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## Post Pandemic

In the last three (3) years, the Evangelical Church has witnessed the gracious hand of our Lord steering her through difficult situations such as the Covid-19 pandemic, the economic crisis and post-pandemic recovery of the nation.

Reflecting back, we give glory to our Lord Jesus Christ for his presence and promise in his word that he will never leave us nor forsake us (Heb.13:5). NECF Council would also like to express our deep appreciation to all of you, both Pastors and Church Leaders for coming alongside with your prayers and financial support. In fact, there was **'oneness'** within the Malaysian Church as we saw many prayer initiatives birthed during these difficult circumstances.

As we come to the close of year 2022, and having completed GE-15, there is much to anticipate what the year ahead would be like for the Malaysian Church. There is no doubt that the political landscape will change and Malaysia will be celebrating her 60th Anniversary this coming September 16, 2023.

The church will have to discern how to navigate the **uncharted waters** that are before us. She has to recalibrate

to the situation and ensure that the church will remain strong, yet sensitive to the needs of her people. For her, the greatest desire is for everyone to run the race in such a way to receive the prize (1 Cor.9:24)

The pandemic has taught us that we can no longer confine ourselves within our four walls. It is time to spread our wings and soar like an eagle as there is much more the Malaysian Church can do.

This coming Christmas will also be a great opportunity for us to celebrate God's goodness and faithfulness with those who have longed for Christian love. On behalf of NECF Council and staff, we wish all of you *"A Joyous Christmas and Blessed New Year."*

God Bless you



**Pastor Samuel Ang**  
Secretary-General

# *A Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year*

*from the NECF Council and Staff*

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# NECF 2022 40-Day Fast and Prayer Events

The English Language Launch was held at Wisma Eagles, Full Gospel Tabernacle (FGT) Subang Jaya on August 5th, 2022. The meeting was conducted both onsite as well as online. A total of 150 people attended onsite while another 680 followed the meeting online.

The meeting began with worship led by the Pastor Jane Low and the FGT worship team followed by the exhortation based on the theme, "A Heart to Know You - Jeremiah 24:7" by NECF Chairman Rev Dr Eu Hong Seng.

In his introduction, he shared briefly on the nine ways "knowing God" will benefit the church:

1. Privy to His plans for the future
2. Awareness of the urgency of time
3. Mature like the wise virgins
4. Will do great exploits
5. Restoration of God's fear in the House of God
6. Success in Pastoring
7. Passionate about doing His will
8. God will always be our first love
9. Earnest desire to please Him

Thereafter, he explained that the text in Jeremiah 24:7 was a call to Recognize, Realign and Return to Him. God promised to give us a new heart that we may recognize (know) Him as our Lord; be realigned to Him as our God and we, His people; that we may return to Him with our whole heart.

In his concluding remarks, he said if we Recognize, Realign and Return to Him, we will be Re-ignited.

The congregation was then led into a time of prayer and intercession for the different regions of the nation.

The event ended with a priestly blessing over the congregation pronounced by Bishop Ong Sek Leang, and followed by a reminder to the people of God by Rev Looi Kok Kim, with Paul's message found in Philippians 1:21 and Philippians 1:6, "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain", and "that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

## Tamil Launch





The Tamil Language launch was also held at Wisma Eagles, Full Gospel Tabernacle (FGT) Subang Jaya on the 10th of August 2022. About 1500 people attended this meeting. They were not only from the Tamil churches but also from Chinese churches. This was due to the fact that the guest speaker of the event was said to have a special word of prophecy for churches for both these languages.

NECF has never experienced that size for attendance for the launch for 40-Day Fast and Prayer in its 22 years of existence and we believe that the event was both historic and prophetic. For the smallest language church group to have the biggest turnout for the launch was indeed amazing.

Brother Mohan C. Lazarus shared a prophecy in which he mentioned that the revivals in China and India will shake the whole world and that is the reason why God is bringing the Chinese and Indians in Malaysia together and they will take part in the glorious revival to come.

