



SCGMWAVE

Catalysing the National Missions Movement in Singapore

VOICE OF ONE IN THE WILDERNESS

The gospel began with the solitary voice in the desert calling for repentance. The season of Lent calls us back to the wilderness where Jesus spent 40 days in solitude, in prayer and fasting, in preparation for the inauguration of His earthly ministry.

During Lent, we are reminded to retreat to the wilderness, to learn to live with less distractions and with more care and self-discipline for our souls. We learn to watch our lives and guard our hearts, as we follow Christ our Lord. We are invited to worship and observe God's majesty and to catch a glimpse of His glory. We are invited to examine our lives and repent of our hidden sins so that we can be cleansed, healed and freed. We take time to read His Word and discern His call once again. The Temptation of Christ reminds us of our need to repent from our consumptive lifestyles, from our narcissistic self-centred concerns and from our tendencies towards idolatry in this world.

As I catch a glimpse of God's mighty and majestic vision, so huge; and mourn my weaknesses and inadequacies, so great; I realise my audacity to even dream of serving God's vision and mission. It is only by grace through faith that I can, because He calls. In our brokenness, we receive His grace. In obedience, we begin to respond in action. By grace, we attempt, as Carey once said, the great things for God, and to expect great things from God. In the wilderness, we learn that we can begin anew. It is a rhythm of sunsets and sunrises.



We face many challenges in the world, where things have gone bad. G.K. Chesterton once saw an article entitled "What's wrong with the world?" He responded with a letter with just two words: "I am."

May God continue His work in the world through us by first cleansing us to be channels of His Grace. Only then can Divine Power and Divine Blessings flow...and overflow.

Lawrence Ko, National Director



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Our Mission:

**Catalysing the National Missions
 Movement in Singapore**

Our Vision:

**Serving the Local Church in
 Missions Mobilisation
 in the 21st Century**

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Panel Speakers at the forum include Darrell Dorr, Dr Ashok Kumar, Dr Peter Nitschke, Samuel Lim and Dr Quek Swee Hwa & the Panel Moderator, Ms KimHong Hazra



SCGM MISSIONS RESEARCH FORUM 2014



THEME: IN TOUCH IN THE CITY. 8 March 2014. Changi Cove

About 70 participants attended the inaugural SCGM Missions Research Forum 2014 at the lovely Changi Cove.

Lawrence Ko welcomed the participants with an introductory speech: "This missions research forum is part of SCGM new Strategic Thrust to encourage the growth of strategic thought leadership in missions from Singapore. It aims to provide a platform for the experienced missions practitioners as well as up and coming missionary entrepreneurs to think together on how we can tackle some of the challenges facing us in Asian missions in the 21st C. It is a research forum "for practitioners by practitioners", to provide thoughtful conversations on practical problems as well as innovative solutions.

Urbanisation in Asia is developing rapidly with more mega urban regions growing in Asia more than anywhere else in the world. The tallest buildings and largest cities are all found in Asia. These are the new missions fields of Asia in 21st C. While the rural and mountain villages still hold thousands of unreached people groups (UPGs), many of the unengaged UPGs are streaming into the cities in search of modernity and a better life, with great expectation and receptivity.

There is a certain dynamism in urban living which should excite us. Asian urbanisms present unprecedented challenges and immense opportunities for missions. How can the church in the cities truly engage as an incarnational church in urban settings? What do we need to do to become agents of transformational missions? We appreciate our presenters Darrell Dorr, Dr Ashok Kumar, Dr Peter Nitschke, Samuel Lim and Dr Quek Swee Hwa who are journeying with us as we explore new paradigms and encourage the implementation of effective missions models in Asian urban settings. May God raise up men and women to lead incarnational churches and innovative missional structures that can impact Asian cities in the 21st C."
(NB: The papers presented will be published in 2014)

The world of missions is a rapidly changing environment. We need someone to keep tabs on developments and alert us so that we can do missions in the most effective and relevant way. SCGM fills this need for us.

