

## **SAF Mission Trip to Calvary Miri B-P Church (25<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August 2017)**

We thank the LORD for His grace and privilege to once again serve Him in Calvary Miri B-P Church, Miri, Sarawak, East Malaysia. This mission trip was participated by members of all fellowship group i.e GYF, SAF, AF, YAF, YF and Teens.

### **Mission Team Members**

- Timothy Tan – team leader
- Elder Tan Nee Keng – worship service and prayer meeting speaker and teacher (youth)
- Dn Peck Thian Guan - teacher (youth) & logistics
- Khoo Peng Keong - evening service speaker and teacher (youth)
- Dn Robin Boi - teacher (children)
- Constance Tan – lead teacher (children)
- Neo Lee Sei – Sunday School teacher
- Elisabet Zhong - teacher (children) and translator
- Stephanie - teacher (children) and translator
- Saravanan - teachers (children)
- Benjamin Tan – musician & assistant teacher (children)
- Johan Boi – musician & assistant teacher (children)
- Faith Chang - assistant teacher (children)
- Carissa Lim – assistant teacher (children)
- Victoria Ang – assistant teacher (children)

Marilyn Nanta, full time staff at Miri BPC, assisted with the translation too.

### **1. *Vacation Bible School (VBS) / Youth & Adult Program***

The theme of the year is “God and His People” – Deuteronomy 13:4 and all the lessons were aligned to the theme. Activities included bible lessons for children and youth, art and craft, singspiration, gospel workshop, group discussion, games and screening of Christian videos, visitation and fellowship.

#### **Attendance:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Children</b>	<b>Youths / Adults</b>
Saturday – 26 <sup>th</sup> August 2017	18	15
Sunday – 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2017	13	No lessons
Monday – 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2017	28	13
Tuesday – 29 <sup>th</sup> August 2017	30	14

#### **Children’s Program**

Thank God for the 7 new comers to the children’s program (Shila, Morantes, Ron, Anatasya, Nicholas & Hesly)) from the Kampong Lusut area. The team observed that generally the children were well behaved and attentive during the lessons. They followed the lessons including art and arts with enthusiasm. For art and craft the class

was divided into 3 groups for better management. Each group had a supervisor from the Pandan youths. It is also encouraging to see the older children helping the younger.

The youths took charge of taking attendance, refreshments and food preparation, food collection and clearing up. The younger children also did their part by sweeping the floor after the lessons. The ladies also assisted in food preparation and transportation of the children. It was observed that they did all the duties efficiently and cheerfully. It is encouraging to note that the church members made the effort in organising all the duties amongst themselves. Some of the youths have started working and could not attend the entire VBS program but the younger youths have readily taken up the responsibilities.

**Lesson covered:**

The theme for this VBS is *“God and His People” – Deuteronomy 13:4*. It focuses on the character study of men and women of God.

- a. Lesson 1 & 2– *“Moses a Faithful Servant.” Exodus 4: 1-17.*
  - learning to be a faithful servant like Moses
- b. Lesson 3 – *“Samson: A Disobedient Servant.” – Judges 13 & 14*
  - God uses every man for His purpose
- c. Lesson 4 – *“Mordecai – A Stedfast Servant.” – Esther 2 & 4*
  - how to be stedfast in the Lord
- d. Lesson 5 – *“Esther – A Courageous Servant.” – Esther 2 & 4*
  - not our looks or abilities but God’s providence and guidance in times of difficulties and needs
- e. Sunday School lesson – *“Philip teaches the man from Ethiopia” – Acts 8: 4-5, 26-40*
  - the unsaved child will believe on the LORD Jesus Christ
  - be ready to tell someone about Jesus

**Youths and Adults Program**

The sub-theme for the youth and adults program is: *“Keeping the Worship of God Pure.” – Deuteronomy 13: 1-18.*

The youths and adults were attentive during lessons and enjoyed the Q&A sessions as well as the group discussions. We noticed that they have opened up more and were confident ask some questions.

**Lessons covered:**

- a.
  - i) Introduction to *“Keeping the worship of God pure*
  - ii) How to discern a false prophet – Deuteronomy 12: 1-2
  - iii) Shun and punish false prophets – Deuteronomy 13: 8-9

- b. i) How to discern enticers to idolatry – Deuteronomy 13: 6-7
- ii) Shun and punish enticers to idolatry – Deuteronomy 13: 8-9
- iii) Reasons for punishing enticers to idolatry – Deuteronomy 13: 10-11
- c. i) How to behave towards a city drawn to idolatry – Deuteronomy 13: 12-16
- ii) Benefits of keeping the worship of God pure – Deuteronomy 13: 17-18

## **2. Visitation**

We visited and fellowshiped with 3 families, Evelyn Jau and Irene Jau (combined) and Simon Himang. We had a time of singspiration, fellowship and prayed for the families. Elder Tan Nee Keng and Bro. Timothy shared from the Word of God. The team also distributed love gifts to the families. We also visited the family of Shila and Ana. Ana lives in an abandoned Chinese temple together with 2 other families. There are quite a few children living there. Marilyn fetched the children to attend the VBS and will be conducting bible study with them and witnessing to the adults too.

## **3. Gospel Workshop**

A Gospel workshop led by Brother Peng Keong using *“The Wordless Book”* was conducted for the youths and adults. They are still not quite confident yet and more practice is required. Sister Marilyn was asked to follow up with them.

## **4. Video Show**

A video entitled *“The Samuel Morris Story”* was screened. All who attended enjoyed the video and were challenged to be missionaries in their own areas. Marilyn did a summary of the video to reinforce the message. More of such video shows will be screened in future.

## **5. Prayer request:**

- ⇒ Pray for salvation of loved ones namely Joseph Jau, husband of Evelyn, Leonard Chan, brother of Helena, who has back-slided and Fertinez
- ⇒ Leorene’s hearing problem. She will be seeing a doctor in Sept to fix a hearing aid.
- ⇒ Alvin looking for a job, preferably in Miri so that he can continue to serve.
- ⇒ Continue to pray for the outreach to the children living in Kampung Lusut as their parents are still not open to them attending activities conducted by Calvary Miri B-P Church.
- ⇒ Pray for Pandan SAF Mission Team that God will grant them wisdom, strength, and good health as they serve the Lord. Also pray for unity in purpose, hearts and minds as the team serve.
- ⇒ Pray for more co-labourers in Christ for the continuation of works in Miri.

## **6. Conclusion**

We thank God for the blessed trip and a wonderful time ministering and fellowshiping with the brethren in Miri BPC. We were greatly blessed. The next mission trip, God willing, will be in March 2018.

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