

SHALOM MONTHLY

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The Pastor's Desk by Pastor Wee

We were privileged to see first-hand the **missionary work of Pastor Jarmin in Laos**. 8 of us were in Laos to visit his church and 3 other mission works by the Laotian Pastors whom he had raised up over the last 16 years. We also visited Missionary Aaron Inventor's church in Vientiane which is largely a Filipino congregation. It is joy to also preach in the Pastor's Fellowship and to be

acquainted with several Laotian and Filipino pastors and to know that there are a good number of relatively large Laotian Baptist churches there. We praise God for the gospel reaching out to the Laotians and it was a joy for the Shalom team to be acquainted with our brethren there – we left with fond memories of our time there with the people and the places we visited.

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Of late, we have a good number of visitors with us brought by our members. Let us sincerely be **a friend to those whom God has graciously given us**. In a growing church, we sometimes miss out the opportunities to serve the Lord by serving these precious brethren and even some regular unbelievers in our midst. Let us not be accused of just wanting to remain in our comfort zone and forgetting that we have a divine commandment to make disciples and help these visitors to find in Shalom a home and a family. It is said that the longer we have been a member, the more we forget what it is like to be a first-

time visitor in the church – the unfamiliarity and the discomfort of not knowing anyone in the church. I had the privilege to lead a young man to the Lord after one of the Sunday Services. It was both a joy and a privilege to see him coming to the Lord.

For those brethren who have been reaching out to your friends and loved ones, keep reaching out:  
*'And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.'* (Dan 12:3)

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Sis Audee is away working in Sydney and let continue to touch base with her; she will be back in September. Until then, we will be missing her. Let us be in prayers for sis Rolin as she is still undergoing her chemo in the Philippines. **Bro Chris** requested prayers for his family as they may be heading to Sydney for the music education of their son **Zane** and for the Lord's will for their stay there.

Bro Asher Ong and **sis Mari** are back from UK and US respectively – from their studies; we were pleasantly surprised and happy on their return to Singapore. We deeply appreciate **bro Yang** and **sis Fremarie** for extending their home during our Family Cuppa. Many were blessed by their kind hospitality.

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About **27 seniors – members and visitors – will be heading to Penang** this coming week. We appreciate a very active senior group under the leadership of bro Chris and Pastor Tan. Each Wednesday, they would be out

walking, having a devotion at the park, and breakfast in the coffeshops. Soon the **annual Night Cycling** will be held in August and let us be a blessing to those who will be coming

## Separate Sunday School (May to August)

| 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      |

***"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Tim 2:15)***

Those who are regular in the Sunday School have found the study of Daniel so enriching and applicable to their walk with God. We thank God for all our very dedicated teachers who put in their heart and soul into the preparation. Let us not waste all the great spiritual food. We appreciate Pastor Christian for laboring long into the night to prepare these lessons.

## Friend's Sunday / The Midnight Cries / 14 July

We dedicate a Friend's Sunday each month to remind ourselves of our calling to bring the gospel to the world. This Friend's Sunday will focus mainly on the non-believers to help them come to know the Savior. Someone once had the burden to share with us about the Lord Jesus Christ – we got saved – now, it is our turn to 'pass it on' to some lost souls who are sleepwalking into hell. Won't you pray and do your best to bring a soul to hear of the gospel? Won't you share the gospel with someone going over the cliff?

"There is peace and contentment in my Father's house today  
Lots of food on the table and no one is turned away  
There is singing and laughter as the hours pass by  
But a hush calms the singing as the Father sadly cries  
My house is full, but my field is empty  
Who will go and work for Me today  
It seems my children all want to stay around my table  
But no one wants to work my field  
No one wants to work my field." (My House is full but my field is empty)

"Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." (Jn 4:35)

## Church Funds

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

Offering boxes for our giving are also available in the church (LT 1)

***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: **Pulai Springs Resort Johor**

**Costing** includes: ✓ Tourism Tax of RM10.00 per pax  
✓ 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners  
✓ bus transportation

The rooming is on the noticeboard outside. Please check with bro James if you are unclear about the rooming.

