



INDIA

JONATHAN KUA

Last June, my wife Janice suggested that we bring the family to India on a missions trip! After some consultation and prayer, we took that step of faith!

The team was led by Hardev Singh Sidhu and Era Cheong. We spent our time at The Shalom Home for Boys in Vellore and The Shalom Retreat Centre in Yelagiri Hills. Both were established by the Shalom Foundation (helmed by Pastor Jayapaul), in partnership with BRMC. For eight days, our band of mission trippers became the face of BRMC to these children supported by our church. We sang, danced, played games and did arts & crafts together – all with a gospel theme. We also visited village homes, a “night school” for Tribals – a place where the students can have a place to study with electricity and some help from volunteers.

It is very costly to be a follower of Jesus in India – Christian converts forfeit government financial aid, social status and are persecuted for their faith. But this has not stopped our brothers-in-Christ from becoming conduits for the Holy Spirit to transform lives. Many have gone on to build successful careers, and raise godly families. Others have come back after graduation to serve on staff at Shalom.



Jonathan & PS Jayapaul



Our families went to serve, but instead we were served. We went to love, yet found that we ourselves were overwhelmed by their love and kindness. Indeed, their love put us to shame. When I asked my children what was most impactful for them, they summed it up as “the smiles and the joy of the children” – despite their backgrounds!

MICHAEL SONG KIAN FEE



Village night rally

For me, making it to India was a miracle! On the first day we ministered at Christ Church, Oddupalle. It is a home Church, for the Dalit people, the outcaste in the Indian society. I had the opportunity to pray for a 50-year old lady who was on crutches and could not walk well. She was sitting on a chair and when I laid my hand and prayed for her, nothing happened. I was disappointed initially and I asked the Lord why she was not healed. I have heard of stories of instant healing like those at ‘healing crusades’. I learnt later that this lady had been bedridden for a few years! She been there in church regularly and sitting upright for her is already a miracle from Jesus!

We went to four villages and each time I could feel the presence of the Holy Spirit! We visited a very poor village in which the spiritual atmosphere in that village was dark, demonic and oppressive. As we went on our knees to pray for the children, a remarkable thing happened. As we laid our hands upon them, manifestation happened! Demonic spirits came out of them and we witnessed them being released

from their bondages. Their eyes brightened up and their countenance change as the Holy Spirit filled them up! We then prayed for a 60-year old man who could not straighten himself and was bedridden. After the prayer, he testified that he could breathe easier after we prayed for him!



Sharing Testimony

The Lord also gave us the privilege of planting one more church in that village by laying foundation stones as well as another plot of land to plant a third church! The land was a gift from the village chief because God healed his grandson during our last trip! Hallelujah!

This mission trip was a life-changing event for me. I dare say that I have fallen in love with the people of India – especially the children! Will I go to India again? Yes indeed! And I am going again in 2018! Come and join us for a holy adventure to India this year!



BRMC Missions Team with TLT Church Planters



NEPAL

WONG TIEN HUA

Our family of four participated in the Nepal Medical and Dental Camp which took place from 16 - 21 November 2017, providing medical services as a practical way of gaining inroads and acceptance amongst the villagers in Nepal.

Going on Missions as a family was an incredibly fulfilling experience as it brought the family together in prayer, devotion, sharing and worship. For us the Missions trip was the highlight of the year.

We saw a few hundred patients in the short span of three days in the field. People would walk from the villages nearby, over mountains and across valleys.

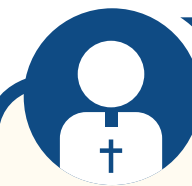
We had the chance to camp outdoors under the stars at 1,500 metres amongst the mountains. At night the skies were clear and the full glory of the heavens was revealed, as we saw the spectacular Milky Way arch over us. At the crack of dawn, during the morning devotion, and as we sang the song “10,000 reasons”, the first rays of the sun peaked from behind the Himalayan mountain ranges, turning the skies into hues of blues and yellow, and illuminating the sea of clouds below us in the valley. There was no better way to witness God’s creation.



Multi-star hotel



Nepal Missions Team 2017



BASIC MISSIONS TRAINING (BMT)

BMT is a three-session missions course covering the Biblical and Historical perspectives of Missions, Redemptive Nature of Missions, Missions and Mission of God (Missio Dei), BRMC missions, major world religions, cross-cultural contextualisation and practical ministry skills for a missions trip. BMT can also guide your missions journey and personal growth as a disciple of Christ.