Bishop Dr Wee Boon Hup

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Missional Business Seminar 2014

SCGM and Bible Society of Singapore jointly organised the Missional Business Seminar held at the Bible House on 29 March 2014. Chaired by



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SCGM MISSIONAL BUSINESS NETWORK SEMINAR
BUILDING MISSIONS ENTREPRENEURS THROUGH BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP

Date: Sat 29 March 2014
Time: 9am-12.30pm
Venue: Bible House
7 Armenia Street S179932

REGISTRATION FEE: \$20
To register, please visit www.scgm.org.sg

COME JOURNEY WITH US ...Building Missional Business Models & Networks of Mentoring

organised by
Bible Society of Singapore &
Singapore Centre for Global Missions




Topic 1: Pioneering a new Missional Business in Farming
Speaker: Jordan Neo Beng Chye
Topic 2: Mentoring in Missional Business.
Speaker: Ong Tun Cheng

Festus Thomas, the SCGM Missional Business Team Coordinator, the seminar had two speakers Jordan Neo and Ong Tun Cheng sharing their experiences and expertise on developing enterprise projects in Asia, ranging from agriculture to other investments, and more importantly how to develop a mentoring process for the enterprise so that there will be sustainability.

Festus also share about the Global mission network hosted by GCCN, a partner of SCGM, as we develop partnerships in resource development globally. For those who are interested, please sign up as a SCGM member to be invited to the secure missions portal.

Partnership Seminar: Hope for Myanmar

SCGM co-organised this partnership event on MV Logos Hope on 30 Jan 2014 which brought together 100 pastors and leaders from Myanmar churches and ministries in Singapore. ND spoke on the principles of partnership and urged agencies to partner Myanmar churches in outreach in the country.



SCGM STAFF & VOLUNTEERS



Pray for SCGM staff Tan Meow Gek and Sherin Cheong who provide the administrative support to the ministry of SCGM. We thank God for the services of Raveen Mannar who leaves us in April 2014, and welcome Angela Leong who joined us as a programme manager in March, first as a volunteer and then staff. We also welcome Jason Lee, a theology student who joined us as intern since Jan 2014 for his final semester at SBC.

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The AELS Forum had Rev CB Samuel as the keynote speaker along with Rev Dr Vinay Samuel.

Varsity Christian Fellowship Talk

Lawrence Ko was the speaker at Varsity Christian Fellowship (VCF) Teaching session on 11 March at LT25 on the topic **“The Embodiment of the Gospel”**. On 15 March, he was also the invited speaker at the VCF social engagement talk on poverty and environmental degradation. We pray for the varsity students to join us at the GoForth 2014 Conference as God raises these youth as the harvest force.



GOFORTH 2014 CHINESE PASTORS LUNCH FELLOWSHIP. 12 MARCH 2014

90 pastors and leaders from the Chinese congregations and ministries in Singapore attended the GoForth 2014 Pastors Lunch fellowship held at St Andrew's Cathedral. Join us as we pray for more believers from the Chinese speaking churches to respond to harvest through the GoForth Conference 2014.



VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS

Asia Emerging Leaders Summit Jan 2014

Chiang Mai, Thailand

Asia Evangelical Alliance and Compassion Int'l jointly organised the Asian Emerging Leaders Forum to encourage and mentor younger Christian leaders to engage in the public square. Entitled “Voice for the Voiceless”, the forum on thinking strategically was led by Dr Bambang Budijanto and featured Rev CB Samuel as the keynote speaker along with Rev Dr Vinay Samuel and Philip Koh. About 70 younger leaders, pastors and missions leaders attended the forum held in Chiang Mai on the week when the protest demonstrations started in Bangkok and on the college campuses in Chiang Mai. It was heart wrenching to see Thai leaders weep for the brokenness within their society, ripped apart by political strife and fragmentation.

The Forum raised a rhetorical question: **“Do you have the Right to Remain Silent?”** especially when injustice and corruption remains rampant in Asia and in many parts of the world. The Forum called for the Church and individual Christians to stand up and be a prophetic voice for Truth and justice. In partnership with the Micah Network and Compassion Int'l, the Forum pledged to raise a million signatures from the children and youth to call for an end to corruption so as to give the children hope for the future.



