

SCGMWAVE



Catalysing the National Missions Movement in Singapore

The Legacy of the Living

Over the past months, I was confronted with the imminent death of my spiritual mentor, Ken Rideout, a true spiritual father to me. He passed away at the age of 85, flying back from Nashville, Tennessee to mount what he called "One Last Summit", ascending the mountains of Chiang Mai, where he had devoted over 4 decades of his life in missions among the tribal peoples. He battled physical ailments and a weakened heart but carried on his ministry of teaching with an incredibly lucid mind and very gracious words. Uncle Ken was instrumental in God's call for me to devote my life to the ministry of the gospel and to the cause of Christian missions. He modelled it for me.

Occasionally I would attribute my lack of capacity to accumulate wealth to Ken who influenced my heart from my early days in Christian ministry, to seek first the Kingdom of God rather than financial stability. I wept when it dawned on me that his end was near when I saw him in hospital in November. I wept when I learnt of his passing last month. After that, I remembered him constantly with joy, fondness and gratitude.

I visited him in Chiang Mai after a conference in January this year and spent an afternoon listening to him teach the Word of God. I saw tears in his eyes when I told him my appreciation for his spiritual tutelage over the past 35 years. More importantly I told him I appreciated the way he lived and modelled the Christian life as a preacher. That was when his tears welled up, as he said gently, "I would do it all over again to preach the glorious gospel of Jesus...it is such a beautiful message".

Before I left for the airport, I visited Ken again and told him he has modelled for us how to live and now how to die with faith in God. I congratulated him on his successful "Last Summit", prayed with him and then bade him farewell, as we look forward to meeting again on the other side of eternity.

The Chinese writer Luxun once said, "If the dead is not buried in the hearts of the living, then one has truly died." In other words, if one leaves a legacy among the living, then one has truly lived. Ken lives on in the hearts of the living, as his Saviour does.

The season of Lent prepares our hearts to turn from temporal distractions and the way of sin towards God. We prepare our hearts to welcome Easter, the celebration of the New Humanity we are in Christ. To announce this Reality in Christ is our Christian mission. *Lawrence*



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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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within the premises of Bedok
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Come visit us and explore what we
can do together to promote missions
in and through Singapore!

SCGM MISSIONAL BUSINESS TALK

Missional Business Metrics

Measuring what you value in Missional Business

SAT 21 MAR 2015. 9AM-12.30PM. EAGLES MEDIATION & COUNSELLING CENTRE. FEES:\$20

Shaping business for God and the common good. Sounds good! But how do you plan, operate and evaluate such a business with multiple bottom lines, serving many stakeholders, and in a cross-cultural setting? Without some consistently applied metrics it is very hard to know if the business is on track to achieve what it is set out to do. Metrics provide focus and perspective, develop discipline, provide accountability, can be encouraging and provide motivation and are a key part of the planning cycle. Some examples are:

→ FINANCE



MAIN SPEAKER:

Mats Tunehag

Senior Leader on BAM in both LAUSANNE MOVEMENT & WORLD EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE

OTHER SPEAKER:

Peter Teong

Business Leader & Consultant,
Founder of Gates Global

To register, kindly visit www.scgm.org.sg

Organised by Singapore Centre for Global Missions
A GOFORTH 2014 post-conference event



Shaping business for God and the common good. Sounds good! But how do you plan, operate and evaluate such a business with multiple bottom lines, serving many stakeholders, and in a cross-cultural setting? Come learn with Mats Tunehag, a Lausanne Senior Leader in BAM as he shares about developing metrics which provide focus and perspective, develop discipline, provide accountability in building a Missional Business Sat 21 March 2015. 9am-12.30pm. St Andrew's Cathedral. \$20. Register at www.scgm.org.sg

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SCGM Council Members came together on 15th day of Chinese New Year to share a lunch fellowship along with staff.



SCGM Chairman Daniel Jesudason and National Director Lawrence Ko were at the SEANET Conference in Chiang Mai in January 2015, learning with missiologists and practitioners engaged in bridging Asian religious world views.



National Director (ND) Lawrence Ko preached at Queenstown Lutheran Church on their Missions Sunday on 15 Feb 2015. He shared a message on the transcendent vision in missions and the strategy of mobilising business leaders and marketplace professionals in missions. Queenstown Lutheran Church's senior pastor Rev Frederic Lee and missions committee chairman, Antti Johansson, were pleased with the idea of broadening the scope of missions so as to engage a wider group of believers to serve together in missions.