DATE	TIME
8, 15 & 22 Apr 2018 (Sundays)	1 - 6pm
5, 19 & 26 Aug 2018 (Sundays)	1 - 6pm

Join in if you are interested to participate in any of the missions trips or if you just want to learn more about missions. Come in with your friends and those who love God. To register, key in your particulars online at <http://tinyurl.com/brmcbasic>.

MISSIONS TRIPS 2018/2019

TRIP	DATE	CONTACT PERSON	TRIP	DATE	CONTACT PERSON
Tanjong Pinang, Indonesia	1 - 2 Sep 2018 Mar 2019 ¹	Harry Liem at brmc.tgpinang@gmail.com	Chittoor, South India	1 - 7 Sep 2018	Benjamin B C Tan at bensue@me.com
Nepal	22 - 27 Nov 2018 Apr 2019 ¹	Dr Serene Chee at kwserch@singnet.com.sg	Shalom, South India	6 - 13 Dec 2018 Apr 2019 ¹	Hardev Singh at singh_hardev@moe.edu.sg
Myanmar	Dec 2018 ¹	KC Fong at fongkimchoy@yahoo.com.sg	Chiangmai, Thailand	11 - 18 Dec 2018 Jun 2019 ¹	Low Aik Lim at lowaiklim@gmail.com
Cambodia	10 - 15 May 2018 ² 4 - 9 Dec 2018	Robin Noronha at robin.a.noronha@gmail.com	Youth Trip	Nov/Dec 2018 ³	Terence Goh at terence.goh@brmc.org.sg
East Asia	20 - 27 Nov 2018	Janet Chong at chongyuenleng@yahoo.com.sg			

¹ Dates to be confirmed soon

² Limited Spaces

³ Location and Dates to be confirmed soon

Please sign up online for the above trip at <http://tinyurl.com/brmctrips>.

NEPAL

INDIA

TRANSFORMING LIVES & COMMUNITIES IN

ASIA

Missions at Barker Road Methodist Church (BRMC) has embarked on a New Direction of Transforming LIVES and COMMUNITIES IN ASIA with the two principle thrusts :

- 1 To Raise Disciple-Making Churches
- 2 To transform BRMC Members in Christ-likeness and Discipleship while participating and serving in Missions, embracing the values of Servanthood, Adaptability and Accountability.

To achieve this, the Missions Committee will focus on Evangelising to the Unreached, Discipling those Saved and Church Planting (EDC) Acts 14:19-28. Thus, the EDC process will also include the works of Encouragement, Empowerment and Equipping of our Local Partners.

Missions Theme for 2018 is “Come, See... Go Tell.”

The theme verse for the year is 2 Timothy 2:2.

‘And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.’

The focus of the Missions Committee this year will be **SPIRIT DIRECTED MISSIONS, MOBILISING AND EQUIPPING OUR MISSIONS PARTNERS AND BRMC**

MYANMAR

Yangon • Chiang Mai

THAILAND

CAMBODIA

Phnom Penh

• SINGAPORE
• Tanjung Pinang

INDONESIA

Up hill and beyond

TRANSFORMED BY THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Missions Focus

MARCH 2018

CONGREGATION AND BUILDING INDEPENDENT INDIGENOUS CHURCHES. Mission trips will now have more emphasis on Spirituality in, before, during and after our mission trips through devotions, reflections and retreats, to facilitate mission trippers to have a closer relationship with God through their experiencing of God’s love and work during missions trips. Prayer groups will also be set up for mission interest groups. Both our mission partners and congregation will continue to be equipped to lead in their missions fields, participate in ministries and to develop spiritual maturity. In developing independent indigenous churches, focus will be in the areas of leadership development, livelihood projects and church planting.

BRMC continues to be involved in seven countries with mission fields in Phnom Penh, Cambodia; East Asia; Chittoor and Vellore in South India; Bintan in Indonesia; Yangon in Myanmar; Central Nepal and Chiangmai in Thailand. We have Missionaries in the Middle East and Nepal.



