

A report on the



# tenth anniversary mission night thanksgiving service and mission seminar



## ••• Mission Seminar • Sat, Oct 27, 2007

After much planning and organisation, the day finally materialised and there was much excitement as the organizing team and their members arrived early at Sungai Nibong Gospel Hall (SNGH) to make sure that everything was in order as it was the first time that such a Mission Seminar was held in Penang. "It is all God's doing. May all glory and honour be given to our great God." By 2.30pm, participants were seen arriving, welcomed by the ushers and requested to report to the Secretariat to claim their Name Tags & Souvenir packages. It was nostalgic yet joyful as friends who had not met for a long time embraced and greeted each other. It was really wonderful to see God's family coming together in His presence. It was very encouraging to see participants coming from as far as Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Perak including a special guest from Indonesia to attend the 2-day event and to rejoice with the Penang saints on this special occasion.

David Lim, a Mission Committee member, led the singing of a few hymns at the start of the seminar. The Theme Song: "The Mission" was heartily sung with great love for *the Lord our God Is the heartbeat of our mission*. KC Ung opened the Mission Seminar with a word of prayer

The seminar was conducted by a special guest speaker for the day, Mr Loh Ah Asiau (LAA) from Gospel Outreach Worldwide (GOWW). Bro. Loh and his wife were guests at the **first** Mission Night, Oct 1997 and it was indeed an honour to have both of them returning and rejoice with us on this special occasion. The seminar theme was "Malaysian Assembly Missions (in the context of 150 years of blessings) and LAA spoke on the following topics:

### 1 Blessed in order to Bless

#### 1.1 God's Great Plan for His World

Mission is God's Plan

Our God is a God of missions. Missions come from the very heart of God

#### 1.2 Missions is the Basis of the Bible

The message of missions is woven throughout the Bible.

### 2 His Last Command Our First Concern

Jesus paid for our sins with His blood at the cross, then rose from the dead and commanded His followers to share the gospel with the people of the world.

#### 2.1 The Analysis of the Great Commission

#### 2.2 The Changes, Current Trends and Opportunities in World Mission

#### 2.3 Our First Concern to Fulfil It

### 3 From Receiving to Sending

#### 3.1 Missions: "Send" and "Go"

Missions do not just focus on those who go. Those who serve as senders are equally significant. Rom 10:12-15

God's call on our lives to serve as senders must be just as vibrant as the call on the life of the one you send.

#### 3.2 The Antioch Story

#### 3.3 The Brethren Movement Story





After the challenging talk by LAA, the crowd adjourned to the annexe for a Fellowship dinner while some of the participants took the opportunity to view mission books and other books on sale at three counters (books were sold on behalf of Evangel Book Store, OMF and LAA's collections) and also at the photos, reading and exhibit materials displayed by the five invited Mission Groups. Fellowship gift boxes were placed at each of the exhibition booth of the respective groups. The dinner was followed by reports from the five Malaysian Mission Groups on their respective ministries. Wong Sai Weng, one of the Board of Directors of Malaysian Missionary Services Trust (MMS) was the first to give his report followed by Dr Chew Chye Poh from Orang Asli Ministry (OAM). The next report was from Eugene Yapp, Principal of Gospel Literature Outreach Training School, Taiping (GLO). Stephen Lew from Malaysian Myanmar Ministry (MMM) then reported on their work among the Myanmarese and the final report was by Loh Ah Asiau from Gospel Outreach Worldwide (GOWW). The seminar ended with the singing of the theme song followed by a closing prayer from KC Ung.



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## ••• 10th Anniversary Mission Night Thanksgiving Service •

Sun, Oct 28, 2007

Mission Night & *The ECHOS* celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a Thanksgiving service. The auspicious and historic day saw faithful prayer-partners and friends coming together to rejoice with thanksgiving unto the Lord for his many blessings for the past 10 years. Indeed the support for the event yesterday was more than overwhelming. By God's grace everything went on well. With almost 240 in attendance, those who came were not disappointed but were encouraged with the powerful challenge message by Loh Ah Asiau (LAA). Pray that LAA's challenging and inspiring message would stir up more hearts to heed the Lord's call to the mission field and respond positively. The evening's Thanksgiving Service began with the singing of the theme song followed with an opening prayer by Mr Ong Eng Guan, Elder of BRGH. Via a 15 minute Powerpoint presentation the congregation took a 'trip' down memory lane to review the History of MN & *The ECHOS* from Oct 1997 to Oct 2007. God's Goodness and Blessings has been with us all these 10 years and He will continue to be there guiding us in the years ahead. A quiz on the History and *The ECHOS* was conducted by Kenneth Oh, Deputy Chairman of the Mission Committee. Prizes were awarded to those who gave the right answers.

Down memory lane



Quiz time

After a brief introduction by Kenneth, Grace Tsang, the Secretary of the Mission Committee gave a testimony of her involvement with the Committee.

Next on the programme was an interview of people who have been involved with MN & *The ECHOS* for the last 10 years. David Lim, the interviewer then invited KC Ung, Loh Ah Asiau, Tan Tiong Leng and Andrew Cowell onto the stage. The Chairman of the Mission Committee, KC Ung was the first to be interviewed. He shared on the objectives and administration of MN and *The ECHOS*, invitation of MN guest speakers, compilation of news for *The ECHOS*, getting them printed and ready for distribution. LAA was the next to be interviewed. He called for assemblies to take a deeper interest in missions and be involved directly or indirectly, identify and assist potential candidates for missions, assemblies to give support and partnership towards fulfilling the mandate the Lord has given us “to make disciples of all nations”. Next, Tan Tiong Leng, an Elder of BRGH related on the assembly’s policy and support for MN and *The ECHOS*. Andrew Cowell from Grace International Ministries of Indonesia (GIM) shared of his association with MN and *The ECHOS*, of how he was challenged 10 years ago at a Mission Night to go and serve the Lord in Indonesia.



Testimony by Grace

A Mission Challenge on “Mission Partnership in the Context of Autonomy” was given by LAA.



Yes to Indonesia 10 years ago

The Lord’s people besides being fervent prayer-partners were generous in giving the five mission groups. Fellowship gifts amounting to RM20,409.00 was collected for the five mission groups. KC Ung then handed the gifts to Wong Sai Weng, representative of MMS Trust, Stephen Lew (MMM), Eugene Yapp (GLO) and Loh Ah Asiau (GOWW). Wong Sai Weng received OAM’s share of the gift on behalf of Dr Chew. The Mission Agencies Representatives and Mission Committee members were then invited up on stage for a group photo. KC Ung closed the service in prayer thus marking the conclusion of the Thanksgiving Service.

The Congregation stood up and sang aloud the Theme Song “The Mission” praising God loudly.

*To love the Lord our God  
Is the heartbeat of our mission  
The spring from which our service overflows  
Across the street  
Or around the world  
The mission’s still the same  
Proclaim and live the Truth  
In Jesus’ Name!*

KC Ung handed over fellowship gifts to the five Mission organisations

Many were seen enjoying their meal at the Thanksgiving Dinner. It was also a time of rich fellowship. Immense thanks to our eternal God for a memorable 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mission Night Thanksgiving Service.



Praise and Honour be to His Name.



Interview: Andrew, Tan TL, Loh AA, Ung KC

Finale - singing theme song, “The Mission” together

Warm food & warm fellowship



**Note:** For a pictorial report of the Mission Seminar and 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mission Night Thanksgiving Service, please go to <http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com/> to see more of the proceedings of the two day events.

