



Personal Salvation Testimony

My first encounter with Christianity went all the way back to my Kindergarten days in 1961. Stories of the life of Christ were told together with expensive school fees. I never did understand much then. When I was in Primary 4, I was invited to attend the Scripture Union's Inter-School Christian Fellowship [ISCF]. I attended ISCF regularly, not because of the interesting stories but for the prizes awarded for full attendances, participation of events, etc. It was only in Secondary one that I was confronted with the question of my destiny.

I was invited to an Interdenominational Christian Mission near my home for Saturday evening Youth Fellowship. In June 1970, the pastor preached a salvation message. I remembered how the Lord through the preaching of the Gospel convicted me of my sin and my eternal destiny in *John 3:16*, *Acts 16:31* and many other passages. It was so vivid in my mind of my place in Hell without the Lord and the overwhelming love of God that offers me of His grace and salvation that had led me to accept His free gift of eternal salvation. That evening, God convicted me of my state of wretchedness and during the invitation, I accepted Christ as my Savior and Lord.

GOD's calling to the Ministry

During one of the church camps in 1973, the Lord spoke to me from 2 Corinthians 5:17-20. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." He convicted me of the "ministry of reconciliation" and set me apart to be minister of this Gospel for the rest of my life.

God's personal call to fulltime ministry came also from Isaiah 6:8 " Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me." When the invitation was given, the lyrics from the hymn, " Brightly Beams Our Father's Mercy " further prompted me to consecrate my life to fulltime ministry. The Holy Spirit convicted me to be that " light bearer " to bring forth the Gospel to the " fainting and struggling seamen " lost in this sinful world.

I enrolled into the Bob Jones Memorial School of Missions in 1974 and graduated with a Diploma of Theology after three years of study. Throughout these three years, many questions concerning the doctrines of the Scriptures troubled me greatly.

Next, I joined the Baptist Fellowship Church started by Dr John C. Mincy and was scripturally baptized [1975]. I served BFC for about a year as their Student Pastor. Thereafter, I decided that I had to settle my questions regarding those key doctrines. I enrolled into Emmanuel Baptist Bible College, started by Pastor Goh Seng Fong who had earlier on led me to Christ. Being my mentor, I was puzzled by his change of theological convictions. Previously he was a Bible Presbyterian but became an Independent Baptist by conviction. Those years of learning and training had helped me unraveled my twisted understanding regarding the doctrines of the Local Church, Baptism, Bible and Church polity. I completed my study and graduated with a Bachelor of Theology degree in 1982.

Since then, I had the privilege to serve as Associate Pastor, Pastor, Bible College Registrar and Lecturer in different Independent Baptist Churches in Singapore. The latest, pastoring in Maranatha Baptist Church for the last eleven years and now, led of the Lord to do church planting in Singapore and Asia.

God's Call to Church Planting in Asia

(Macedonia Independent Baptist Church)

In July 10 2003, the Lord spoke to my heart in one of my devotions from Acts 16:9-10," And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavored to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the Gospel unto them." These verses prompted me to do church planting work in Singapore and elsewhere in Asia. Since then, I had the privilege to mentor the Associate Pastor and now handed the pastorate to him.

That year, the Lord had also spoken to my heart of the Great Commission in *Matthews 28:10-20* regarding the Local Church's task in World Evangelism and biblical church planting (South East Asia particularly in the 10/40 Windows).

1. He further impressed upon me in Acts 1:8, of the need to do cross cultural evangelism in Singapore.
2. He spoke to my heart about starting a New Testament Church that has a Cross Cultural outreach to the one million foreigners living and working in Singapore.
3. He impressed me to reach Singaporeans as well as other nationalities represented here and then to disciple, train and send out those who are called back to their homeland in Asia to start indigenous churches. These people are from countries, which, may be closed to Missionary work. The countries represented here are; China, Vietnam, Africa, Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, India, South and North Korea, Nepal, Japan, Scotland, USA, France etc.
4. My task is to train, assist, send and direct those called to start a Church planting movement among their fellow countrymen.

In Dec 2004, the Holy Spirit spoke to my heart in Habakkuk 2:3-4, " For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.....the just shall live by his faith." He had impressed upon my heart the need to wait for the right timing to start the new work.

He also spoke to me in Luke 5:4-6, " Now when he had left speaking he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for the draught. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing; nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake." The Lord directed me to give my whole heart in this new ministry once it is being launched otherwise unfocused service will be met with the breaking of the net when He blesses the work.