On 15 January 2015, Lawrence Ko met with **Thailand Karen Baptist Convention General Secretary Rev. Sunny Danpongpee** and the TKBC Training Director Dr Young Chul Oh, a Korean missionary, to discuss the need for holistic ministry to empower the poor and to explore possibility of developing missional business training for the Karen Baptist churches in Thailand.

SCGM Focus Area:

MISSIONAL BUSINESS

The market place is the new harvest field, and businesses (including social enterprises) and not charities, will become the strongest influence of livelihood and lives in almost every nation on earth. Christians must learn to do business.

SCGM is pioneering and staging the conversation of **Missional Business in Singapore**. Through this yearly event, the Missional Business Weekend, we hope business acumen will accompany missionary zeal as stakeholders gather to talk, to learn, to brainstorm, to encourage, to network, to partner, to be obedient to the call to go into the nations.

SCGM, the organiser, invites you to come join us for a **26-hour roll-up-your-sleeves "Less Talk, More Action" event** where missionaries, aspiring missionaries, practising missional businessmen and Christian entrepreneurs honestly work out the truth about whether their business ideas solve real customer problems, and effectively and sustainably meet market needs.

Inspired by the very successful Startup Weekends organized every year in more than 726 cities (<http://startupweekend.org>), Missional Business Weekend aims to become a part of that unstoppable movement that is sprouting global communities of entrepreneurs.

We need An Entrepreneurs' huddle ... It is an exercise of faith to go into the market places of the world. To venture into business for missions with unquestioning zeal taken for faith, and with business naivete can turn the harvest field into a minefield of adventurism. Kingdom resources are frittered away; more critically, the opportunity cost is in the souls of men.

In this event, practising humility and honesty and the LEAN Startup methodologies, attendees define and test their business ideas and refine their business models, acquire missional business leadership, find coaches and mentors, and inspire others to co-labour with them. At the end of the event, teams showcase their prototypes and receive valuable feedback from a panel of missional & business experts.

Be Part of a New Community of Practice as Missional Business Practitioners.

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Programme Leaders:

Peter Teong

(Business Leader & Consultant,
Founder of Gates Global)

Lawrence Ko

(National Director, SCGM,
Social Entrepreneur & Training Consultant)

Missions calls for Entrepreneurs to step forward. That is why missions has always been called *THE MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE.*

Missions remains God's business.
The success of His enterprise is inevitable.

How can your Business be *Missional*?

Learn How to build a Business with a Missional Emphasis and a *Social & Spiritual Outcome.*



Photo: <http://kingdomglobalbusinessnetwork.com/>



Photo: <http://pantheonuk.org/>

Course Registration:

Dates:

May 21-23 2015

(Thu eve 7.30pm-9.30pm; Fri- Sat 9am- 9pm)

Venue:

Eagles Mediation & Counseling Centre

17 River Valley Road

#05-19 Liang Court S179030

Fees:

\$ 250 (SCGM members)

\$ 350 (non-SCGM members)

The MBW will not make you an MBA but it aims to make you a Missional Business Activist.

To Register, please visit www.scgm.org.sg or email ching@scgm.org.sg

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SCGM Focus Area: Creation Care

How can Christians participate in caring for God's creation?

We are living in the midst of an ecological crisis with climate change resulting in extreme weather conditions and natural disasters in many places.

Desertification is a stark imagery of the challenges confronting us today as green pristine grasslands and arable farmlands are dried up and rapidly desertified, engulfed by sand storms and sand dunes. Desertification is a picture of arid lands, polluted air and contaminated water, pointing to hopelessness. It is a picture of dry bones pointing to humans and animals languishing and dying in degraded lands,

Christians can help combat desertification and humbly respond to environmental challenges as we bring the gospel of hope and redemption in Christ to help heal God's creation. **Come March 28 2015, the English Presbytery Missions Consultation focuses on the theme of Creation Care.** Some questions will be posed viz., "Can Hope spring forth in dying lands? Can there be streams in the desert? Can the Desert be Green? and Why Not?"

An earlier 8-week course on **Creation Care in the Urban Settings**, organised by TTC's Centre for Development of Christian Ministry in Sep-Nov 2014, covered the needed Christian response to the twin challenges of ecological crisis and rapid urbanisation especially in Asia. Lawrence Ko, the course instructor, highlighted the need for Christians to play critical roles in combating carbon gas emission and keeping global temperature from rising to less than 2 degrees C. We can be agents of change in advancing **decoupling** and **degrowth** in the cities as radical acts to address resource scarcity as well as environmental degradation. It is imperative for the church to be engaged in caring for God's creation as we are an eschatological community. Christians can consider our roles of believers as God's stewards and priests of creation, with the vision of creating future cities... in anticipation of the new heavenly city which will descend upon earth.

