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To Evangelise is to facilitate sharing of the Good News to the Unreached Peoples in Asia. To **Disciple** will mean building and encouraging God's children in His Word and His Ways. Local Pastors and Leaders will be equipped to enable them to Disciple their respective congregations. The local congregation will also be empowered with the

necessary ministry skills to **Plant Independent Indigenous Churches**.

Thus, the EDC process will also include the works of **Encouragement, Empowerment** and **Equipping** of our Local Partners.

The Missions Committee encourages the congregation of BRMC to participate in Mission work by means of prayers, adoption of Mission fields and going to these fields to do the work. Do take advantage of the Basic Missions Training that the Church provides before embarking on a missions trip. BRMC is currently involved in seven Countries with Missions Fields in Phnom Penh, Cambodia; Fuzhou and Nanchang, China; Chittoor and Vellore in South India; Bintan in Indonesia; Yangon in Myanmar; Central and East Nepal and Chiangmai in Thailand. We also have Missionaries serving in the Middle East and North India.

1. SOUTH INDIA – VELLORE, SHALOM HOME

Hardev Singh, Chairperson Shalom Committee

BRMC partners Shalom in helping Indian youths through missions projects and regular funding. Many church members also sponsored students directly. Through this collaboration, we were able to reach out to the rural communities e.g. in Gingee village.

Tamilarasan joined Shalom Home at age 13. He completed his Diploma and today is working as a Senior Engineer in L&T, a large Indian MNC. He is married and is father to a two-month young baby girl. He supports Shalom Foundation on a regular basis and has testified, "Shalom has played a great part in my life. I got a good job. I learnt to live a disciplined life at Shalom Home which I follow even today. I hail from a Hindu family but now am a disciple of Jesus Christ and an elder in my Church... While I was a student, my father who was affected by Elephantiasis and lost one leg, received medical help for his treatment from Shalom Foundation. Only Shalom Foundation made my/our life beautiful."

Join our Shalom mission trip 6 – 14 Dec or sign up for student sponsorship program.



2. SOUTH INDIA – CHITTOOR, TRINITY LIFE TRUST

Benjamin B C Tan, Chairperson Chittoor Committee

In Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh, BRMC's missionary partners Paul and Shanta are members of a Christian NGO, Trinity Life Trust (TLT). BRMC's focus in our partnership with TLT is to reach out to and plant churches in various villages where TLT ministries exist. In addition, BRMC will also be working closely with TLT to facilitate the growth and sustainability of the education ministry of St Paul's Vidyalaya (SPV) School. The school educates children from the ages of 6 - 15 years, providing holistic education with Christian values. Steve Chelvan, BRMC Pastoral Team Staff (Missions) has been deployed in recent months to work with TLT. His work with local church planters is aimed at enhancing and deepening their walk with God and their ministry skills.

The primary focus of missions trips to Chittoor is to support church planters in their ministry to their congregation in nearby villagers. This is achieved via open air gospel rallies, preaching, worship and praying for church planters. In addition, time is also spent during these trips to encourage the teachers of the SPV in their ministry to the children. Pray that the church planters would be enriched and able to expand God's kingdom in the more than twenty villages that they are ministering to.



Christ Church at Oddupalle Village



Oddupalle Village Elders @ Christ Church Dedication - 11 Sept 2016

3. NEPAL

Dr Serene Chee, Chairperson Nepal Committee

BRMC works with the Methodist Mission Society (MMS), and the Methodist Church Nepal (MCN), in advancing God's work in Nepal. Our primary aim is to support the church planting efforts of Phulbari Methodist Church (BRMC's initial mission field in Nepal) in the Kavre district, through medical and dental camps.

The Nepalese pastors, church leaders and youths have great passion for the Lord and work tirelessly in Kingdom expansion amongst the unreached. Recently, a Nepalese youth from Phulbari, Lal pioneered the work in the village of Halde. After the earthquake in 2015, Lal left home and moved to Halde to help repair and rebuild houses that had been damaged by the quake. Together with youths from Phulbari, he built a physical shelter that is a centre of outreach to the villagers in Halde. Medical and dental camps were conducted at this shelter in Apr and Nov 2016. Over the last two years, youths from BRMC were also involved in dental outreach to remote villages away from the main East-West Highway in Nepal. Many of these places are not accessible to vehicles and can only be reached after hours of trekking. This is a level of difficulty that is more appropriate for those who are physically fit. Our prayer is that, by God's grace, the door to Nepal will be kept open for His work to continue.



