



JOY TO THE WORLD...THE LORD HAS COME! CELEBRATING THE HOPE THAT IS INCARNATE IN CHRIST

The year end is upon us and the whole world seems to be celebrating the festive season of Christmas and the imminent New Year holidays, especially in the cities.

It has been another eventful year for many of us, and certainly a busy one for those of us at the Singapore Centre for Global Missions. We hosted the participants at the International Council for Higher Education (ICHE) annual conference in June 2017 as we support the vision of Christian higher education as strategic missionary endeavour especially in restricted countries.

In November, we organised and hosted the Urban Shalom Forum for Christians from Asia and around the world as we discussed urban poverty and environmentally sustainable issues. We were also privileged to host the inaugural Urban Thinkers Campus for multi-faith engagement in the New Urban Agenda, co-organised by SCGM and World Evangelical Alliance creation care task force as a follow-up event from the United Nations' Habitat III conference in 2016.

We continue in spotlighting and facilitating efforts in creation care, missional business and urban missions as part of our strategic focus. Next year, we join churches and agencies in Singapore in organising the GoForth National Mission Conference 2018 with the strategic theme "GO URBAN". We pray that God will use us in reaching the cities with Christ's love.



Join us in prayer as SCGM seeks to serve the local churches in mission mobilisation and strategic thought leadership. We continue to be under resource as we have been for the past 37 years of ministry. Pray for us and partner us as we reveal the wonderful Hope of God that was incarnate in Christ and now through His church as we serve the poor in the cities...the economic poor, cultural poor and the spiritual poor. May God bless you this Christmastide and in the New Year 2018 and beyond.

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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ND with authors Flora Man and Emily Soh and illustrator Jearn Huei Ko and wife Janet at the Book Launch



Kate Cheah served in the walled city of Kowloon as an urban missionary, reaching the children of the urban poor amidst a neighbourhood full of drug addicts, secret society and thugs. God used her subsequently as a school teacher in a mission school and then as a CEO of a successful business where she continues to bless others through her life of faith.

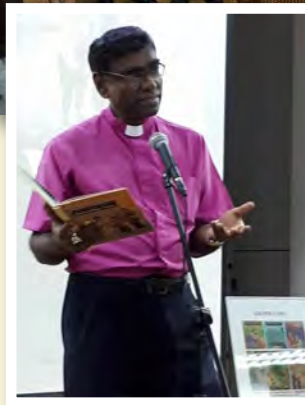


Rodney Hui, a well known missions leader from OM Singapore, was pleased with the quality of the children story book having lived on the Logos ship with a huge floating book store. He relived how his missionary journey on a campervan across Europe to Asia through Iran and Afghanistan cannot be repeated easily again in today's changed context.

Rev Erick Tan shared briefly about his missionary journey on the mountains of Nepal with his wife Shanti Merry and his 3 children and encouraged the churches to use this book to bless children.



NATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHILDREN MINISTRY CONFERENCE 2017



We are glad to announce that Singapore Centre for Global Missions' newly published Children Story Book entitled "Clean Hands, Pure Heart and Beautiful Feet" by Flora Man and Emily Soh was launched on 17 November 2017 at St Andrew's Cathedral. This is a book on 10 Inspiring Stories of Missionaries from Singapore and is wonderfully illustrated by Jearn Ko.

This hard cover 120-page story book, complete with beautiful full-colour illustrations, is a suitable learning resource for Children Ministry and Sunday School for primary school aged children as well as for their personal reading and learning. Parents may use this book for devotional reading and reflection with their children in their family devotional time.

This book is also a follow-up from the National Christian Children Ministry conference organized by SCGM in partnership with the 4/14 Window movement, TRAC Board of Children Ministry and the (Anglican) Diocese of Singapore.

Daniel Jesudason, SCGM Council Chairman and several other protagonists in the story book including, Rodney Hui, Erick Tan, Kate Cheah and Bee Cheng were present to celebrate the launch. Bishop Kuan Kim Seng, who planted the seed for the story book project led in a prayer of dedication and blessing. Bishop Raphael Samuel shared his own story of the call of God resulting in his personal "Amazing Adventure in the Amazon" and reflected how children can be used mightily in God's missions.

We pray that God will use this book as a resource in the churches and bless many children in Singapore and beyond as we seek to sow the vision of discipling children and raising leaders for the next generation.

