



OUR CHURCH MISSION : To glorify God by being and making disciples of Christ Jesus

Project Ebenezer: Personal reflections

I trust that by now we are all familiar with Project Ebenezer. The name refers to the project by which Hermon seeks to establish a physical facility for ministry and for Sunday services beyond CCKBC. The name Ebenezer was chosen because as we preached through 1 Sam 7 on 10 Mar 2019, we had just submitted our bid for the HDB land on 6 Mar 2019. The name Ebenezer was very poignant for us considering what happened in 1 Sam 5-7. The prophet Samuel set up a stone between Mizpah and Shen and called its name Ebenezer, for he said, "Till now the Lord has helped us" (1 Sam 7:12). This commemorates how the Lord delivered Israel by delivering the Ark from the Philistines and protecting Israel from the invading Philistine army by throwing them into confusion, thundering against them with a mighty sound.

May I share how I have seen the Lord help us thus far? Firstly, I see God's providential wisdom. God allowed us to explore various options ranging from staying at CCKBC to tendering for HDB land and even renting from another church. He then closed the door to each of the options in His own way. Sometimes the door closed painfully; at other times, we simply did not succeed in our application. I see this journey as God's way of providentially helping us to discern what is the appropriate way forward for Hermon.

Secondly, God's leading is like a lamp to our feet. God seems to only let us see sufficiently the immediate path in front of us. God seems to be preparing us step by step. I think it might be because if He showed us the full distance ahead, we would be frozen by fear. So, God has lit our path by giving us a challenging CCKBC MOU discussion that forced us to think beyond CCKBC. This then led to the HDB tender, crystallising our move out of CCKBC and serving as the impetus for our earnest effort to raise Development funds. Subsequently, He led us to recce industrial property in four main areas of Singapore: North (Woodlands), West (Jurong East), Central (Bishan) and

finally South (Redhill). The search was narrowed with God leading us within the Southern area from Alexcier building to Cendex, and then finally to Henderson. Even our journey of the incorporation of 'Dew of Hermon' was God's step-by-step leading. And each step of the way, God brought together the appropriate people both within Hermon and outside of it (e.g. our current lawyers and audit firm partner) at just the right moment. Also, never in our history have we had to have such complicated matters discussed at ACM and ECM, and via Zoom, on top of that. Yet, God was good to Hermon and we had the highest participation rate in our history for both ACM and ECM.

Thirdly, God has proven that His timing is spot on. As I mentioned earlier, He was spot on for the human resources we needed. But one incident that truly blew my mind was the acquisition of our current unit. I was really disappointed when we failed to secure 219 Henderson #07-03. But within one month of our failure, we were able to view another unit. God gave us two blessings through this: firstly, the price at which #07-03 was sold put to bed the thought in our minds that what we had to pay was above the market rate (especially in this economic downturn). Secondly, we are now able to potentially save nearly \$200,000 because the owner of our unit is not a registered company but a personal owner, and so certain government taxes do not apply.

Finally, God has shown us that His resources are always just enough. 10 years ago, we budgeted \$3 million as our part of the renewal for CCKBC. Based on our yearly budget projection, we have not kept in step with that goal. Yet, within the last two years, through the sacrificial giving of gifts and loans by members, friends and sister churches, we have received just enough for our purchase and renovations. It's amazing that God moved individuals and churches to give a specific amount that adds up to just what we need.

Hermon is where she is today only because we worship a God who is our Ebenezer. Our journey thus far is our testimony that 'till now the Lord has helped us'. And through this journey He has helped us to be more steadfast in prayer, more sacrificial in our spirits and more sensitive to His leading.

As God has led us thus far, let us be confident that He will continue to be faithful. And so may we endeavour thus to be more united in spirit, more thankful in our hearts and encouraged in our spirits. Our God is truly our Ebenezer.

Ps Daniel Tan

(Editorial Writers: 22 Nov – Ps Luwin Wong; 29 Nov – Eld Sim Chow Meng)

PRAYER ITEMS

“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.”
Colossians 3:23-24

CHURCH

Hermon Children and Youth Ministry – Pray for the YGLs and the youths who have started the “3-2-1” daily devotion programme. Pray that as they spend 15 mins each day to read and share God’s word with one another, they may increase in the knowledge of God’s will and be encouraged to walk in a manner worthy of Christ (Colossians 1:10). Pray for this programme to help our youths develop a desire for daily Bible reading and prayer even after the programme ends.

