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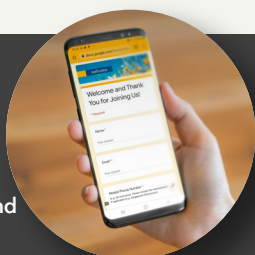
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As we celebrate Merdeka and Hari Malaysia, I can't but help reflect on what it is to be Anak Malaysia. I am a third generation Malaysian. My grandfather, a Tamil, Sri Lankan, came to the then Malaya to work in the British Colonial Service. Many among us have similar family histories, with ancestors travelling here from China, India, Indonesia, or some other nation.

Fast forward two generations, my childhood experience in a small town along the coast of Selangor was one of great diversity and hospitality. My family lived in the Banting hospital quarters, and we were a community in a small town that continually welcomed many a stranger; doctors in training, nurses posted from other states, Peace Corp volunteers from the US, and the many seeking healing

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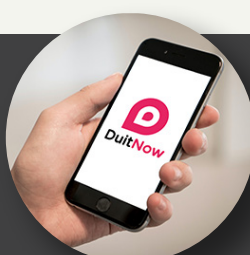
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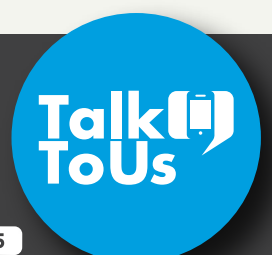
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from all walks of life. At the centre of the hospital quarters was the padang and every evening we converged there - Malay, Chinese, Indian, the sons and daughters of the cleaners, nurses, doctors. We were neighbours, we were friends, and we embraced our diversity.

I fondly remember Sara, the two-year-old baby of a Malay nurse who lived next door. Every morning, she would sit at our backdoor. With her back against the door, she would sway back and forth, gently knocking on our door till we woke and let her in. She spent many an hour in my mother's kitchen while we were at school and would faithfully wait at the front door when it was time for me to get home. Knowing she loved my rose syrup drink, I always saved some to share with her. When I look back at my childhood, I am so grateful to be Anak Malaysia. This Merdeka, we mark 64 years of independence and 58 years since the formation of Malaysia. Malaysia was birthed of people fleeing war and poverty, with some seeking work, while others simply looking for a place to raise their families. They came from across Asia, bringing with them their culture, language, and food. They came as strangers to the land- as aliens and migrants- and found hospitality amongst each other. Together, they built a nation.

Malaysia today is even more diverse in culture and religion, with a population of almost 33 million. Add to that the thousands of migrant workers from neighbouring countries doing the jobs we don't want to do, and the uncountable refugees from as far as the Middle East and the African continent. While we are even more diverse than we were in the formative years of Malaysia, there is far more division too. Race, religion, politics, and social-economic class are some of the divisive lines among us. The strangers in our midst, the refugees and migrant workers, are often viewed with suspicion, hostility, and sometimes even fear. Yet, a few generations ago, these people were our forefathers.

This Merdeka, I reflect on this not just as Anak Malaysia but also as Anak Tuhan, Isa al-Masih. I ask the question, "What would Jesus do?". If Jesus walked the streets of Subang Jaya or Kuala Lumpur with me, what would he say? Who would he stop to talk to? When I look at scripture, I see Jesus eating and drinking with strangers, taking the time to talk

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to a woman, shunned by society, and I see his posture of humility, washing the feet of his disciples. While Jesus didn't have a home of his own, he would often invite himself to the homes of those he wanted to serve, like when he invited himself to Zacchaeus' home. Jesus even went out of his way to walk with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus so they could encounter him. Jesus' hospitality was always him bringing the kingdom of God near. Jesus' ultimate act of hospitality was laying his life down, so that we can be reconciled to the Father.



**While we often equate hospitality with the sharing of food, it is far more than that. Hospitality can unfold in so many ways. It's about the church reflecting and living out the gospel. It is who we are. It is an overflow from our friendship with Jesus - when we, the recipients of God's grace, become carriers of this grace. Hospitality is the church bringing the kingdom of God here and now.**

What is the role of hospitality in unleashing the gospel? How does the church embrace and celebrate the diversity of our nation? How can the church welcome the strangers in our midst and, in so doing, glorify God? May I encourage each one of us to take a page from Jesus' playbook: eat at the table with those the world despises, carry out acts of kindness to the stranger, listen and talk with the marginalised, and go to the places and peoples who need an encounter with God.

