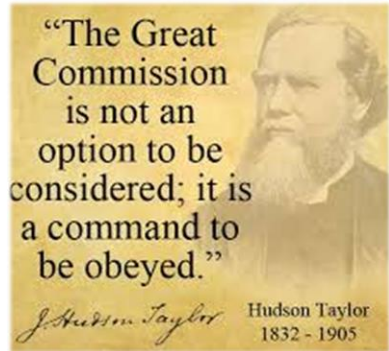


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Partnership in Advancing the Gospel with Vigilance in Trying Times

This year has a different setting in missions. The early church had certain priorities and preaching the gospel of Christ was one of them and that was one of the reasons for their rapid growth. It was a disciplined life of corporate worship, fervent prayer, responsible service, fellowship, evangelism, sanctification and Christian piety. There are crucial elements of local and foreign missions that we need to be mindful of. We continue in this global ministry of the church supporting local and foreign outreaches with the resources, talents and gifts endowed by God, and by the mercies of God support these churches and outreaches in their growth to the glory to God in these troubled days of a deadly pandemic affecting many nations with much care and vigilance.



The church of Christ is called to glorify God through the evangelizing and disciplining of souls with the gospel of Christ in the fear and knowledge of God. Sovereign Hope BPC has associated missions in Bangalore, India, a key southern city in the state of Karnataka affected badly by the coronavirus. We are to be vigilant as we sow and water, but it is the Lord who gives the increase upon this gospel seed. As we co-labour with Covenant and New Covenant BP Church and Calvary Reformed Church in India, other churches and bible colleges in Myanmar and Country X, and Filadelfia BPC in Batam, we do so with great caution and with safety in view (1 Cor 3).

Strategies in the Ministry of Missions in the Present Context

One of the aims of Sovereign Hope BPC missions is **to exalt Christ by proclaiming the pure gospel of the risen Christ alone in different ethnic groups or nations, to the saving of souls eternally as He wills.** Isaiah 61:1-3 says, *'The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.'* We consider it our sacred duty and a privilege to be heralds for Christ. The early disciples were bold to be mouthpieces for Christ even in the face of the hostile Roman Empire in the first century and we need to continue to do so today by the grace and strength of the Lord in the post-modern era and in the midst of this global health crisis.



In these turbulent days, **there is a great urgency to boldly preach and share the pure and unadulterated gospel in creative ways** to the lost with greater zest as ambassadors for Christ wherever He has placed us. We are to be alert and effective soldiers, diligent farmers, disciplined athletes on this land for a spiritual purpose. To be responsible stewards and ambassadors

for Jesus (2 Cor 5:20), we must not lose this important perspective and be distracted at the expense of the gospel instead of the work of saving souls and building the flock in the knowledge of the word. This is our primary calling. The salvation of souls in the Kannada service over the years is a good testimony of God's sovereign grace. The printing of the *Reformation Now Magazine* by CBPCI and her editorial team in the electronic format is a great blessing to many in the Reformed tradition with edifying articles and for us to continue in the years ahead.

Local language gospel tracts and pamphlets and teaching booklets is a vital work and the use of the electronic means like the Zoom app, emails, WhatsApp, electronic tracts and books to reach out to more effectively. About 200 copies of our latest book on the Christian Perspective of COVID19 Pandemic & Biblically Related Themes have been sent to our leaders in the various missions and associated churches to encourage and provide a biblical perspective in handling this health crisis with the Word of the Lord. Another 200 copies have been bought by others from different churches and also sold at Xi-An Christian Bookstore locally.



Mission with a Vision and Caution

Our mission churches in India are committed to preaching, teaching and training others with the Word. We taught the Word and also gave to build, support and help the local churches on a viable basis for effective outreach opportunities. It is important that we take the utmost care in engaging their local indigenous leaders and equip them to be faithful preachers and stewards to serve their own community. We need to be vigilant, take precautions and pray for godly men to serve with us in our missionary efforts. We need to pray for our co-workers in Dr George Skariah, Praveen serving in Covenant BPCI, Pastor Babu of New Covenant BPC in Varthoor Village and Rev Lazarus in Calvary Reformed Church for wisdom in evangelizing the villagers with safe measures and the care and building up the church (pray for safety in the midst of this pandemic). **What would the Lord have us to do next for the sake of the gospel and for the glory of His name in the midst of this global health challenge?**

Creative God-Centred Missions on a Virtual Platform

Biblical evangelism and missions to save souls is the core ministry of the church as Christ has commanded us before His ascension (Matt 28:18-20; Mk 16:15; Acts 1:8). However, the work of preaching, evangelism and missions, and of sharing the gospel with repentance and faith, honouring the lordship of Christ, and teaching the Word of God do not stop in any circumstance.

By the will of God, we started a virtual sabbath evening Chinese Fellowship meeting with 7 persons attending during our circuit breaker in May this year and it has grown to about 15 to 18 people attending from country X, Malaysia, Myanmar and Singapore with special focus on church history and practical christian living. This has been beneficial for our Chinese brethren who face different challenges in their churches. Our church weekly articles are being translated into Chinese by Bro Paul Kong and sent to them and other Chinese speaking friends electronically every week. The work of the gospel goes on faithfully despite this unprecedented health challenge.