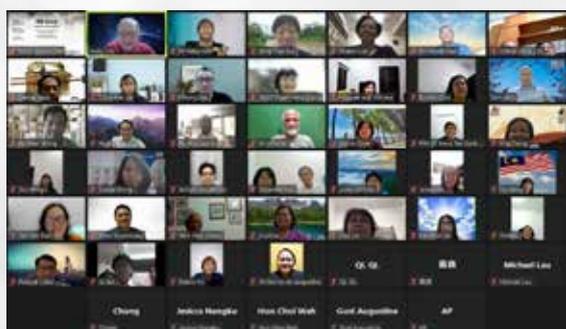
He continued to emphasize that since the formation of NECF 40 years ago, God has a plan for NECF and has

used its ministries to fulfil this plan. Through NECF, the Lord has already raised the clouds and there is going to be a great revival in Malaysia in which the Lord is going to bring about salvation throughout the land. This is in line with the fact that both China and India have the largest population in the world and both countries are experiencing a large number of conversions daily.

A prophetic act was publicly demonstrated when both the Tamil Commission Chairman (Rev. Sesurajah Anthony) and the Chinese Commission Chairman (Rev. Chomy Ching) pledged to work together and see the fulfilment of the end time revival in the last days. This is the heart of God's agenda for Malaysia in these last days.

Brother Mohan C. Lazarus concluded that at the End Time Revival, what we will witness will be more glorious. We will also experience the resurrected power of Jesus and he challenged the people to stand in the gap and intercede for the heart of God. That is what the theme "A Heart to Know You" is all about.

## Other Launches



East Coast Zoom Launch



Full Gospel Assembly Batu Pahat



SIB Spring Garden Labuan



Immanuel AG Mentakab



SIB CityLife Church KL



# Malaysia Day Celebration

The Malaysia Day's Celebration was held at Wisma Eagles, Full Gospel Tabernacle (FGT) Subang Jaya on September 15, 2022 at 8.30pm. Attendance was about 500 people with streaming only available via YouTube and Facebook after the event.

As with all celebrations in the past, this year's celebration began with a parade of the flags of all the states of Malaysia. This was followed by the singing of the national anthem.

NECF Chairman Rev Dr Eu Hong Seng then shared an exhortation with the congregation based on Jeremiah 24:7. He began by recapping the message he shared at the launch on the results of having a heart to know God. He proceeded by expounding on The Grace, The Distinctiveness, The Privilege and The Caution expressed in the verse, ending with a call for the Church to return to God.

During the prayer time, Elder Lee Chong San led the congregation into a time of prayer for the churches in the nation followed by Rev Richard Yun who prayed specifically for the 3 items of attention namely people groups to grow in acceptance and understanding towards one another, for the young generation to have love for the nation and that God's sovereign will be done in the coming GE15.

This was then followed by a declaration for the nation led by Rev Elisha Satvinder, ending with reference to the various attributes of God that was referred to during the 40-day Fast & Prayer.

The celebration concluded with a closing prayer by Bishop Ong Sek Leang, NECF Vice-Chairman I and soon after with the greeting of "Happy Malaysia Day" to all present.

Besides the event at FGT Subang Jaya, there were other Malaysia Day celebrations elsewhere. The Chinese Commission held their Malaysia Day Celebration at Agape Community Church in Seremban; the Tamil Commission held theirs at Charis Word Centre in Klang; and the Bahasa Commission held theirs at Excel Point Community Church in Penang.

There were also Malaysia Day celebrations held by the various Pastors' Fellowships. The Johor Bahru Pastors' Fellowship held theirs at the Full Gospel Church Johor Bahru; the Labuan Inter-Church Fellowship held theirs at the Anglican Church of Our Holy Saviour; the Ipoh Pastors' Fellowship held theirs at the Church of Praise Ipoh and the Kampar Pastors' Fellowship held theirs at the Grace Community Centre Kampar.