Missions – Thank God for the peaceful election in Myanmar. May God grant peace as well as enable the National League for Democracy party to work together with the military for the good of the country. May more Burmese find God in the midst of the pandemic.

WORLD

Hurricane/Tropical Storm Eta – Hurricane Eta has caused widespread damage in Central America, with Honduras, Guatemala, and Nicaragua among those severely affected. Pray for the ongoing emergency relief services as they work in dangerous conditions with floods, strong winds and threats of landslides.

Second surge of Covid-19 – Many countries are experiencing a serious spike in new cases, notably in Europe and also in Southeast Asia as well. Pray that local health authorities would have wisdom and be quick to respond in their respective areas before the situation worsens. Pray that God would also sustain the medical professionals in their work as they have been working tirelessly to deal with this pandemic.

PASTORAL CARE

Birthdays (15-21 Nov 2020) – We rejoice with our members whose birthdays fall this week: Elizabeth Chua-Tay, Michelle Ang-Aw, Patricia Lee-Ong, Lee Tian Leng, Ps Luwin Wong, Perry Lim, Daniel Woon, Dn Richard Yew, Chia-Koh Siew Choo and Tng Chee Chin.

15 Nov - Deborah Engelsen/22 Nov – Angela Choo



SYNCHRONISED PRAYER – Wed (25 Nov), 8.00pm

Let’s pray wherever we are in unity to our Father in heaven
Prayer leader: Ps Luwin Wong **Focus:** Baptismal Service on 13 Dec

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES @ CCKBC – We are open to accommodate 100 congregants in two zones of 50 each. Zone 1 is in the front portion of Jerusalem Sanctuary and Zone 2 is in the back portion. Congregants are not to mingle across the two zones and the toilets. Please follow the stewards' directions when you enter CCKBC. You may register for the service at http://www.hermon.org.sg/?page_id=93.

OFFERTORY – We would like to encourage you to tithe and give your offerings electronically via **PayNow, Internet Banking** or **Quick Cheque Deposit**. We strongly encourage you to use PayNow. For internet banking and quick cheques, please pay to our bank accounts. You can email our church office at church@hermon.org.sg or visit www.hermon.org.sg for our bank details.

HIM SEMINAR – What is grandparenting? How is it different from parenting? The Bible refers to God as the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Exodus 3:6). How do grandparents pray and work to ensure faith is passed from one generation to another? Join us via Zoom on **Sun 22 Nov (2pm–4pm)** and learn **Biblical Grandparenting** to enjoy grandparenthood as a season of life to bless and be blessed by our speakers Rev Dr David Wong and his wife, Jenny. To register, scan this QR code or click this link <https://forms.gle/xCsA7SeyT14RL2bQ6> Last day to register.



COMMUNITY SERVICE IN HENDERSON – Serve with Love initiative by Allspice Institute Culinary School and House on the Moon that supports single mothers with training and jobs matching through cooking to feed 50 persons of low-income backgrounds twice weekly in Henderson area. They are looking for volunteers to help with collection and distribution every Tues and Thurs from 5pm to 6 pm. You can commit to once or twice a week or on ad hoc basis. Volunteers may take the opportunity to befriend those who come to collect the bento set. You can also build relationships with the single mothers in the kitchen and/or visit them in their homes in the evenings. For more details or to register, contact Dns Lai Kin at 98426551.

BEREAVEMENT – Our sympathies to Dominic Gan on the home-going of his brother, the late Raff Gan Jih Chang on 12 Nov 20. May God's comfort and peace be with the bereaved family.

STAFF MOVEMENT – 1) Zebedee is on leave today. 2) Gillian will be on afternoon leave on 16 Nov. 3) Ps Luwin will be on leave from 17-20 Nov. He will be preaching at Shalom BP Church next Sun 22 Nov morning.

COVENANT GROUP MEETINGS	
CG & Leader	2020 Dates / Time online
Agape - Lester Cheng	18 Nov, Wed, 8.00pm online
CCK Open Care	27 Nov, Fri, 7.30pm online
de Vine - Jennifer Seah	27 Nov, Fri, 9.00am online
El Shaddai - Gillian Lim	21 Nov, Sat, 9.30am online
Immanuel - Karen Sim	21 Nov, Sat, 10am online
Jehovah Jireh - Dns Malar Thomas	27 Nov, Fri, 8.00pm online
Klema - Dn Richard Yew	20 Nov, Fri, 8.00pm online
Koinonia (Clementi) - Dn Mike Fong	20 Nov, Fri, 8.00pm online
Koinonia (W'lands) - Simon Toh	27 Nov, Fri, 8.00pm online
Lakers - Dawn Tan	28 Nov, Sat, 3.00pm online
Living Water - Daniel Woon	Today, Sun, 2.00pm online
Morning Glory - Jeanette Ler-Lee	19 Nov, Thu, 9.30am online
New Life - Dn Lee Pang Wee	28 Nov, Sat, 8.00pm online
Paideia - Gene Tan	21 Nov, Sat, 4.30pm online
Young Adults - Ps Luwin Wong	20 Nov, Fri, 7.30pm online