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Broadcasting HOPE in an Age of Hopelessness

SAT7 Network Conference in Turkey, Mar 2014

The annual SAT7 Network conference 2014 was held in the lovely beachside town near Izmir, Turkey. Attended by 240 partners and participants, the conference was preceded by an international council meeting where guests like the Singaporean delegates Dean Kuan Kim Seng, Richard Ting and SGM ND Lawrence Ko were invited to sit in.

At the conference, the vision and goals of the media ministry which beams Christian programmes across the Middle East and North Africa were presented. The highlights included the new initiatives which include SAT7 Kids and SAT7 PARS, with the former reaching out to children and the latter in Farsi language reaching the believers in Iran, Tajikistan and Afghanistan. Creative feature programmes such as Forbidden, a talk show recently broadcast to North Africa especially the Tunisian believers, featured Dr Imed inviting artists, songwriters and poets to his show from different faiths.

The urgent call of SAT7 ministry was to reach the children, especially the millions in and from Syria, torn apart by civil war, traumatised by war, violence and hopelessness, and who may grow up without opportunities for education. Providing educational media programmes would be a great way to broadcast hope in the midst of hopelessness not only for children, but for their parents as well as they ponder what would become of this "Lost Generation". Would there be a response from Singapore to assist in an urgent mission to bring hope to the hopeless?



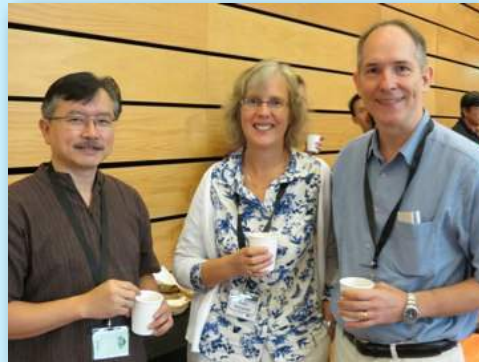
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ND was glad to have breakfast with SAT7 CEO Terence Ascott, to hear of his vision when he first founded SAT7 17 years ago and how we can respond to a region in need.

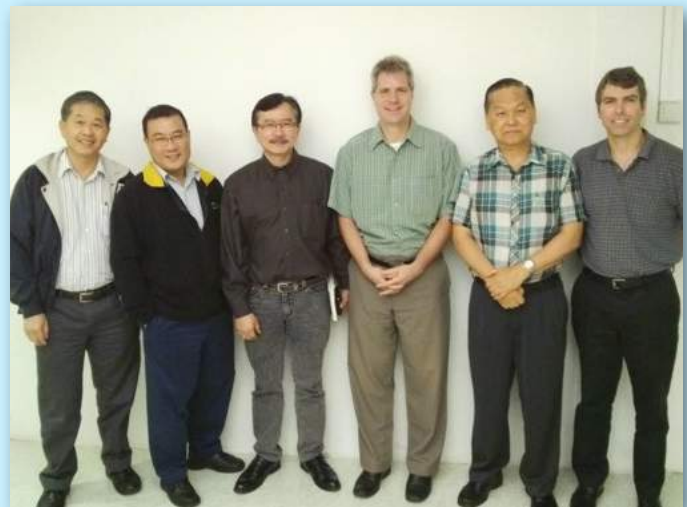


ND had dinner fellowship with Timo of The Messengers and also a SAT7 Int'l Council member and met Rita (Producer & Presenter for SAT7 Kids) an invited speaker at GoForth 2014.



Left: ND with the new research director of OMF Int'l Walter McConnell and his wife Claire, attending the SCGM Missions Research Forum 2014..

Below: ND with the leaders of SIM East Asia and Global teams at a discussion on promoting Missional Business in the region and around the world.