Please **REVIEW AND FILL UP THE TRANSPORT NUMBER IF YOU NEED THE BUS TRANSPORT FOR THE CHURCH CAMP**

| 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                       | -          |

## Mission Projects

|                                                      |                               |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Pastor Thaung Lian - Orphanage in Myanmar            | <b>\$6,000 (\$3,000 sent)</b> |
| Pastor Tran - Saigon Faith Baptist Church            | \$1,000 (Sent)                |
| Pastor Antoro - Purworejo Baptist College, Indonesia | \$1,000 (Sent)                |
| Pastor Juan Empleo - Church School, Vietnam          | \$1,000 (Sent)                |
| Pastor Yakub - health, Indonesia                     | <b>\$1,000 (\$500 sent)</b>   |
| Pastor Srim Sara - Church rentals, Laos              | \$1,000 (Sent)                |
| Pastor Rodero - Bible School, Laos                   | \$1,000 (Sent)                |
| Pastor Rodero - Church building, Laos                | \$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)*

## Regular Church Programs

Combined Service  
 Lord's Supper  
 Decentralized Tracting  
 Men's & Ladies Fellowship  
 Youth Ministry Outing  
 Young Adults Ministry  
 Seniors Fellowship  
 Prayer Meeting

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month  
 28 Apr, **28 Jul**, 27 Oct  
 13 Apr, 8 Jun, 3 Aug, 12 Oct, 7 Dec  
 25 May, 17 Aug, 23 Nov  
 22 Jun, 14 Sep  
 4 May, 29 Jun, 24 Aug, 5 Oct, 16 Nov, 14 Dec  
 Every Wednesday @ 7.30am  
 Every last Sunday of the month

## 2024 Programs

Church Anniversary  
 Children's Overnight Camp  
 Annual General Meeting (AGM)  
 Resurrection Sunday  
 Children's Holiday Outing  
 Children's VBS  
 Young Adults Camp  
 Mission Trip (Laos)  
 Church Family Day (Public Holiday)  
 Night Cycling  
 Children's Games Day  
 Mission Trip (Hyderabad, India)  
 Children's Holiday Outing  
 Church Camp (Pulai Spring)  
 Christmas Service  
 Watchnite Service

25 Feb  
 15 - 16 Mar  
 24 Mar  
 31 Mar  
 30 May, 13 & 20 Jun  
 5 - 7 Jun  
 8 - 11 Jun  
 13 - 22 Jun  
 17 Jun  
**8 Aug**  
**5 Sep**  
**1 - 11 Oct**  
**21 & 28 Nov, 5, 12, 26 Dec**  
**16 - 20 Dec**  
**22 Dec**  
**31 Dec**

## Membership

English - 250  
 Chinese - 30  
 Total - 280  
 Newly added members (baptism): Nil  
 Newly added members (transfer): Nil

## Average Attendance

June 2024

English : **173**  
 Chinese : **26**  
 Children : **34**  
 Total : **233**

# Happy Birthday

*for by me thy days  
shall be multiplied,  
and the years of thy life  
shall be increased.  
Proverbs 9:11*

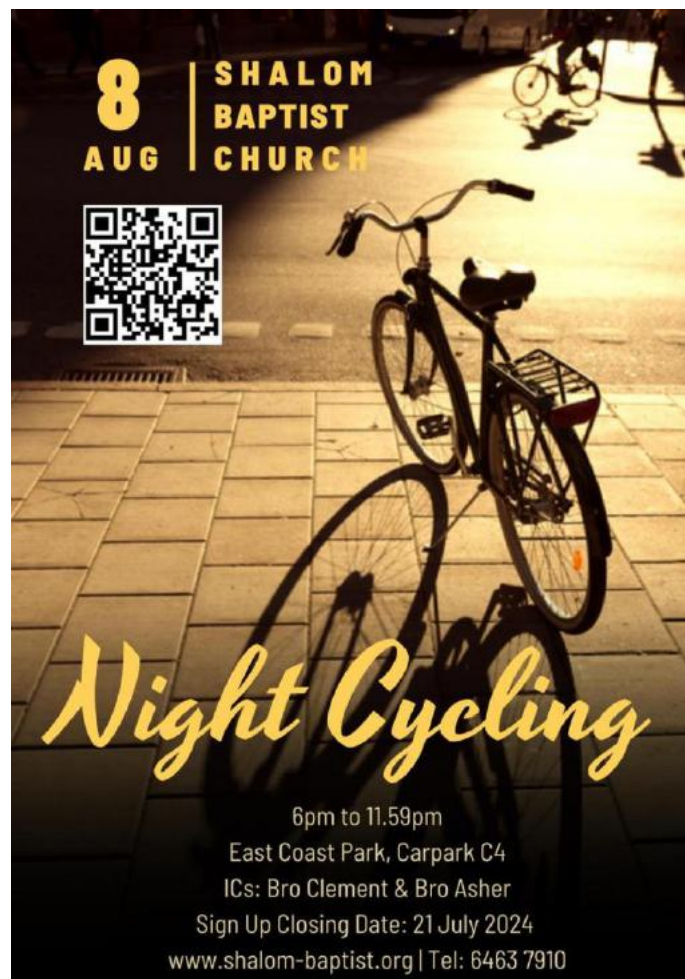
Eric Tan  
Daniel Lim  
James Chin  
Christina Lee