CAMBODIA



ELAINE SUNG

Upon arrival we met Pastor Pheaktra and his team of translators from Prek Tual Phnom Penh Methodist Church. After that, it was to our medical base camp @ Abundant Life Methodist Church (ALMC) in Kampong Chhnang. God sent a steady stream of patients on our first afternoon. But on our second and third day, the seats were filled even before we arrived!

So, what sets the church apart from any NGO? Prayers! From registration to medical consultation, to dispensing of medicine, we prayed with each patient; this was on top of a "mandatory" stop at the prayer station! We prescribed Jesus Christ because everyone deserves to hear of His love!

In the daily two-plus hour commute to and fro ALMC, I reflected on the Father's heart for His people... for the

RANJIT GABRIEL MAGHERRA

I was pondering over the question – what is sharing the gospel at a mission trip really all about? And I got my answer while seeing patients in Kampung Chhnang.

The words "blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted" kept ringing through my head as I saw the patients. The farmers in this area have a hard life and many were calling for help. It was clear that they needed more than physical healing. I felt a strong sense of duty and responsibility to tell all of them about this treasure that I have so that they too could have my hope.

In particular, a tall, gaunt lady with sun scorched skin in her 50s came to see me complaining of abdominal discomfort. She had helplessness and sadness in her eyes. Her tummy was bloated; she was severely undernourished and seemed to be suffering from a terminal illness. A wave of compassion for this lady ran through my bones. I shared the truth from the Word with her and provided medical advice.



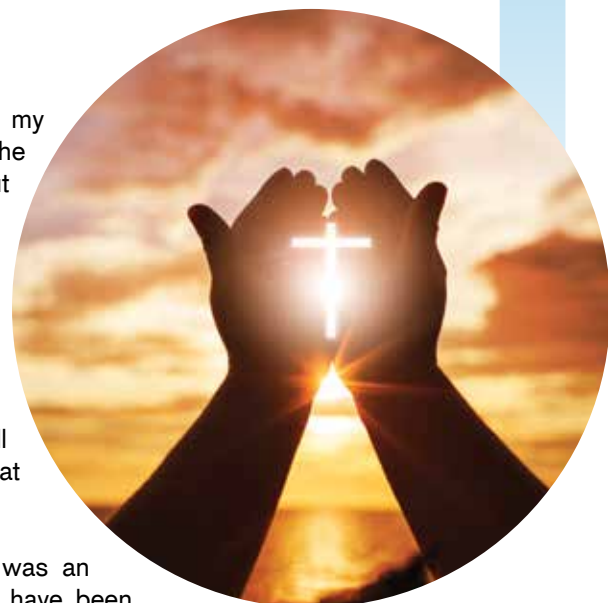
Medical Camp at ALMC

unsaved, as well as those serving the local churches. My takeaway verse for the trip is Romans 10:14 – "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?" May God help us to share the gospel in and out of season!

"Come, See... Go Tell."

Therein was my answer. Sharing the gospel is about having love and a deep compassion for people. Since we have knowledge of the gospel, it is our duty and responsibility to tell everyone about that good news!

This mission trip was an eye opener and I have been humbled by the experience. I would like to thank the entire BRMC mission team for giving me, Beatrice and my six year old daughter, Hayley the opportunity to go.



EAST ASIA

ONG LEH HWA

My experience in the East Asia was truly memorable. The warm friendship of the church leaders, amidst their struggle to unify and revitalise the various churches in that area, revealed their love for the Lord and their commitment to spreading the faith. As we carried out various activities, it was the fellowship with them that most touched my heart. A critical objective of this trip was to guide the church leaders there. This was achieved through teaching on Nehemiah's rebuilding of the temple, followed by small group discussions with the local leaders benefiting not only them but the rest of us on the trip as well.



MYANMAR

KH CHONG

In 2017 it was like a Mission year for me. The Spirit prompted me to take action to visit the following mission fields; East Asia, India, Nepal, Indonesia and Myanmar.

I felt that God was using my involvement in the Missions work to show me the meaning of life, learning from different countries about the people, culture, circumstances in life, the limitations, challenges they face each day... It reminded me that in spite of the harsh condition and hardship of the fewer opportunities open to them, they can be happy. One of my favourite bible verses is



Needy villagers live around Boxer-Shalom Gospel Centre and Bethel Gospel Centre

Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your understanding; In all your ways acknowledge him, and He shall direct your paths."