To learn how you can be involved in Creation Care, read Lausanne Global Consultation on Creation Care and the Gospel: Call to Action at <http://www.lausanne.org/content/statement/creation-care-call-to-action>



Can the Desert be Green? Planting Hope in the Wilderness

Author: Lawrence Ko. Book is retailing at \$20.

To order a copy, email admin@scgm.org.sg

Twenty course participants of CDCM course on Creation Care in Urban Settings visited Onesimus Farm at Neo Tiew Road on 22 Oct 2014 to learn about urban farming in Singapore.



EP MISSIONS CONSULTATION #19
"A CHRISTIAN UNDERSTANDING OF
CREATION CARE"
TRUE WAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
28TH MARCH 2015 11.30AM TO 3PM



**SPEAKER : LAWRENCE KO
NATIONAL DIRECTOR
SINGAPORE CENTRE FOR
GLOBAL MISSION**

National Children Ministry Conference 2015

PRAY FOR



"One Generation from Extinction"
with Mark Griffiths and Bill Wilson
Village Hotel Bugis. Thu 12 March 2015. 10am-2pm.

As part of the follow-up to one of the strategic workshops at GoForth 2014 National Missions Conference on "Challenging the Next Generation" to reach the children and youths, SCGM is organising a National Children Ministry Conference 2015 jointly with Scripture Union and Child Evangelism Fellowship, and supported by St Andrew's Cathedral. To be held in 12-13 March 2015, it will feature a **Public Talk on Children Faith Formation by Mark Griffiths and Bill Wilson**, specially for Sunday School teachers, children ministry workers and, of course, parents. A **2-day special retreat will be organised specially for Children ministry leaders** to spend time in consultation with the children ministry specialists as well as for time of prayer and personal rejuvenation. A **Pastors' Lunch will bring pastors together** to discuss how local churches can resource and strengthen the outreach to children as a "mission field" and the training of children as a "mission force". Pray for us in this 4/14 strategy.



Revd Dr Mark Griffiths has been involved in running children's events and training children's leaders both nationally and internationally for many years. He has developed outreach clubs, children's discipleship groups, Sunday schools and summer camps and passionately believes that successful children's ministry is a major key to church growth. He is author of *Fusion*, *Impact*, *Detonate* and *One Generation from Extinction*. He is Vicar of Warfield, Berks.



Pastor Bill Wilson is the Founder and Senior Pastor of Metro World Child, The World's Largest Sunday school and an international Christian organisation headquartered in Brooklyn, NY. Pastor Bill's principle that, "It's easier to build boys and girls than to repair men and women" is the foundation for the successful, relationship-centred pattern that is currently recognised as one of the Top 10 Influential Missions Organisations in the world today. Metro World Child is best known for reaching over 70,000 inner city children and their families every week in New York City and around the world.

On A Theology of Migration ...



I started to read the Bible through the eyes of migrants, studying the Bible from cover to cover in search of migrants, migration, and what the Bible said about human rights. Suddenly, an entire new world was opened to me. I discovered that migration has always been a central theme of the Bible. I also discovered that migration is the dynamic behind both world evangelization and our fulfilling the Great Commission of Christianity.

In short, I started to develop my own theology concerning migrants and migration. In the process, I've recognized that the challenge for today's church is to develop a context-based, practical theology of migration—a challenge that led to my first book on migration, *Blessed Migrants*.

God has His own statement about migrants, and it's quite straightforward. **He loves them. He cares for them and asks the church to do the same.** In Deuteronomy 10:15–20, God urges Israelites not to be hardhearted when it comes to migrants. He reminds them that, once, they too had been migrants in Egypt. God's love of migrants is there regardless of who they are, what they believe, and their ethnic background. God loves migrants, and He hears their hearts when they pray to Him. God's words in the Bible are also for today.

Further along in my journey of re-reading the Bible through the eyes of migrants, **I discovered that the Bible itself is a book of migrants.** It is full of magnificent stories of great men and women of faith who were once migrants. Their stories are empowering testimonies of lives that can be examples for many today. Abraham, Jacob, Joseph and his brothers, Moses, Naaman's maidservant, Ruth, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Daniel, Jesus, Paul, and the Apostles were all migrants. Each had his or her own reasons for leaving home.

...excerpts from **Dr Samuel Lee's Plenary Address at GoForth 2014 National Missions Conference**

SCGM Focus Area

Urban Migrant Missions

In Jul 2014, the United Nations Secretary-General reported that there were 232 million international migrants in 2013. The largest numbers of international migrants reside in Europe (72 million) and Asia (71 million). Over 92 millions were Asian migrants of which 53.8 millions moved within Asian region. Migration trends and studies are becoming important part of missiology especially Diaspora missiology.