TRANSFORMING LIVES AND COMMUNITIES IN ASIA



7. CHINA

Janet Chong, Chairperson China Committee

This year's focus is renewing and exploring existing and new relationships with churches in China. Looking forward, the Missions Committee will be exploring the possibility of partnering a church in China to provide more ministry opportunities for the BRMC family.

We hope to nurture BRMC members with a passion and desire to reach out to the peoples in China. Mission trips to China will focus on a combination of exposure, discipleship and equipping of the church leaders and members. We are also planning a missions exposure trip to China from 27 May - 3 Jun 17. Do come and join us. Please pray that the Lord will show the China Committee the direction He wants them to take.



8. INDONESIA

Harry Liem, Chairperson Indonesia Committee

Our work in Indonesia is in Tanjung Pinang, Bintan Island, capital of the Riau Archipelago Province. Our two local partners are the Methodist Church of Indonesia (Wilayah 2) and Melayu Bersinar Ministry (MBM) which is affiliated to Pentecostal Holiness Church in the US reaching out to two different people groups.

Tanjung Pinang is just two hours away by ferry. Yet it is an entirely different world from busy, cosmopolitan Singapore. The place is idyllic. The locals are more carefree, less hurried, and more patient.

We have held two regular Medical Outreach every year in partnership with MBM since 2013. MBM's work reaches out to the Malay community through social and community work. This work can only be done by the locals who are trusted and accepted by the community. Our role is to help our partner to gain goodwill to continue his ministry in evangelizing and discipling the communities.

We have recently started work with the Methodist Philadelphia Preaching Point (PPP). The preaching point has 40 adults and 30 children worshipping under the spiritual leadership of Pastor Elisa. They are in the process of applying for a permit to have a permanent place of worship. BRMC has agreed to help in the area of discipleship and nurture to help the preaching point to grow to become a local independent church. We covet BRMC's members prayer in the following:

Indonesia will be more tolerant towards Christianity and God's protection on our brothers and sisters in Indonesia

- PPP will be able to obtain their permit to have a permanent place of worship
- PPP will grow to become a fully independent church.
- BRMC's medical mission will bear fruits for MBM outreach among the Malay community

We would also like to invite you to join us on 2 April to hear testimonies from our partners in Indonesia.



4. MYANMAR – YANGON

Fong Kim Choy, Chairperson Myanmar Committee

BRMC has been working with our brothers in Myanmar on the Ebenezer Methodist Church (EMC) which was completed and dedicated in 2014. The Methodist English Church (MEC) and EMC signed an MOU in Jan 2008 to work together to develop church leaders, congregation, women and youths. BRMC partnered in many of its outreach programs to the community. Last year, BRMC participated in a Youth Camp in Kanpatlat. It was a melting pot of youths from various regional Methodist Churches. During the Youth Camp, spiritual teachings as well as life skills were shared. BRMC also went on its regular Christmas Outreach to remote villages in the vicinity of the two Gospel Centres established over the recent years. In this way, villagers will get to know more about the two Gospel Centres supported by BRMC. The turnout was overwhelming during these Christmas outreach programmes. MEC and EMC are appreciative of the support provided by BRMC Leadership and Congregation for their support over the last eight years. We seek your continued prayers and support for churches there as Myanmar opens up politically. We look forward to future missions trips to Shalom-BOXER, an orphanage that EMC is currently working with and from where the Shalom Gospel Centre grew.



EMC Pre School



Youth Session

5. THAILAND – CHIANGMAI

Low Aik Lim, Chairperson Thailand Committee

For the last 13 years, BRMC has partnered Shine Forth Methodist Church (SFMC) in sharing the Word of God with the Thai community in Chiangmai. SFMC is led by Pastor Art and his wife, Pastor Seeda. There were two new developments over the past year. Firstly, the 1st Boys Brigade (BB) Company in Chiangmai was set up, with Pastor Seeda as the Captain. Our 12th Singapore BB (BRMC BB Coy) senior officers visited the 1st Chiangmai Company recently to exchange ideas on training and youth development. We pray that the growth of this ministry will lead to young lives being transformed by the Good News of the Gospel.