Robin Ho  
Dave Fong  
Mariana Xiao  
Julien Fong


Andrew Ng  
Ng Choon Hin  
Castillo Mary Grace Marcellano  
Fremarie Lee-Rallonza  
Macapia Madelyn Pamittan  
Macatangay John Jared Bandoz

Friesen Vaughn  
Abner Andrew  
Jane Chong-Ooi  
Teo Zhi Yang

Dai Ruina  
Dai-Lin Ying Ying  
Chia-Dai Meina



**8**  
AUG | **SHALOM  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH**



*Night Cycling*

6pm to 11.59pm  
East Coast Park, Carpark C4  
ICs: Bro Clement & Bro Asher  
Sign Up Closing Date: 21 July 2024  
[www.shalom-baptist.org](http://www.shalom-baptist.org) | Tel: 6463 7910





Dear Ptr. Wee and  
Shalom Baptist Church,

「神にとって不可能なことは何もありません。」ルカ福音書 1 章 37 節  
“For with God nothing shall be impossible.” Luke 1:37

## The God Who Makes All Things Possible

We serve a miracle-working God and our first 3 months of staying here in the field serves as a powerful reminder of that. I would like to once again express our gratitude to you for your faithfulness in holding the rope for us through prayers and financial support. Because of God’s power working through you, we were able to weather the first few months of being in Japan. It has not been easy adjusting to the very nuanced culture and high standard of living in a first-world country such as Japan. Our current support is just enough for a single person yet somehow, God miraculously provides for our needs over and over again. We were able to rent a 60m2 apartment that is lower than its usual price and comes with free internet. But the most surprising part is we’re able to rent despite us being **foreign missionaries**. For further context, it takes a long time for you to be accepted in the local community. No matter how fluent or knowledgeable you become, more often than not, you will always be treated as an “outsider” here. **Foreigners are tolerated but not really accepted.** There’s a story of a Japanese couple who moved to the opposite end of their area, and it took them years to be “accepted” by the community. You can’t get more Japanese than they are and so imagine the case for us foreigners. But we’re not just *foreigners* here. We’re *foreign missionaries*. Japan’s culture is deeply embedded to their Shintoist-Buddhist religion. And so, telling them about the Gospel is seen as a direct attack to the very fiber of their being. Add to the fact that a couple of years back, the assassination of former PM Shinzo Abe is being indirectly linked to the suspect’s mom, who is being blamed for being part of the Unification Church, which caused distress and trauma for him to commit the act. **So in our case, being a foreigner plus a missionary are already two strikes.** This is when God showed His power. After a good number of rejections in our rent application (including outright denials), God orchestrated a way for us to use JBBF (Japan Baptist Bible Fellowship) and Inage Bible Baptist Church as our guarantor. So when the rental company e-mailed us to let us know that our application was approved we were so happy because it is the 2nd time in the history of JBBF that it happened. Japan is unbending and notorious in sticking to its old ways. Yet our God, the author of all creation, is far greater and more powerful than any centuries-long form of government. This is a reminder for us that while the hearts of the Japanese may seem impenetrable with the Gospel, **we have God on our side. The God Who makes impossible things to become possible.** What a mighty God we serve! So, while we may feel the clouds of discouragement as we reach out to the seemingly hard-to-reach locals, we are thankful that we have the very words of our Lord Jesus Christ to help us encourage ourselves in the Lord, knowing very well that as He calls, He enables.

