok (Cancelled) 3:30pm YA BSC (Cancelled) 7:30pm Bukit Timah (Cancelled)
11 11:00am Sunday Service (Friends Sunday) In-House Lunch	12	13 7:45pm Discipleship 7:45pm Through The Bible	14 7:30am Senior's Outing 7:45pm Shalom Bible Institute	15 10:30am Online Chinese Bible Study	16	17 4:00pm Mens' & Ladies Fellowship
18 11:00am Sunday Service (Apologetic Sunday) Lunch at 7 Stars	19	20 7:45pm Discipleship 7:45pm Through The Bible	21 7:30am Senior's Outing 7:45pm Shalom Bible Institute	22 10:30am Online Chinese Bible Study	23 8:00pm BSC: Bt Batok, Bt Batok 2, CCK, Jurong, Yio Chu Kang & Chinese Ministry	24 11:00am BSC: Bedok 3:30pm YA BSC 7:30pm Bukit Timah
25 11:00am Sunday Service 7:30pm Prayer Meeting In-House Lunch	26	27 7:45pm Discipleship 7:45pm Through The Bible	28 7:30am Senior's Outing 7:45pm Shalom Bible Institute	29 10:30am Online Chinese Bible Study	30	31