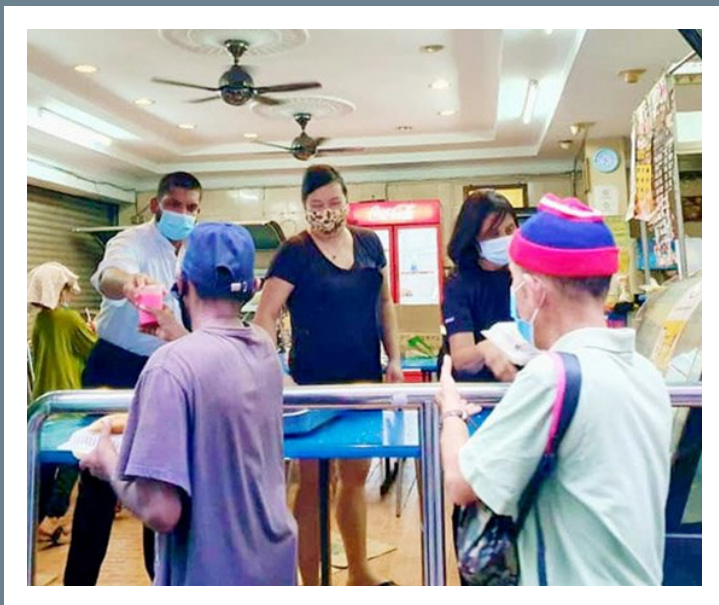
Right now, due to Covid, we can't invite people to our homes. But let's get creative about hospitality. Perhaps drop off a box of chicken rice and a cold drink to the security guard at your neighbourhood. Or make a phone call to a friend simply to inquire how they are coping with the pandemic. There are also opportunities through some FBC initiatives, such as grocery deliveries to those in need, the Soup Kitchen providing hot meals on Wednesdays, and teaching refugee children online.

Eventually, the pandemic will be at bay and life will normalise. When we gather again as a church, how can our church services be more welcoming of the strangers in our midst, the unchurched, the marginalised? What needs to change in our fellowship around the table, in our homes and daily lives, to more reflect the hospitality of Christ? Like Jesus on the road to Emmaus, will we go to the places and peoples that need an encounter with God? Our hospitality should ultimately point people to Jesus, and it begins with small steps.

Take one step today. 🙏

**Scripture for further reflection on biblical hospitality:**

*Leviticus 19:33-34, Luke 14:12-14, Matthew 25:31-40, Romans 12:13-20, Hebrews 13:1-2, 1 Peter 4:8-11.*



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**By Pari Bala**

*Pari is the leader of FBC's Missions Department.*

# Ministry Corner


## Computer Donation Drive

For many children, the transition to online schooling meant they had to stop their education because they didn't have devices to access their classes. Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to refurbish about 40 units of computers this past month and deliver them to those who need them. The beneficiaries include Praise Home (orphanage), Promise Home (home for orang asli children), El Shaddai (refugee learning centre), Harvest Assembly (education ministry to needy families), and more.

Moving forward, we still need your help! There is a pressing need for refurbished computers and we are looking for used computers or write-offs from companies. We need you to help us reach out to individuals and corporations that you have connections with to donate computers for this cause. On an individual level, if you have unused devices (laptops, desktops, tablets) at home, do consider blessing a needy family with them. We are looking for second-hand devices that:

- Are preferably laptops;
- Have no major defects; and
- Have a screen that is intact and functional.

Kindly provide basic device information, including your name and estimated date of purchase. Our team will perform a data wipe as part of the refurbishment prior to passing the devices on.

Last but not least, if you are a computer technician or have an interest in the area of computer repairs and would like to join our team, please reach out to us! 



**For more information, contact Johnson (016-305 9027) or Ps Leon (012-743 4485).**



**By Johnson Lee**

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## | Pulpit Program

August 29, 2021

### The Compassion of Jesus

(Matthew 9:35-10:15)



**PREACHER**  
Dr Peter Ng

September 5, 2021

### The Divisiveness of Jesus

(Matthew 10:16-42)



**PREACHER**  
Lee Yee Dian

September 12, 2021

### The Church as the Glory of God

(John 17:20-25)



**PREACHER**  
Arnold Lim

September 19, 2021

### The Anatomy of Unbelief

(Matthew 11:1-24)



**PREACHER**  
Alex Tan

## | Worship with Us



### MAIN SERVICE

| ZOOM |  
Sundays 8:45am & 11:15am



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for Ages 0-12yrs  
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Sundays



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## PRAYER SPOTLIGHT



### Praying From Ephesians 1:17-21

1. Praise and thanks be to God, our Father, for making us alive in Christ when we were dead in our sins.
  2. May God, our Father, give us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that we may know Him better.
  3. May God enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we may know:
    - The hope to which He has called us - the new life in which we know, love, obey and serve Jesus, and to look beyond our present suffering to greater, heavenly glory.
- The riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people - the future where we will see and worship God together with a great multitude of people from every nation, tribe, and tongue.
  - The incomparable great power for all who believe - the same power that rose Jesus from the dead, overcoming death and evil, and is able to transform us into His likeness.

## | Upcoming Events



**Romans**  
From Wretchedness  
To Righteousness  
A NEW GAMMA SERIES  
STARTING SEPTEMBER,  
2021  
Stay tuned for more  
information.



**Sermon  
on The Mount**  
Explore the Teachings  
of Jesus on the  
Beatitudes  
Every Tuesday  
8:00pm - 9:45pm  
To register/ for more  
information, contact  
Lammy Tan  
at 012-386 8460.



**Is There More  
to Life Than This?**  
Every Thursday  
8:00pm  
[CLICK HERE](#) to register  
for the next Alpha program  
starting January 2022.



**Daily Prayer  
Meeting**  
Every Saturday  
to Thursday  
9:00pm  
Zoom ID: 929 735 694  
Password: pray



**Monthly Prayer  
Meeting**  
25 September 2021  
(Saturday)  
2:00pm to 3:30pm  
Zoom ID: 869 8003 5137  
Password: pray

[More Information on Upcoming Events](#)