## Life in Inage Bible Baptist Church

We thank God for the Barleys and Inage Bible Baptist Church for their love and care for us since we set foot here in Japan. The members at Inage have graciously provided some furniture and kitchenware in our place so that we didn’t have to buy them. We are currently partnering with them (they were the ones who sponsored our visa) for a year or so until we are able to speak the Japanese language and have a decent understanding of the culture. My wife and I help in the music ministry, playing the flute and violin during Sunday services. I do the songleading during Wednesdays.

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Salvation, baptism, and discipleship of 50 Japanese people
2. Formal language school (\$4000 per semester, for 2 years)
3. Fruitful ministry in Japan
4. More churches to partner with us
5. Provision for monthly house rent.
6. On-going language learning
7. Salvation of our Japanese neighbors and community
8. Irie-san and Ishii-san’s salvation.

## BLESSINGS:

1. Able to hand out gifts and tracts to our Japanese neighbors
2. Able to hand out tracts to the rental company who assisted us.
3. Weekly online Bible study for Filipinos in far areas of Japan
4. Our new apartment
5. Increased church partners
6. Gradual adjustment to the culture and progress in learning Japanese
7. 1st year Wedding Anniversary
8. Church ministries involvement

## SUPPORT RECEIVED:

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# JAPAN *for* JESUS

My wife also teaches violin to a young lady in the church. Lord-willing, I will soon be able to help set up the church's media ministry (livestream, translation, etc.) and, once my Japanese is "bearable," I will also be able to teach and preach. Because the congregation is mainly Japanese, the services are also in Japanese. One of the church ladies, Sis. Maki, has been helping us **learn both the Japanese language and the Japanese Christian language, 3 times a week.** This leads me to a very urgent prayer request. I am praying to enroll in a formal Japanese language school by August. However, it is quite expensive and since we are barely making ends meet with our support, I am praying that God will provide for it. The cost is about \$4000 for 1 semester, and the schooling will take about 2 years. **Our heart's desire is to reach the Japanese for Christ, and being fully equipped in this area will bring us closer to reaching that goal.** We have been able to hand out tracts to the locals and even gave gifts to our neighbors (with tracts inside them), but with our current level of Japanese, we are unable to further the conversation. **Please pray that God will use these tracts to speak to their hearts and minds about their need for a Savior.** Also, we're conducting 2 online Bible studies every week for Filipinos here in the far areas of Japan, especially those that don't have a church to attend to. If you know other Filipinos that desperately need the feeding of God's Word please let us know and we'll be glad to minister to them and if possible, visit them in God's perfect time. That would be all for this time. Brethren, thank you for all that you do for the Lord, and for us. Soon, by God's wonder-working power, we will be able to reap fruits, and fruits that remain. God bless you.

**In The Service of The King,  
The Evascos**



Pray for us to be able start a mini orchestra and a choir here



Invited by Ptr. Smith and for Wakaba BBC's hiking fellowship. Praise God for being able to share God's Word to them.



Inage BBC's Mother's Day and Father's Day Celebration



1 of our 2 weekly Bible studies for Filipinos residing in Japan



Attended Tokyo BBC's church anniversary with Ptr. Daniel Kim as their speaker. Tokyo BBC is a mix of Japanese and Korean congregation.



My wife's first Sunday in Japan!



Our rented apartment. Little by little, we are buying the rest of the furniture.

## Aimai 曖昧: ambiguity

*Regarded as a virtue in Japan, the Japanese language puts more emphasis on ambiguity than most, for to express oneself ambiguously and indirectly is expected in Japanese society. However, it can also cause a good deal of confusion, not only in international communication but also among the Japanese themselves. In order to live without creating any serious problems for the group's harmony, people avoided expressing their ideas clearly, even to the point of avoiding giving a simple yes or no answer.*

*If a person really wanted to say no, he or she said nothing at first, then used vague expressions that conveyed the nuance of disagreement*  
*"The Japanese Mind" by Roger Davis and Osamu Ikeno*



# THE MANRIQUE Family

Your Missionary to Pokhara, NEPAL

"Declaring Truth in an Unbelieving Culture"