YOUTH BIBLE CLASS	NOVEMBER
Youth (Pr 6 - Post Sec) online	Jeremiah Chan
CHILDREN BIBLE CLASS	NOVEMBER
Nursery to Kindergarten	Classes suspended
P1 – P3 online	Phoebe Li
P4 – P5 online	Dns Malar Thomas

ATTENDANCE (Last Week)	OFFERING AND PLEDGES			
	Fund	Last week	Month Total	Jan-to-Dec
Service online	General Fund	\$10,180.00	\$17,590.00	\$433,661.40
	Dev Fund	\$2,315.00	\$4,640.00	\$1,030,251.70

<p>OFFERING TO <u>GENERAL FUND</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue cheque to Mount Hermon BP Church • PayNow to UEN S88SS0035HGF1 or use QR Code on the right 	
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Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. (2 Corinthians 9:7, 12)

GOD'S MESSAGE

Date: 15 November, 2020
Speaker: Dn Lee Pang Wee
Sermon Title: The Maturing Disciples at Home and with Outsiders
Sermon Text: Colossians 3:18– 4:6

Relating to one another under divine order at home v 3:18-4:1

Praying with steadfast watch and thanksgiving in private v4:2-4

Walking in wisdom and grace towards outsiders in public v4:5-6

Reflection Questions:

1. If you are a husband, what can you do to make your wife's submission a good and joyful thing? If you are a wife, what can you do to make your husband's love a good and joyful thing?
2. What advice would you give to a fellow believer who is finding it difficult to get around to praying?
3. In what ways ought our knowledge of God's grace affect our walk and words, particularly to 'outsiders'?

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Sunday Service

11.00am- 12.30pm

Children & Youth

Bible Class

11.30am-12.30pm

Prayer Meeting

Every 2nd & 4th Wed
8.00pm-9.30pm

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Order of Worship

15 November 2020, 11.00 am

COMMUNION SUNDAY

Church Theme 2020: "Keep Strengthening Our Roots"

Welcome

Call to Worship

Mark 10:42-45

Opening Song

The Servant King

Opening Prayer

Worship in Songs

Lord, I lift Your Name on High
Mighty to Save

Offertory/Doxology

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Text

Colossians 3:18-4:6

Message

The Maturing Disciples at Home and
with Outsiders

Closing Hymn

Let the Beauty of Jesus be seen in me

Benediction

Three-Fold Amen

*Holy Communion will be served to those who are present in
the Jerusalem Sanctuary after Service.*

Speaker: Dn Lee Pang Wee **Worship Leader:** Marcus Lim **Scripture Reader:** May Seah **Pastoral Prayer Benediction/Communion:** Ps Luwin Wong **Music/Vocal:** John Chua, Macarios Darren Thomas, Theophilus Darrius Thomas, Evangeline Divina Thomas, Rebecca Li, Lydia Li and Phoebe Li **Video Editor:** Elsa Tan **Communion Elements:** Fong May Yee **PA:** Edward Lim **Projectionist:** Chew Kian Chong **Stewards:** Dn Mike Fong & team **Safety Officers:** Dn Richard Yew and Dn Mike Fong

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE (22 NOV) – COMMUNION

Sermon text: Colossians 4:7-18 **Speaker:** Ps Daniel Tan **Worship Leader:** Lenith Cheng **Scripture Reader:** Yeo Soon Yii **Pastoral Prayer Benediction:** Eld Choo Yoo Keong **Music/Vocal:** John Chua, Macarios Darren Thomas, Theophilus Darrius Thomas, Evangeline Divina Thomas, Rebecca Li, Lydia Li and Phoebe Li **Video Editor:** Dion Ow **Communion Elder ic:** Eld Elgin Chan **Communion Elements:** Mary Wang **PA:** Joseph Ho **Projectionist:** Samuel Chua **Stewards:** Nelson Chong & team **Safety Officers:** Dn Lee Pak Choon and Simon Toh