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SCGM Breakfast Speakers



Joanne Li shared on being A Global Christian in Jan 2014



LKurt Johansen shared on Media in the Middle East in Feb 2014



Andrias Pantouw shared on Indonesian missions in Mar 2014



Dr Cathy Hine will share on Holistic Missions in Apr 2014



SCGM Missional Breakfast

Topic: Holistic Missions

Speaker: Dr Cathy Hine (Interserve)

Thu 3 Apr 2014. 8am-9.30am. St Andrew's Cathedral

To register, visit www.scgm.org.sg

Pray for SCGM Apr-Jun 2014

Praise God for the opportunities for ND to speak at clergy meetings of the Anglican, Assemblies of God, Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches in Feb 2014. Pray that the churches will support and mobilise members for GoForth 2014. Pray for SCGM as we serve as secretariat for the event. Join us for GoForth Weekly prayer meeting every Thursday 12.30-1.30pm at St Andrew's Cathedral as we kindle the mission fire to spread across Singapore.

Pray for SCGM. Resource SCGM Financially. Volunteer with SCGM.

Apr-Jun ND Lawrence Ko speaking at the various local churches:

Salem Chapel on Easter Sunday,

Katong Presbyterian Church on Apr 9, May 7 and Jun 1 (Creation Care)

Bethel Presbyterian Church on May 3 & 4

Apr 13 St George's Church's Mission Fair

Apr-May Media for Missions Training and Field Trip to Manila

Apr 22 SCGM Annual General Meeting 2014 for SCGM Members . 6.30pm

Apr 22 Annual Lecture 2014 by Dr Daniel Koh Kah Soon . 7.30pm-9.30pm

May 14 ND mission Trip to Nairobi, Kenya for INCHE Board meeting & Conference

Jun 12 ND leads two teams to Inner Mongolia for Green Desert Project

Join us at **SCGM Breakfast Fellowship** every first Thursday morning

Apr 3 - Holistic Missions by Dr Cathy Hine.

May 8 - Migrant Ministry by Tang Shin Yong

NB: Please note that there will be no Breakfast Fellowship on May but May 8, and none in the months of Jun & Dec.

1 **How can I e-vangelise in an online world?**

2 **Are we prepared to be the church in the world?**

3 **Will we Go Forth to be neighbours in our global village?**

GoForth 2014

National Missions Conference

The Whole Church In The Whole World



Get set for inspiring keynote messages by our international speakers.
Reset your idea of missions at thought-provoking workshops.
Go for our exciting evening rallies to end the day with praise and worship.

From megacities to slums, marketplaces to the immense online world – mission fields are all around us. Our spheres of influence include our loved ones and greater community, as much as unreached people groups.

GoForth 2014 is calling Christians of all ages, ethnicities and walks of life to gather for 3 days to get inspired to live lifestyles that reveal Christ to those around them and be relevantly equipped for modern-day mission work.

Get engaged. Be equipped. Register now for the GoForth 2014 National Missions Conference.

DATE

Wed 9 July - Fri 11 July 2014

VENUE

Trinity Christian Centre @ Paya Lebar

Evening rallies are FREE and open to public

PRICE

Early bird price is \$60 per delegate and \$30 per student. Register as a group and enjoy 1 complimentary ticket for every 5 paying persons. Early bird registration ends 31 May 2014.

THEME TALK & EVENING RALLY SPEAKERS

Dr Samuel Lee
 President of Foundation University Amsterdam

Dr Hwa Yung
 Bishop Emeritus, the Methodist Church in Malaysia

Dr Patrick Fung
 General Director of OMF International



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SCGM ANNUAL LECTURE 2014

THE CRY OF CREATION

Tue 22 April, 2014.
7.30pm-9.30pm.
St Andrew's Cathedral
North Transept Hall

Registration Fee: \$10.

To register, visit
www.scgm.org.sg

WWW.SCGM.ORG.SG.

Creation is groaning. It is facing a major ecological crisis mainly brought about by human neglect and rapacious exploitation of the natural resources to feed our insatiable consumptions and wasteful lifestyle. There is an urgent need for Christians as residents of planet earth, to care for creation, and to accept responsibilities as stewards of God's creation as part of our missions and worship.

THE SPEAKER:

The Rev. Dr Daniel Koh Kah Soon, a Methodist pastor, is a full-time lecturer at Trinity Theological College. As a pastor and Christian ethicist, he has a special interest in bringing our faith to bear on the issues of our time, including dealing with issues like our response to environmental crisis, and the place of ethics in relation to missions in the care of God's entire world.

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