Diaspora Missiology is described by Tira and Wan as: **The integration of migration research and missiological study (resulting) in practical “diaspora missiology” - a new strategy for missions. Diaspora mission is a providential and strategic way to minister to “the nations” by the diaspora and through the diaspora.** (Tira & Wan, 2009)

In the **Seoul Declaration on Diaspora Missiology** (2009), it was acknowledged that “diaspora missiology” has emerged as a biblical and strategic field of missiology.

The Appeal to the Church was

- to mobilise, train, deploy, support, work together with, and empower “diaspora kingdom workers” for the diaspora fields ripe for harvest;
- to recognise and respond to opportunities in world evangelisation presented by the realities of the global diaspora;
- to give strategic priority in the funding and training of personnel and to provide space for the development of “diaspora missiology” in training systems and curricula.
- Most of all, the appeal is to the Lord of the harvest to send forth labourers into the harvest and raise up worldwide intercession for an unprecedented move of the Holy Spirit so that the Whole Church takes the Whole Gospel to the Whole World.

SCGM EVENTS

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SCGM MISSIONS BREAKFAST

Jan Missions Breakfast Speaker:

**Ps Ramylal Fernando on
Buddhist Worldviews**



Feb Missions Breakfast Speaker:

**Ps Yoshida Kondo on
Japan After Tsunami**



Mar Missions Breakfast Speaker:

**David Leong on
Children & the 4/14 Vision**



GoForth 2014 National Missions Conference DVD



The GoForth 2014 National Missions Conference DVD is now available for distribution free of charge. A copy of the DVD is being mailed to each of the 500 churches in Singapore. The contents of the DVD include 5 short video highlights of the conference featuring the Pastors' Forum, the Missional Business Forum, 2 plenary sessions, 8 short videos on urban missions in Asia and 2 devotional messages by Rev Dominic Yeo and Bishop Rennis Ponniah. More video clips of the conference will be uploaded on FB pages of GoForth 2014 and SCGM. To request for a complimentary copy of the DVD, please email admin@scgm.org.sg.

NATIONAL MISSIONS SURVEY 2014



SCGM launched a National Missions Survey in 2014 inviting over 500 churches to participate. Churches which have yet to respond can still send in their survey forms to NMS2014@scgm.org.sg by end April 2015. All participating churches will receive a complimentary copy of the executive summary in Oct 2015.



From Top Left clockwise: ND at MUIS Lecture 2015 with friends from the Muslim community; ND with Buddhist monk turned Christian artist Sawai Chinnawong at SEANET conference; **CONGRATS to our Council member Rev Eddie Chandra** who was ordained as a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Feb 2015; ND & SCGM staff hosted a Tea Fellowship in Jan 2015 for Rev John Tan and staff of Bedok Lutheran Church.

Pray for SCGM Jan-Jun 2015

Praise God for the opportunity to conduct a 2-day seminar on A Christian Perspective on Chinese Culture and Family Values at **The Bible Church's** Training Institute in Jan 2015. The sessions on Chinese festivals especially on Chinese New Year attracted about a hundred adult participants. ND also led a seminar in Jan 2015 on the Theology of Work at **Emmanuel Evangelical-Free Church** entitled "Leadership in the Marketplace". This same seminar on laity mobilisation will be conducted at **Boscombe Life Church** in May 2015. Pray for the pulpit ministry at **Queenstown Lutheran Church (Feb 15)**, **Salem Chapel (Mar 22)**, **St Andrew's City Church (Apr 5 Easter Outreach)**. Pray for ND as he addresses the **English Presbytery Missions Consultation** on 28 Mar on "A Christian Understanding of Creation Care", leads a seminar at **Orchard Road Presbyterian Church** in Creation Care and leads a session on Future Themes at ICHE Annual Conference in Phnom Penh in Jun 2015.

To invite SCGM as a partner at your local church's missions events or pulpit ministry, please email admin@scgm.org.sg

Join us at **SCGM Missions Breakfast Fellowship** every first Thursday at St Andrew's Cathedral:

8 Jan Pastor Ramylal Fernando on **A Billion People to Engage ...Understanding the Buddhist Worldview**

5 Feb Pastor Kondo on **Japan After the Tsunami**

5 Mar David Leong on **Children and the 4/14 Vision**

2 Apr Ajit Hazra on **A Hole in the Gospel**

7 May Pastor Joseph Lee on **Asian Musicology and Missions**

Free Admission. To register, please visit www.scgm.org.sg

Please note that there will be no Breakfast Fellowships in the months of June and December.