Agape Community Church



Charis Word Centre



Full Gospel Church Johor Bahru



Excel Point Community Church



Church of Our Holy Saviour



Grace Community Centre

## New Ordinary Members

We want to warmly welcome all our New Ordinary Members approved between the months of June to November 2022

Persatuan Penganut Agama Kristian Carmel, Ipoh

Grace Charismatic Fellowship, Bandar Puteri Klang

House of Worship Ayer Keroh

The City Sanctuary, Seremban

New Vine Mission, Bentong

The Grace Centre, Kuala Lumpur

Bagan Bukit Mertajam Baptist Church

Grace Home Gospel Center, Bukit Mertajam

Sidang Injil Borneo (SIB) Shah Alam

Kuala Lumpur Calvary City Church (KLCCC)

Truly Gospel Assembly, Johor Bahru

FCA Community Church, Ipoh

Sungai Ruan Revival Assembly, Raub

River City Church, Ipoh

Glorious Evangelical Church, Seremban

Bethel Praise Assembly Ayer Tawar

Covenant Grace Church, Penang

Pertubuhan Eratkan Hubungan Komuniti (EHC), Ulu Tiram

# More Prayer Reports

The call for the Church to pray continued after the Malaysia Day Celebration with Prayer Shield for Pastors and Leaders throughout the month of October 2022 and 22.22.22 GE15 Prayer Initiative which was launched on 22 Oct 2022 and to end on 20 Nov 2022, a day after the polling date.

The theme of Prayer Shield 2022 was “Putting on the Full Armour of God” based on Ephesians 6:13-18). NECF’s Executive Members focused on all the six pieces of armour mentioned in the text, weaving them together in order to come up with seven short video sermons (including the introduction). This was aimed at creating awareness for the Church to first be clothed with the spiritual armour that God has provided and to be followed by fervent prayers for her spiritual leaders so that the latter could receive the same covering and protection against the darts and schemes of the enemies. These videos were uploaded and made available on NECF’s YouTube channel for all to access.

With the announcement of the dissolution of Parliament, NECF launched the 22.22.22 prayer initiative for the country’s 15th General Election. It was a call for churches and individuals to set aside 22 minutes every 2200 hour (10.00pm) starting on 22 October to pray for the nation and the general election. Daily prayer guides were prepared and circulated for churches and individuals to meditate and pray, guided by Scriptures in order that they may be aligned (attitudes, perspectives, hearts, desires, prayers, etc.) with God. It echoed the teaching of Jesus by acknowledging and declaring the Sovereignty of God over this nation, and to trust that His will is always good and perfect for our nation. Regardless of the election outcome, we should continue to obey His command and submit ourselves to the government of the day. The guide also covers comprehensively the various aspects of the General Election and the formation of the incoming government. The campaign also serves as a reminder to the Church of her priesthood role in this nation.

In the midst of the ongoing prayer, NECF hosted the 5th Prayer Altar Gathering in Peacehaven, Genting Highlands from the 7th. to 8th. of November, 2022. A total of 24 participants attended this gathering to share their individual prayer altar journey. The disciplined practice of individual prayer altar has indeed helped most of the participants to draw closer to God and to grow deeper in understanding the whole counsel of God. The programme of the gathering included Q&A sessions in relation to their prayer altar journey, Bible reading session covering Nehemiah chapters 8 and 9, a reflection time and a revisit of the 4 “W” (Word, Worship, Wait & Wrestle) by Dr Khoo Kay Hup based on Nehemiah chapters 8 and 9.



# Discipleship Matters!



**AEA Youth Leaders Fellowship**  
**01 OCT, 2022**

## Asia Evangelical Alliance Youth Fellowship – Discipleship Matters

Youths from around Asia gathered together online via a zoom meeting organized by the Asia Evangelical Alliance Youth Commission on 1st. October. The purpose of the meeting is to fellowship and to hear from two leaders about the importance of discipleship. The speakers were Rev Dr Patrick Fung, General Director of Overseas Missionary Fellowship (OMF) International and Rev Ashish Hirday, Executive Director of Asia Evangelical Alliance (AEA) and Evangelical Fellowship of India (EFI) Youth Commission.