The second significant new development is the establishment of SFMC's first preaching point in Thung Yeow. Since 2012, SFMC has cultivated good relations with the villagers in the community by running children's activities including the teaching of English over the weekends. In addition, they have extended financial assistance to children from poorer villagers to continue their education. Having built this good community relationship, SFMC felt sufficiently confident that it was time to establish a preaching point in 2016 with its own pastoral staff to lead the ministry there. Currently, BRMC Missions teams to Chiangmai are involved in running some of the youth activities at the preaching point.

Going forward, BRMC will be exploring starting urban ministry in the cities of Thailand. As the supporting church, we seek BRMC's members' prayer for God's leading and the building up of the Pastors and Leaders of SFMC as they bring the redemptive love of Christ to the unreached in Chiangmai.



6. CAMBODIA – PHNOM PENH

Chris Khoo, Chairperson Cambodia Committee

For over 20 years, BRMC has worked with Prek Toal-Phnom Penh Methodist Church (PTPPMC) and Prek Toal Kindergarten (PTK), together with Methodist Missions Society (MMS) to reach out to the nearby community. Focus of our ministry is to support the pastor and the leaders in PTPPMC in reaching out to the nearby community. For PTK, the focus is to support them in building up a school of choice for the surrounding community and to reach out to the parents of the children attending PTK. Another ministry that we are involved in is the Cambodia women's livelihood project - "Flourish", which helps to provide many village ladies with employment skills. 100% of these profits are used to reinvest in employing and equipping our ladies and their families. To date, we have empowered over 100 women to transform the lives of their children in poverty. In addition, these non-Christian ladies are introduced to the church and we are blessed that recently a group of them has formed a small group ministered by the Pastor of Chress Methodist Church.

BRMC Missions Teams going to Cambodia are involved in various ministries such as Youth, Medical and Women with PTPPMC and PTK as well as in Takeo Province. Do pray that PTPPMC and PTK continue to work in harmony for the Lord. Pray also for the women involved in the livelihood ministry that they and their families may know the Lord and come to know Him as their Personal Saviour.





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To Evangelise is to facilitate sharing of the Good News to the Unreached Peoples in Asia. To **Disciple** will mean building and encouraging God's children in His Word and His Ways. Local Pastors and Leaders will be equipped to enable them to Disciple their respective congregations. The local congregation will also be empowered with the

necessary ministry skills to **Plant Independent Indigenous Churches**.

Thus, the EDC process will also include the works of **Encouragement, Empowerment and Equipping** of our Local Partners.

The Missions Committee encourages the congregation of BRMC to participate in Mission work by means of prayers, adoption of Mission fields and going to these fields to do the work. Do take advantage of the Basic Missions Training that the Church provides before embarking on a missions trip. BRMC is currently involved in seven Countries with Missions Fields in Phnom Penh, Cambodia; Fuzhou and Nanchang, China; Chittoor and Vellore in South India; Bintan in Indonesia; Yangon and Myanmar; Central and East Nepal and Chiangmai in Thailand. We also have Missionaries serving in the Middle East and North India.

1. SOUTH INDIA – VELLORE, SHALOM HOME

Hardev Singh, Chairperson Shalom Committee

BRMC partners Shalom in helping Indian youths through missions projects and regular funding. Many church members also sponsored students directly. Through this collaboration, we were able to reach out to the rural communities e.g. in Gingee village.

Tamilarasan joined Shalom Home at age 13. He completed his Diploma and today is working as a Senior Engineer in L&T, a large Indian MNC. He is married and is father to a two-month young baby girl. He supports Shalom Foundation on a regular basis and has testified, "Shalom has played a great part in my life. I got a good job. I learnt to live a disciplined life at Shalom Home which I follow even today. I hail from a Hindu family but now am a disciple of Jesus Christ and an elder in my Church... While I was a student, my father who was affected by Elephantiasis and lost one leg, received medical help for his treatment from Shalom Foundation. Only Shalom Foundation made my/our life beautiful."

Join our Shalom mission trip 6 – 14 Dec or sign up for student sponsorship program.