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Dr Chris Elisara gave the opening message at the Urban Shalom Forum. Below: Andre Van Eymeren and Dr Dwight Friesen sharing theological perspectives on the church's role in Urban Shalom.



Participants at the Urban Shalom Forum discussed a wide array of issues on the sustainable cities of the future. Below left: Dr David Boan challenged the churches to bring the unique capability of the church to bring reconciliation and build community in the cities. Below right: Ash Barker, a missionary who has lived and worked in urban slums in Bangkok inspires with his vision to reach the urban poor.



URBAN SHALOM FORUM The Gospel and the Future of Cities NOV 10-13 2017

MR LIM SIONG GUAN was our keynote speaker at the Urban Shalom Forum organised by SCGM and other partners of the Urban Shalom Project. In his message, Mr Lim urged that the church has an important role to set the tone and standards for social morality vis-a-vis the roles of family and government. He encouraged Christians to live out the Christian ethic of love for one another and help shape the values of society.

Jacob Bloemberg and Ann Van Leerdam were the respondents at the panel discussion moderated by Lawrence Ko. The forum discussed how the church can engage actively and constructively in society and the speakers used examples from various contexts as diverse from Australia to Viet Nam and Holland to emphasise the importance of the church's roles in community making.

Other participants at the Forum include Andre Van Eymeren (who chairs the Urban Shalom Project), Dr Dwight Friesen who presented the theological perspective on urban shalom and Dr Chris Ives from the University of Nottingham, who shared the academic research on urban and environmental shalom. Dr David Boan, a psychologist and WEA director of humanitarian advocacy and service shared his findings on communities in crisis and how the church can play a part in developing social capital and building resilience in the city.

Over 50 participants from Australia, Europe, Africa and Asia attended the Forum along with local participants from Singapore.



URBAN THINKERS CAMPUS FAITH ENGAGEMENT IN THE NEW URBAN AGENDA

13-15 November 2017. Changi Village Hotel



Urban Thinkers Campus Nov 2017

Over 50 participants joined in the various sectorial discussion groups related to the New Urban Agenda. They include sectors on Theologies of Cities and Urbanism; Slums and Unplanned Communities; Urban Design and Sustainability; Food Systems; Business, Productivity and Economic Justice; Data and Technology; Youth and Leadership; Community Development; and Good Governance.

The Faith-Based Urban Thinkers Campus (UTC) of the *World Urban Campaign*, is for communities and organizations of different faiths to make a significant contribution to the *New Urban Agenda*, a roadmap for urban development for the next twenty years developed by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, otherwise known as UN-Habitat after an extensive three-year inter-governmental and civil society consultation process. The UTC inputs will be shared at the World Urban Forum in KL in 2018.

The **New Urban Agenda** (*NUA* <http://habitat3.org/the-new-urban-agenda>), seeks to help guide governments, inter-governmental organizations, business, and civil society to respond to the challenges of a rapidly urbanizing world; specifically to develop cities, towns, and neighbourhoods that are “just, safe, healthy, accessible, affordable, resilient and sustainable . . . [and] foster prosperity and quality of life for all. (NUA pg. 3)” More simply stated from a Christian perspective: places that are commensurate with God’s shalom for flourishing.



SCGM hosted the inaugural URBAN THINKERS CAMPUS with a multi-faith emphasis on Faith Engagement in the New Urban Agenda. This event was jointly organised by SCGM and WEA Creation Care task force, led by Dr Chris Elisara.



Bishop Raphael Samuel, Bishop of Bolivia and Greg Vijayendran, President of the Law Society in Singapore, were the keynote speakers. They shared how faith-based groups and leaders can impact change in the city. Mr Tim Costello, former president of World Vision Australia shared his reflection on the New Urban Agenda.

Above: About 80



participants and guests attended the opening dinner including Chou Fang Soong (SCGM Council member and chairman of BGST), Melissa Kwee CEO of National Volunter and Philanthropic Centre (NVPC) and her colleague Dr Low Chin Heng, Lim Tanguy, Benny Kan, and Dr Paul Ananth Tambyah, a former SCGM Council member.