Rev Ashish took the first session by sharing on the characteristics and realities of the Asian Youth and suggested on the possible steps to disciple them. In his description of their characteristics, he said the Asian Youth is globally aware, charitable, cause oriented, shapers of internet culture, learners by exposure, flexible, optimistic, inclusive, liberal, appreciative of transparency, has high expectation of others and desires continuous feedback. They look up to people who think outside of the box, are relentless in their pursuit of the passion of their lives and aren't motivated in finding security in life but in making a difference.

With regards to the realities they live in, the Asian Youth struggles with loneliness and self-worth. Genuine relationship matters most to them and music is their language. They know no boundaries and they want to be contributors and not consumers. For them 'now' matters more than the future and they care more of their small world. Sex to them is expected as well as confusing and the lack of exemplary marriages is turning them away from it. They are open to spirituality but not to being religious.

Rev Ashish concluded his session by suggesting availability, acceptance, affirmation, affection, appreciation and accountability as the possible steps to disciple the Asian Youth.

In the second session, Dr Patrick used John Mark's life as a model of apprenticeship to develop the next generation. He divided Mark's life into three different development stages – Modelling by Example, Maturing by Exposure and Mentoring by Edification.

For the first stage, he described how Mark was greatly influenced by the faith of his mother as expressed by using her home for believers to gather to pray (Acts 12:5-16). This prepared him for the second stage of Maturing by Exposure when Barnabas and Paul took Mark along with them during their First Missionary Journey, whom he served as their helper (Acts 13:3). Though he faltered along the way and was rejected by Paul, Barnabas parted ways with Paul and took Mark under his care and led him into the third stage of development, Mentoring by Edification. At the close of Paul's ministry, he made a request for Timothy to bring along Mark, who by then had become one of Paul's trusted helpers in the ministry (2 Timothy 4:11).

Besides Barnabas and Paul, Dr Patrick also suggested that Peter had made an impact on Mark's life. In 1 Peter 5:13, Peter calls Mark his son, indicating a very close relationship. When Mark wrote the Gospel of Mark, he recorded Peter's denial of Jesus. Dr Patrick suggested that the source of this account was Peter.

He concluded his session with three questions:-

- Are we like Barnabas in giving the younger generation a 'second chance'?
- Are we like Paul who is zealous for God in modelling the way of ministry; and
- Are we like Peter who is vulnerable and open in terms of our failures in journeying with the next generation?



# Getting Ready For the Flood

On April 14, 2022, the National Disaster Response Network (NDRN) that was first put together back in 2014 in response to the East Coast Flood situation under the leadership of NECF was reactivated and renamed Crisis Relief Network (CRN). Following this, the CRN made a decision to meet up onsite in Kota Bharu from 9 to 11 October after being invited by the Kota Bharu Disaster Response Network (KDRN) to meet there. The gathering was indeed timely, especially after receiving forecast from the National Metrological Department that the year-end monsoon season is expected to result in widespread flooding due to higher than expected rainfall.

At the gathering in Kota Bharu, members of CRN had the opportunity to fellowship and engage with the Kota Bharu churches over two night meetings regarding flood preparation, relief cooperation and a session with the local Civil Defence officer. During the day, they were taken out on a field trip to see the current state of the town of Temangan which was among the many towns that were flooded during the 2015/2015 flood in the East Coast and to know their state of preparation in view of the forecasted flood to come. While the 2014/2015 flood had a negative impact on their economy, the community has learnt to be in the state of readiness for the flood.

The following day, CRN conducted their network meeting to discuss their action plan for the coming monsoon season. Among the decisions reached are as follows: to issue a flood advisory on how churches and believers can prepare themselves for a flood situation; to draw up an inventory mapping out all flood response assets and equipment available for mobilization; to increase flood and disaster response training for churches; and to promote disaster response training to be included into the local church Christian Education and Sunday School Programmes.