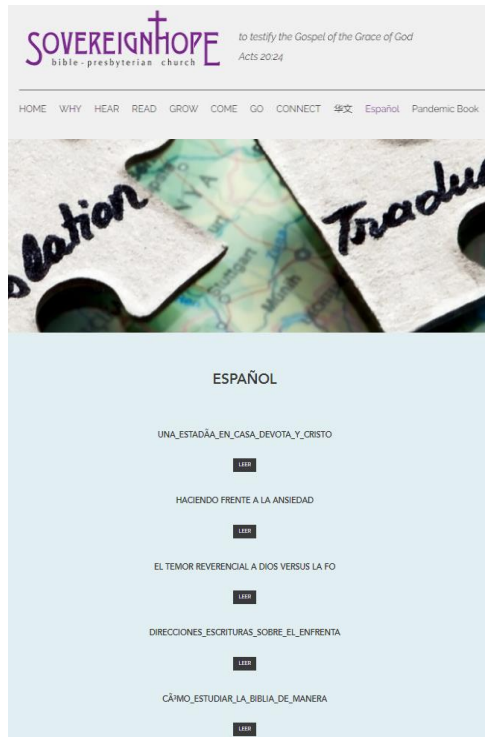


Some of our articles are also translated into Spanish by Sis Paulina, the wife of an Elder of a Reformed church in Chile for our brethren in Latin America. We also preached at the 25th anniversary to about 60 brethren of an evangelical church in Peru 2 months ago, translated into Spanish by Bro Adin and Alex.



By the higher hand of God, we conducted 2 training webinars on the Armour of God and the doctrine of the Holy Spirit for some youth leaders locally and also at a mission webinar organised by Bro Silas Heng of Jesus Saves Mission where we share the Word with missionaries and leaders from 5 countries. Our church weekly prayer meeting continues with brethren from India, Australia and Laos joining us on every Wednesday night as we intercede for one another. Our likeminded Pastoral Fraternal of about 10 Pastors and Elders met a few times during these months to exchange ideas, update and encourage one another, and to pray and support one another in the work of the Lord.

SHBPC website is updated weekly with our weekly sermons and articles and other studies of interest ie (Q&A). There are Chinese and Spanish pages as well managed by our website team. The weekly sermons are uploaded on our church Facebook where we have about 191 members. There are some who requested the church weekly to be sent to them and we do that for the benefit of our readers both local and overseas from about 12 countries.



We thank God for godly historic examples to show us the biblical manner in which the believer is to live and think and present and propagate the only true message of hope and redemption to a dying world in a way acceptable to God. Here we learn some tips from his faithful servants below:

Seven Rules for Daily Living by Jonathan Goforth

The following rules for daily living were made by Dr. Goforth in 1894, noted faithful missionary to China and written on the fly-leaf of his Bible: (Adapted from *Goforth of China* by Mrs. Rosalind Goforth. Appendix, 355-356)

1. Seek to give much -- expect nothing.
2. Put the very best construction on the actions of others.
3. Never let a day pass without at least a quarter of an hour spent in the study of the Bible.
4. Never omit daily morning and evening private prayer and devotion.
5. In all things seek to know God's Will and when known, obey at any cost.
6. Seek to cultivate a quiet prayerful spirit.
7. Seek each day to do or say something to further Christianity among the heathen.

These are wonderful gems from His notable servants for us to emulate and adapt in the wide and rich mission fields even in the midst of this health crisis with prudence and discretion.

Partnership in the Gospel with Vigilance

We thank God for all your prayers and your co-partnership in the important gospel propagation in India and beyond. Even in the midst of a health crisis, we continue to be a **missions-minded Bible believing, Bible defending and Gospel preaching Reformed Church with safe measures and caution.**

SHBPC mission teams has been going for missions every year except this year due to COVID19 and will do again as the Lord leads us in the fullness of time. Although we are unable to go this year, we are committed to the propagation of the pure gospel and we continue to teach the Word as we train the pastors in Myanmar and Country X, and exhort the brethren in Batam Filadelfia BPC. We look forward to be In Yangon, Myanmar to minister the Word to equip the theological students in Biblical Reformed Seminary, Biblical Institute of Theology and Myanmar Theological Seminary led by Rev David Khobal and Rev Thwang Nei Bil, the children in the Gilead Home led by Eld Habakkuk,



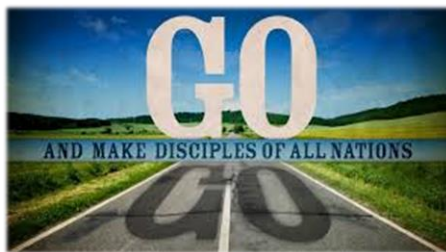
and the teaching and preaching in the local evangelical churches (with Rev Salai). God willing, we look forward to 2021 to be there again, to exhort and edify the pastors, lay leaders and brethren.