2024 NEPAL  
MISSIONS  
LETTER  
Second  
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Dear Pastor Yan Tiong Wee

and SBC-Singapore Family

"...not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many,  
that they may be saved." 1 Cor. 10:33b

We are sincerely appreciative of everyone who consistently prays for and supports the ministry that God has entrusted to us. To God be the glory in everything He has done in answering our prayers. Truly, He is a faithful God. Ephesians 3:20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us; 1 Corinthians 3:6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

After 2 years of praying and persevering in finding souls through soul winning, we have been blessed with individuals that we can lead to Christ. We are also so blessed to see them, whom we have brought to the Lord by God's grace, since each time we see the souls that have accepted the Lord, we lament not having heeded the Lord's call back then.

We will have our first church outing and mass baptism during the month of July, which is also when schools are on vacation. Please pray with us.

Thank you once again for partnering with us in your prayers and support. May the Lord honor your labor of love and sacrifices for His cost!

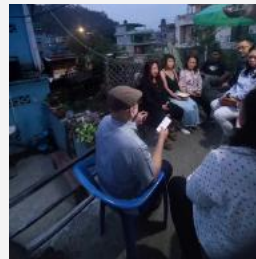
  
Missionary  
Rolando,  
Grace and Dave  
Manrique

## BLESSINGS

This is our Second Mission Anniversary Evangelistic Service last April 27, 2024, and we have 30 attendance, 24 Adult (13 Nepali and 11 Pilipino) and 6 children. and that we received a one-year extension on our visa. We bring back all the Glory to our Almighty God.



- SUPPLICATION**
1. More souls to be saved, baptized and discipled.
  2. Pray for our First Baptism and Church Outing this coming July 12, 2024
  3. More laborers in Foreign and Local.
  - 3, God's provision to our scooter or motor for our service worth 100,000 Php
  4. 40,000 rps or 400 Usd missionhouse rental
  5. God's provision to our son schooling.
  6. Please pray for our Key Board. worth 500 usd.
  7. God's provision for the renewal our visa this April, we need 3,800 USD
  8. Spiritual and physical strength.
  9. Filipino Missionary and Nepali to partner with us here.



## BIBLE STUDY AND VISITATION





## Fellowship After the Service





## Children Ministry





## King James Bible Distribution



# Shalom Baptist Church

July 2024

| Sunday                                                                                                | Monday    | Tuesday                                                        | Wednesday                                                                              | Thursday                           | Friday                                                                         | Saturday                                                                             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>30</b><br><div>11:00am Sunday Service</div> <div>7:30pm Prayer Meeting</div>                       | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b>                                                       | <b>3</b>                                                                               | <b>4</b>                           | <b>5</b>                                                                       | <b>6</b>                                                                             |
|                                                                                                       |           | 7:45pm Discipleship<br>(Cancelled)<br>7:45pm Through The Bible | <div>7:30am Senior's Outing</div> <div>7:45pm Shalom Bible Institute (Cancelled)</div> | 10:30am Online Chinese Bible Study |                                                                                |                                                                                      |
| <b>7</b>                                                                                              | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b>                                                       | <b>10</b>                                                                              | <b>11</b>                          | <b>12</b>                                                                      | <b>13</b>                                                                            |
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| <b>14</b>                                                                                             | <b>15</b> | <b>16</b>                                                      | <b>17</b>                                                                              | <b>18</b>                          | <b>19</b>                                                                      | <b>20</b>                                                                            |
| <div>11:00am Sunday Service</div> <div>In-House Lunch</div>                                           |           | <div>SENIORS FELLOWSHIP OVERSEAS TRIP</div>                    |                                                                                        |                                    |                                                                                |                                                                                      |
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| <b>21</b>                                                                                             | <b>22</b> | <b>23</b>                                                      | <b>24</b>                                                                              | <b>25</b>                          | <b>26</b>                                                                      | <b>27</b>                                                                            |
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| <div>11:00am Combined Sunday Service</div> <div>7:30pm Prayer Meeting</div> <div>In-House Lunch</div> |           | 7:45pm Discipleship<br>7:45pm Through The Bible                | <div>7:30am Senior's Outing</div> <div>7:45pm Shalom Bible Institute</div>             | 10:30am Online Chinese Bible Study |                                                                                | <div>2:00pm Decentralized Tracting</div>                                             |