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Speakers at SCGM Events



Missions Breakfast 6 Oct 2017:
Lisman Komaladi, Gen Sec of Fellowship of Evangelical Students sharing on International Students outreach ministry in Singapore



Contextualisation Forum 14 Oct 2017:
Claire Lowe leads a forum on Christians and Deepavali celebration in Singapore along with Daniel Jesudason and Pastor Raja and members of Asia Evangelistic Fellowship



ND attended the Asia Lausanne executive committee meetings in Seoul chaired by Bishop emeritus Hwa Yung and hosted by the Presbyterian University and Theological Seminary in Oct 26-27 2017. The Korean Lausanne Committee also hosted a morning breakfast meeting to welcome Asia Lausanne leaders.

A Word from Chairman and Council of SCGM

SCGM Council members and staff would like to convey God's richest blessing upon you, your family and your ministry during this Christmas season as we celebrate Jesus' Incarnation: **Emmanuel...God is truly among us!!** We give thanks for the many ways God has used us through this year and brought new things to bloom among us in the various Creation Care, Missional Business and Urban Missions initiatives as well as a renewed emphasis on reaching out to children and bringing God's heart and vision for the world to these little ones.

The Lord's faithfulness and provision have seen us through this year. Financially, it has been challenging and yet HIS provision has kept us continuing the ministry with your help. However we will likely end the year with a deficit of S\$100,000.

We are hoping to seek your help in prayer and giving to allow His provision to see us through this year without a deficit. One way you can help us is to buy more copies of our recent publication "**Clean Hands, Pure Hearts & Beautiful Feet**", a story book for children which features the stories of 10 Singaporean missionaries. It will be a good gift to bless others, especially the children during Christmas.

Please also consider supporting SCGM through a love gift or donation.

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Daniel Jesudason, Chairman, SCGM Council & Staff



MINISTRY SNAPSHOTS

Below: SCGM staff Joan Alikazin (left) is a young lawyer who is serving with us as programme executive. She is learning to grapple with the myriad of issues in missions and the civil society. She is here pictured at the Urban Thinkers Campus with Belinda Wong Zhuoning, a scholar pursuing her graduate studies in urban studies in Zurich.



SCGM is privileged to serve through the regional and global networks of missions such as the World Evangelical Alliance and Asia Evangelical Alliance where ND is currently serving as the commissioner for the AEA Missions Commission. Pray for the initiatives being rolled out from 2018 as the AEA leadership and new commissioners plan for a greater synergy among the alliances of AEA after the recent meetings in Seoul in Dec 2017.



Above: Ng Zhiwen, SCGM's Project Coordinator, is seconded from Zion Bishan Bible-Presbyterian Church to serve with SCGM since April 2017. Trained in psychology and an adjunct lecturer, Zhiwen is a great blessing to the many interdenominational church projects SCGM organises.

Below: Chong Ching Ching, SCGM's former Programme Manager took time to serve together as a volunteer at the recent Urban Thinkers Campus at Changi Village Hotel.