SCGM ANNUAL LECTURE 2015



THE COURAGE TO BE!

The Call & Cost of Missions in 21st C

Thurs 23 April 2015.

7.30pm-9.30pm.

St Andrew's Cathedral

FREE ADMISSION.

TO REGISTER, PLEASE VISIT
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The Christian mission is a call to reveal the gospel of Christ to a world seeking truth and grace. How can we respond strategically in a world of crisis and change? Come hear Dr Bruce Nicholls' heart for 21st C Asia and be inspired with a courage and faith to respond to God's calling to His Church.

Speaker:

Dr Bruce Nicholls

Bruce is a visionary with a heart for Asia. He has been an ordained pastor and a missionary in Asia for many decades and co-founded the Asia Theological Association in 1970. He is the founding editor of *Evangelical Review of Theology*, and continues as the editor of the 50-

volume *Asia Bible Commentary* series, written by Asian, Middle Eastern and South Pacific scholars, and sponsored by the Asia Theological Association. He is now the senior advisor for the ATA and continues to travel widely in Asia and the Middle East to encourage the Asian church's work in global missions.

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April 24-25 2015. 9.00am-4.00pm
Zion Bishan Bible-Presbyterian Church
Fee: \$100. Specially for Pastors, Missionaries,
Missions Executives, Church Missions Chair &
Committee Members.
To register, please visit www.scgm.org.sg

Keynote Speaker:

Dr Bruce Nicholls

Pastor, Missionary, Christian Theologian,
Co-founder of Asia Theological Association

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Develop Effective Missions Strategy for the Local Church.
Understand the Emerging Trends in 21st C Global Missions. Make
the Paradigm Shifts. Form Strategic Partnerships. Mobilise the
Whole Church to take the Whole Gospel to the Whole World.





SCGM Council members, Staff and Interns Tammie Gwee and John Bay, sharing a meal at the new office after a prayer dedication.

Pray for SCGM's Participation in Research & Missions Networks in Jan-Jun 2015:

- Jan 2015 National Missions Survey Team Analysis
- Jan 2015 SEANET Conference (Chiang Mai) on Spiritual Realities
- Jan 2015 MUIS Lecture 2015 on "Building Harmonious Societies in a Pluralistic World"
- Jan 2015 Lien Centre for Social Innovation Launch of Research "From Charity to Change: Social investment in selected Southeast Asian countries"
- Mar 2015 Lausanne Global Diaspora Forum (Manila)
- Mar 2015 English Presbytery Missions Consultation
- Apr 2015 Asia Member Care Network Conference (Penang) on "21st Century Care: Engaging, Change and Challenges"
- Jun 2015 International Council for Higher Education (Phnom Penh) Annual Conference on "Integrated Learning in a Postmodern World"



Lawrence leading 2 workshops at The Bible Church's BCTI School of Continuing Education on A Christian's View of Chinese Festivals and Family Values.

PRAY & SUPPORT SCGM

AS WE CATALYSE THE NATIONAL MISSIONS MOVEMENT IN SINGAPORE.

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SCGM KEY EVENTS 2015

12-13 MAR NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT ON CHILDREN MINISTRY WITH MARK GRIFFITHS & BILL WILSON

- PASTORS' LUNCH
- RETREAT FOR CHILDREN MINISTRY LEADERS
- FAITH FORMATION TALK

21 MAR MB TALK 9AM-12.30PM

MB METRICS: MEASURING WHAT YOU VALUE IN MISSIONAL BUSINESS

28 MAR ENG PRESBYTERY MISSIONS CONSULTATION

A CHRISTIAN UNDERSTANDING OF CREATION CARE

13 APR SCGM-SEANET TALK

23 APR SCGM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

**23 APR SCGM ANNUAL LECTURE 2015
THE COURAGE TO BE by Dr Bruce Nicholls**

24-25 APR CHURCH MISSIONS STRATEGY CONSULTATION

21-23 MAY MISSIONAL BUSINESS WEEKEND

29 MAY SCGM-SEANET TALK

**26 JUL SCGM ANNIVERSARY CONCERT
ETHNIC RHYTHMS**

4-5 SEP CHURCH MISSIONS STRATEGY CONSULTATION

23-24 OCT URBAN MISSIONS RESEARCH FORUM

29-31 OCT MISSIONAL BUSINESS WEEKEND

**9-13 NOV SCGM GLOBAL MISSIONS NETWORK
GLOBAL HINDU MINISTRY NETWORK**

24 NOV SCGM-SEANET TALK

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