2. SOUTH INDIA – CHITTOOR, TRINITY LIFE TRUST

Benjamin B C Tan, Chairperson Chittoor Committee

In Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh, BRMC's missionary partners Paul and Shanta are members of a Christian NGO, Trinity Life Trust (TLT). BRMC's focus in our partnership with TLT is to reach out to and plant churches in various villages where TLT ministries exist. In addition, BRMC will also be working closely with TLT to facilitate the growth and sustainability of the education ministry of St Paul's Vidyalyaya (SPV) School. The school educates children from the ages of 6 - 15 years, providing holistic education with Christian values. Steve Chelvan, BRMC Pastoral Team Staff (Missions) has been deployed in recent months to work with TLT. His work with local church planters is aimed at enhancing and deepening their walk with God and their ministry skills.

The primary focus of missions trips to Chittoor is to support church planters in their ministry to their congregation in nearby villagers. This is achieved via open air gospel rallies, preaching, worship and praying for church planters. In addition, time is also spent during these trips to encourage the teachers of the SPV in their ministry to the children. Pray that the church planters would be enriched and able to expand God's kingdom in the more than twenty villages that they are ministering to.



Christ Church at Oddupalle Village



Oddupalle Village Elders @ Christ Church Dedication - 11 Sept 2016

3. NEPAL

Dr Serene Chee, Chairperson Nepal Committee

BRMC works with the Methodist Mission Society (MMS), and the Methodist Church Nepal (MCN), in advancing God's work in Nepal. Our primary aim is to support the church planting efforts of Phulbari Methodist Church (BRMC's initial mission field in Nepal) in the Kavre district, through medical and dental camps.

The Nepalese pastors, church leaders and youths have great passion for the Lord and work tirelessly in Kingdom expansion amongst the unreached. Recently, a Nepalese youth from Phulbari, Lal pioneered the work in the village of Halde. After the earthquake in 2015, Lal left home and moved to Halde to help repair and rebuild houses that had been damaged by the quake. Together with youths from Phulbari, he built a physical shelter that is a centre of outreach to the villagers in Halde. Medical and dental camps were conducted at this shelter in Apr and Nov 2016. Over the last two years, youths from BRMC were also involved in dental outreach to remote villages away from the main East-West Highway in Nepal. Many of these places are not accessible to vehicles and can only be reached after hours of trekking. This is a level of difficulty that is more appropriate for those who are physically fit. Our prayer is that, by God's grace, the door to Nepal will be kept open for His work to continue.



TRANSFORMING LIVES AND COMMUNITIES IN ASIA



4. MYANMAR – YANGON

Fong Kim Choy, Chairperson Myanmar Committee

BRMC has been working with our brothers in Myanmar on the Ebenezer Methodist Church (EMC) which was completed and dedicated in 2014. The Methodist English Church (MEC) and EMC signed an MOU in Jan 2008 to work together to develop church leaders, congregation, women and youths. BRMC partnered in many of its outreach programs to the community. Last year, BRMC participated in a Youth Camp in Kanpatlat. It was a melting pot of youths from various regional Methodist Churches. During the Youth Camp, spiritual teachings as well as life skills were shared. BRMC also went on its regular Christmas Outreach to remote villages in the vicinity of the two Gospel Centres established over the recent years. In this way, villagers will get to know more about the two Gospel Centres supported by BRMC. The turnout was overwhelming during these Christmas outreach programmes. MEC and EMC are appreciative of the support provided by BRMC Leadership and Congregation for their support over the last eight years. We seek your continued prayers and support for churches there as Myanmar opens up politically. We look forward to future missions trips to Shalom-BOXER, an orphanage that EMC is currently working with and from where the Shalom Gospel Centre grew.



EMC Pre School



Youth Session

7. CHINA

Janet Chong, Chairperson China Committee

This year's focus is renewing and exploring existing and new relationships with churches in China. Looking forward, the Missions Committee will be exploring the possibility of partnering a church in China to provide more ministry opportunities for the BRMC family.

We hope to nurture BRMC members with a passion and desire to reach out to the peoples in China. Mission trips to China will focus on a combination of exposure, discipleship and equipping of the church leaders and members. We are also planning a missions exposure trip to China from 27 May - 3 Jun 17. Do come and join us. Please pray that the Lord will show the China Committee the direction He wants them to take.