There is a grave need to fulfil the Great Commission in these turbulent times and **to enthuse believers to witness and serve the Lord and equip and local preachers, elders, deacons and lay leaders via Zoom (if necessary) to support the Church missions work** and evangelistic endeavours and equip the locals through our virtual Bible Lectures and internet training classes.

We covet your prayers for the safety of our missionary Pastors and their Church Sessions, family and church members as they persevere to build the church and as nations fight to contain the fast spreading virus. Pray for the continued preaching of the pure gospel via physical church services or virtual means in the wide harvest fields. Be actively and fervently engaged in the expansion of God's kingdom both locally and overseas. Romans 1:16 says, *'For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.'*

Conclusion

There is a grave need for divine wisdom, patience and caution that we do not let our guard down in a dangerous and troubled world. We need to be committed to the expository preaching of the pure and unadulterated gospel locally and the vigilant defence of the faith in these last perilous days of spiritual decline together with our mission partners. Satan will try his utmost to undermine the work of the Lord and we need to be vigilant and dependent on Christ and not distracted by the evil one, **to be wise to defend the faith and proclaim the pure gospel in creative ways**, and teach the inspired and sufficient word to revive souls and to edify and build up the saints in the fear and knowledge of God.



Even in the midst of this pandemic, SHBPC will **earnestly pray, reach out and evangelise the lost both locally and overseas as the Lord leads us.** Let us be biblically creative and fervent for the Lord while there is yet time and opportunity for the night comes when no man can work (Jn 9:4) for judgment will begin soon with the imminent coming of our Lord. We live in perilous days of great spiritual declension. Let us work faithfully for spiritual and eternal things for the Lord and endeavour with deeper devotion and diligence to God in these perilous times till He comes.

Jack Sin

**PROPHETIC AND PRACTICAL INSIGHTS
FROM ISAIAH FOR TODAY**

Lord's Day Programme from Oct - Dec 2020

OCTOBER

- 4 The Case for Divine Reasoning (Isaiah 1:1-18)
- 11* The Holiness of God and the Prophet's Response (Isaiah 6:1-8)
- 18 When the Top Angel became the Devil (Isaiah 14:1-15)
- 25 Reformation Sunday: The Refuge of God in the Reformation (Isaiah 25:1-12)

NOVEMBER

- 1 The Basis for Peace of Mind (Isaiah 26:1-9)
- 8* The Gospel Highway and Streams of Life (Isaiah 35:1-10)
- 15 The Almighty Comforter for Souls (Isaiah 40:1-14)
- 22 Fighting Phobia with Courage in God (Isaiah 41:1-14)
- 29 Triumph over Distress as Witnesses (Isaiah 43:1-28)

DECEMBER

- 6 The Only One True God of the World (Isaiah 45:5-28)
- 13* The Call to Extend the Kingdom of God. (Isaiah 54:1-17)
- 20 The Foundation for Contentment (Isaiah 55:1-13)
- 24 Christmas Eve: Mary and the Lamb of God (Luke 1:27-47)
- 27 Reforms through the Hand of God (Isaiah 59:1-21)
- 31* WATCHNIGHT SERVICE: Am I a Wise or Foolish Virgin? (Matthew 25:1-13)



Memory Verse

Isaiah 45:22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth:
for I am God, and there is none else.

Announcements

1. Welcome to our Worship Service! For our visitors, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave.
2. Rev Jack Sin speaks today on “**Triumph over Distress as Witnesses**” (Isa 43: 1-28), the Oct to Dec series on “*Prophetic & Practical Insights from Isaiah for Today*”.
3. Rev Jack Sin speaks next Sunday on “**The Only One True God of the World**” (Isa 45: 5-28).
4. Sunday School classes continues in church after the worship service:
 - Catechism Class – Pastor Jack
 - “Rules for Walking in Fellowship by John Owen” – Dn Choo Siang
 - Studies in Leviticus – Dr Kwong Leen
5. Chinese Fellowship meets on Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren. We have commenced a new series of studies and discussions on History of the Church. Do join us!
6. Do send your prayer items to Pastor and join us for Church Prayer Meeting on Wed at 8pm via Zoom. Preacher Mok will be sharing the Word of God and the ministry of New Life BPC, London.
7. The Pandemic book can be purchased through Dn Yue Kay (Hp: +65 97450311) or via email at sovereignhopebpc@gmail.com.
8. There will be Christmas Eve Baptismal & Gospel Service on 24 Dec 2020 at 8pm and Watchnight Service on 31 Dec 2020 at 8pm. Do mark them on your calendar and invite your family and friends to join us for worship on these special days.
9. Those who have a testimony to share may submit to Pastor for the weekly.
10. Pastor is still available for counselling via WhatsApp, Email or Mobile.
11. Love gifts, Offering and Tithes to the Lord can be given in the following ways:
 - **Cheque** payable to **Sovereign Hope Bible Presbyterian Church** and mail to church address. (Kindly write the full name of the church as indicated.)
 - **Fund transfer** to Church **UOB** Account **392-308-825-1**
 - **PayNow** to Church UEN: **T19SS0116FSOV**