My trip to Myanmar was led by Mr KC Fong. We observed how some people there are



Other activities which allowed us to bond with our hosts included the prophetic art session and Food Ministry where we cooked for the church members. Another significant activity was our outreach trips to their small groups. As we sang and shared with the elderly members there, I could sense their loneliness and their joy in receiving us. I was heartened to know that the community of Christ there was giving them spiritual and social support on a weekly basis.

The trip ended with all of us going for a silent retreat for self-reflection and personal fellowship with God. Overall, this trip has blessed me in so many ways and brought me so much closer to God, and it is my hope and prayers are that more of us at BRMC can join us in future trips.



Kum Hong with happy kids from Boxer-Shalom Gospel Centre celebrating Christmas at Ebenezer Methodist Church

struggling and how they are living their everyday lives with limited resources.

In Matthew 6:26 we read, "Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" It reminded me of the power of God's word and how it can help and make me think about how I live my life. My typical life in an urban city will never provide me the opportunity to learn and experience the different aspects of life.

Doing Missions work by lending a helping hand to needy people can make a difference to their living condition and it showed me how God is at work!



THAILAND - YOUTH MISSIONS TRIP

KEITH LEE

During this trip, God revealed to me that I connect with Him so much better in the quiet, still moments. Up on a mountain, the remoteness of the place, without electricity and much lighting, our worship was nowhere near as "spectacular" as the Youth Night worship. But in that small, quiet building, with just an acoustic guitar and voice, I connected with God on a level deeper and more intimate than anything I had ever experienced. I think that God was telling me that too often we get caught up in the flashy things, and look for God only in the visible signs. Crying during the altar call, worship with a full band on stage, speaking in tongues - they're good things, for sure, but a passage that always comes to mind is 1 Kings 19:11-13. God wasn't in the wind, or the fire, or the earthquake; He was in the gentle whisper. And on this trip, God taught me that I am closest to Him when the roar fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come.

This trip also opened me up to the task of sharing the Gospel with my family, immediate and extended. During house visitations, many team members shared their experiences converting family members, and I realised how seriously they and their families took this task. It was almost shocking to see how ardently they went about this duty, and it's something I took to heart and remember very clearly about this missions trip.



Youth Team sharing a song item

Finally, God taught me to trust Him and allow Him to do His work. We had prepared a skit but events turned out differently from what we expected; so many people ended up crying or extremely emotional, that we were collectively in no state to go up and perform our skit. Eventually we decided to play the song One Way. Wholly unrehearsed and unplanned, we prayed and went up on stage. And God pulled us together - our performance was far better, far more powerful than any skit we had rehearsed or any other song we had practiced. It was an effective reminder we can practice as much as we want and prepare all the things we have to, but in the end, God will do as He wills, and His plan is infinitely better than ours.

If I had to sum up Chiang Mai in a word, it would be a "life-changing". God taught me a lot on this trip, and if I had the chance to do it all again, I'd do it in a heartbeat.

"Come, See... Go Tell."



INDONESIA

JEROME NG AND CHARISSA CHOO

We felt led to venture out of the comforts of church and Singapore to serve overseas. My husband Jerome and I signed up for our first Missions Trip to Tanjung Pinang (TP), Indonesia.

TP was an excellent starter missions trip as it was a short two-day trip and only a 90-minute ferry ride away. The villagers clearly anticipated our trip and had already begun queuing up at the tents before we arrived. Many of them had medical issues but were not undergoing medical treatment as they could not afford it. We worked with a local pastor to extend assistance to those in need of receiving treatment.

Our local partners were working hard to find medicine to re-stock our dwindling supplies to meet the increasing demands back at our two clinics. Thankfully, the villagers were understanding of the situation and our local partners managed to find the medicine eventually. Jehovah Jireh – our God provides!

Over the two days, we saw many others who needed more advanced and long-term treatment but could not do so. It



was heart-breaking for us, but it taught us the meaning of really trusting and believing in God that He would provide for them through His ways and means. One quote came to mind – "Do your best, and God will do the rest." Even the six-year-old boy in our team played a useful role as a runner in the pharmacy!

Our prayer is Matthew 9:35-38, for the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest field.

To God be the Glory, The Best is Yet to Be! It