Crisis Relief Network Gathering at Saint Martin's Anglican Church in Kota Bharu

### Flood Advisory

What to do BEFORE, DURING and AFTER the flood

**SINGLE STOREY HOMES, GROUND FLOOR CONDOS AND APARTMENT UNITS**

**BEFORE**

- Consider covering your house, household items and vehicles with flood insurance
- Prepare a bag with food, water, medicine, clothes, some cash (bank) and essential documents for evacuation
- Be alert on Weather and River Water Level

**DURING**

- Move electrical items to higher level and from flood waters where possible
- Locate nearest evacuation center & emergency contact numbers
- Return when permitted by the authorities
- Wear protective gear when returning and cleaning your house - water could carry dangerous bacteria and water borne disease
- Avoid using electrical items
- Clean and protect your wound if you get injured

**AFTER**

- Evacuate immediately to nearest evacuation center with your emergency bag

### Flood Advisory

What to do BEFORE, DURING and AFTER the flood

**DOUBLE STOREY, CONDO AND APARTMENTS ON 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR AND ABOVE UNITS**

**BEFORE**

- Consider covering your house, household items and vehicles with flood insurance
- Have torches, battery powered lamp/candle and ensure bank fully charged
- Be alert on Weather and River Water Level
- Locate nearest evacuation center & emergency contact numbers

**DURING**

- Stick at least a week of food and water with cooking stove and basic cooking tools
- Switch off main power supply (double storey houses) and stay away from water
- Move to upper floor for double storey houses with keys access to external building will land in case of emergency
- Report your presence and location to the authorities
- In emergency situation call 999 and give SPS 199 outside the building

**AFTER**

- Wear protective gear when returning and cleaning your house - water could carry dangerous bacteria and water borne disease
- Do not allow children to play outside to avoid injury and infection
- Clean and protect your wound if you get injured
- Avoid using electrical items (double storey houses)

Sourced by NDRN & The National Crisis Relief Network



*Flood Preparation Seminar*

With regards to the first and third decisions made at the gathering, NECF has already circulated to churches the proposed Flood Advisory drafted by CRN. NECF has also hosted a Flood Preparation and Response Seminar for the Klang Valley churches which was held on 29 September in Full Gospel Tabernacle Subang Jaya. A total of 66 persons attended the seminar which was



*Cleaning Tools for SgLeming, Pahang*

conducted by Brother Cheong Chee Keen from the newly formed Asia Crisis Relief Alliance. In addition to the above, NECF has also approved the release of RM5,000 from its Emergency Fund to the Sungai Lembing Gospel Centre for the purchase of cleaning equipment and tools for post-flood relief operations.

## NECF Events Between June – November 2022

23 JUL	Tamil Young Pastors and Wife Conference in Full Gospel Tabernacle Subang Jaya
26 JUL – 10 AUG	40-Day Fast and Prayer Launches
7 AUG – 15 SEPT	40-Day Fast and Prayer
15 – 16 SEPT	Malaysia Day Gatherings
24 SEPT	Tamil Youth Leaders Gathering in Full Gospel Assembly Kuala Lumpur
26 – 28 SEPT	Chinese Pastors Care Retreat in Beacon Resort, Tanjung Malim
9 – 11 SEPT	Crisis Relief Network Gathering in St Martin's Kota Bahru
18 – 20 SEPT	Bahasa Pastors and Wife Retreat in Bangi Avenue Convention Center
21 – 24 SEPT	Chinese National Young Leaders Training in Miletus Bible Leadership Training Center Nilai
1 – 31 OCT	Prayer Shield Month For Pastors and Leaders
3 OCT	Tamil Pastors' Kid Gathering over Zoom
22 OCT – 20 NOV	22.22.22 Prayer Initiative for GE15
29 OCT	Flood Preparation and Response Seminar in Full Gospel Tabernacle Subang Jaya
7 – 8 NOV	5th Prayer Altar Gathering in Peacehaven, Genting