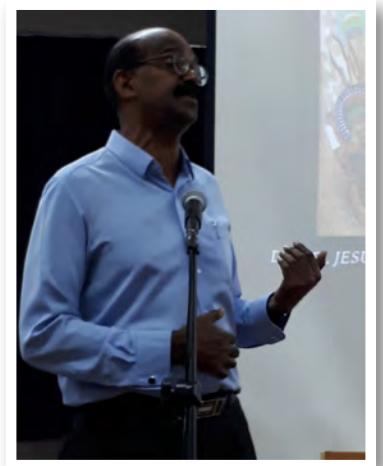
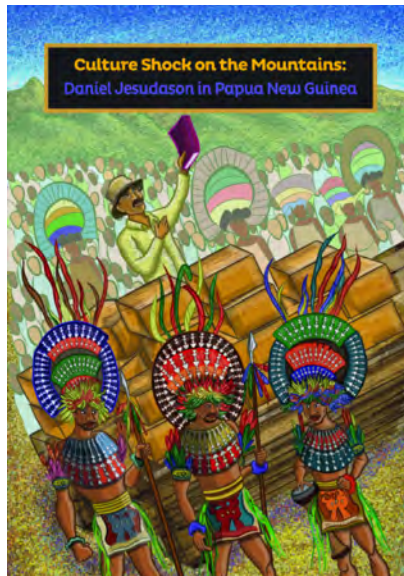
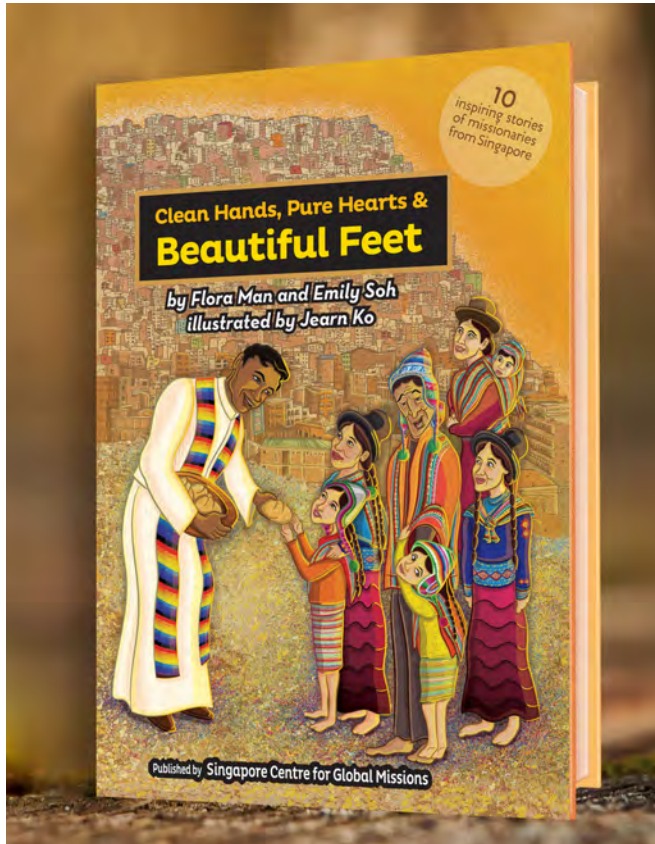


Above: Flora Man, a part-time staff of SCGM for the story book project, has now rejoined OM Singapore where she served on board the ship for a year. Here she is photographed with Rodney Hui and Willy Ong, OM Singapore director and the OM team in a show of support at the book launch.

Below: The "Desert Dreamers" met on the night of the Mid-Autumn Festival for a hearty reunion since the Desert Dream trip to Inner Mongolia in Sep 2016.



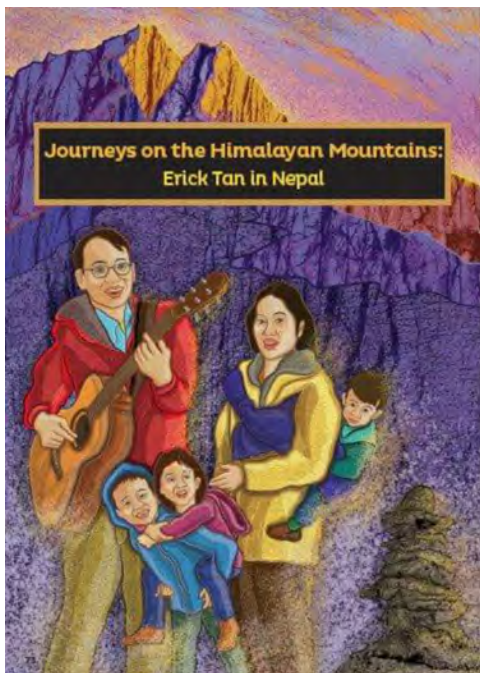
Full-colour illustrated SCGM Children Story Book on 10 missionaries from Singapore. **Great Christmas Gift for children in your church, school and family... retailing at only \$20!**
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Above: Daniel Jesudason, sharing his adventures at the Book Launch as he served with his wife Wie Lee in Papua New Guinea as a Wycliffe missionary for nearly 20 years.



Left: Jearn Ko, a brand consultant and a gifted artist, took time over 9 months along with his wife Janet, to design and illustrate the story book with over 50 colour illustrations. He was inspired by the stories and sought to dedicate his craft to God and also to bless his young daughter Janelle.



Below: We thank God for the writers for the children story book project, Flora Man (left) and Emily Soh, who spent months interviewing, collecting and writing the stories of the 10 missionaries from Singapore. Flora is trained in broadcast journalism and Emily is an urban planner by profession. We pray that God will continue use them mightily.



PRAYER IS THE ACTION

BEFORE THE ACTION.
PRAY TO THE LORD OF
THE HARVEST ... MATT 9:38