5. THAILAND – CHIANGMAI

Low Aik Lim, Chairperson Thailand Committee

For the last 13 years, BRMC has partnered Shine Forth Methodist Church (SFMC) in sharing the Word of God with the Thai community in Chiangmai. SFMC is led by Pastor Art and his wife, Pastor Seeda. There were two new developments over the past year. Firstly, the 1st Boys Brigade (BB) Company in Chiangmai was set up, with Pastor Seeda as the Captain. Our 12th Singapore BB (BRMC BB Coy) senior officers visited the 1st Chiangmai Company recently to exchange ideas on training and youth development. We pray that the growth of this ministry will lead to young lives being transformed by the Good News of the Gospel.

The second significant new development is the establishment of SFMC's first preaching point in Thung Yeow. Since 2012, SFMC has cultivated good relations with the villagers in the community by running children's activities including the teaching of English over the weekends. In addition, they have extended financial assistance to children from poorer villagers to continue their education. Having built this good community relationship, SFMC felt sufficiently confident that it was time to establish a preaching point in 2016 with its own pastoral staff to lead the ministry there. Currently, BRMC Missions teams to Chiangmai are involved in running some of the youth activities at the preaching point.

Going forward, BRMC will be exploring starting urban ministry in the cities of Thailand. As the supporting church, we seek BRMC's members' prayer for God's leading and the building up of the Pastors and Leaders of SFMC as they bring the redemptive love of Christ to the unreached in Chiangmai.

8. INDONESIA

Harry Liem, Chairperson Indonesia Committee

Our work in Indonesia is in Tanjung Pinang, Bintan Island, capital of the Riau Archipelago Province. Our two local partners are the Methodist Church of Indonesia (Wilayah 2) and Melayu Bersinar Ministry (MBM) which is affiliated to Pentecostal Holiness Church in the US reaching out to two different people groups.

Tanjung Pinang is just two hours away by ferry. Yet it is an entirely different world from busy, cosmopolitan Singapore. The place is idyllic. The locals are more carefree, less hurried, and more patient.

We have held two regular Medical Outreach every year in partnership with MBM since 2013. MBM's work reaches out to the Malay community through social and community work. This work can only be done by the locals who are trusted and accepted by the community. Our role is to help our partner to gain goodwill to continue his ministry in evangelizing and discipling the communities.



We have recently started work with the Methodist Philadelphia Preaching Point (PPP). The preaching point has 40 adults and 30 children worshipping under the spiritual leadership of Pastor Elisa. They are in the process of applying for a permit to have a permanent place of worship. BRMC has agreed to help in the area of discipleship and nurture to help the preaching point to grow to become a local independent church. We covet BRMC's members prayer in the following: Indonesia will be more tolerant towards Christianity and God's protection on our brothers and sisters in Indonesia

- PPP will be able to obtain their permit to have a permanent place of worship
- PPP will grow to become a fully independent church.
- BRMC's medical mission will bear fruits for MBM outreach among the Malay community

We would also like to invite you to join us on 2 April to hear testimonies from our partners in Indonesia.

6. CAMBODIA – PHNOM PENH

Chris Khoo, Chairperson Cambodia Committee

For over 20 years, BRMC has worked with Prek Toal-Phnom Penh Methodist Church (PTPPMC) and Prek Toal Kindergarten (PTK), together with Methodist Missions Society (MMS) to reach out to the nearby community. Focus of our ministry is to support the pastor and the leaders in PTPPMC in reaching out to the nearby community. For PTK, the focus is to support them in building up a school of choice for the surrounding community and to reach out to the parents of the children attending PTK. Another ministry that we are involved in is the Cambodia women's livelihood project - "Flourish", which helps to provide many village ladies with employment skills. 100% of these profits are used to reinvest in employing and equipping our ladies and their families. To date, we have empowered over 100 women to transform the lives of their children in poverty. In addition, these non-Christian ladies are introduced to the church and we are blessed that recently a group of them has formed a small group ministered by the Pastor of Chress Methodist Church.

BRMC Missions Teams going to Cambodia are involved in various ministries such as Youth, Medical and Women with PTPPMC and PTK as well as in Takeo Province. Do pray that PTPPMC and PTK continue to work in harmony for the Lord. Pray also for the women involved in the livelihood ministry that they and their families may know the Lord and come to know Him as their Personal Saviour.

