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“Wishing you a very blessed Christmas and Happy New Year as you begin year 2017 with a blast! It’s a new season and time to cross over from strength to strength, glory to glory!”

Blessed X’mas & A Happy New Year

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From Glory to Glory

By Amanda Foo,
St. John’s –
St. Margaret’s
Church, SOM
2015 Term 1

Entering National University of Singapore ("NUS") after my time at Tung Ling, I wondered if I would ever feel as close to God and as excited about Him as I had felt while in Bible school. Looking back on my past few semesters, I can confidently say that the Christian life is indeed lived from glory to glory.

My initial prayer before entering university was that I would have just one Godly, female friend that I could journey with. Far beyond my expectations, God blessed me with not one, but a whole community of Christians in the very College I live in. I now share a suite with 5 other Godly girls - all of whom I love very dearly. They have truly encouraged me and challenged me in the way they live out their faith.

In my time in university thus far, God has also impressed upon my heart the importance of seeing people in light of eternity - to recognise that everyone will spend eternity somewhere, either in perfect union with Him or eternal separation from Him.

Particularly in the university setting, we encounter individuals who are highly intellectual and are critically engaged. Many of these people are looking for answers to life’s most difficult questions like whether there is a God. Apart from finding a community that I receive from and am constantly encouraged by, I have also had the privilege of serving this community through running Alpha. It has truly been so amazing to see non-believers come week in, week out, to discuss with my team the tenets of the Christian faith. Not just an intellectual exercise, Alpha has truly been a place of acceptance and love for those who come. We firmly believe that it is in the way we love each other and the guests that the love of Christ is displayed.

The Christian life is most convincing when lived out in totality. In allowing Biblical truth to seep into every facet of my life, especially academics, I have gotten the chance to share Christ with classmates and exchange students that I encounter. God has proven Himself faithful, even after my time at Tung Ling came to an end. He is so great and so vast that He will never run out of things to show me about Himself, and I am excited to see what else He has in store for my time at NUS!

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My name is Fidelia, I’m 23 years old this year and I’m a cancer survivor.

Being a 3rd generation Christian, I learned about God in my younger days and how to talk to Him as a friend through prayer. Whenever I fell sick, or was fearful of exams, I would turn to God for help and it became a lifestyle that would help me in the years to come.

When I was 9, a tumour was discovered under the lid of my left eye. I had to undergo an operation to remove it and I remember the doctor explaining the entire procedure to me. I told myself to be brave, thinking that it would be over soon but little did I know that it was going to be the start of a long journey for me.

The diagnosis came and my parents were devastated that I had contracted a rare and aggressive strain of cancer in stage two. Upon the doctor’s prescription for chemotherapy, I spent most of my days out of school and in the hospital. Every time I felt overwhelmed or in pain, I would call out to God in prayer, just as I did when I was younger. Without fail, I would feel a sense of comfort and peace come over me that was deeply reassuring. I remember the sweet fellowship of a loving God which really brought me through. I did not fear death at all, because of the incredible peace and joy that came from being in God’s presence.

Things were getting better and I began to feel victorious and free, until I had an unexpected relapse at 11. I didn’t know that a relapse was possible, and this round was much harder as I was fully aware of what was ahead of me. I asked myself, can I do all this again? Does this mean that a relapse can happen anytime? How can I deal with this for the rest of my life?

God, in His love, reached out to me and spoke to me from a passage in the bible, about the birth of a special child called Samuel. He was born from the desperate cry of a praying mother, who was previously barren. She prayed fervently for a child of her own, vowing to dedicate him to the Lord. I sensed and wondered if such a prayer could have been prayed over me too, but kept this in my heart. When I had the opportunity to take this to my mum, she confirmed that she had indeed promised to dedicate me to the Lord if He preserved my life!

I then had such a revelation that God loves me, and He writes my story. He chose me and set me apart from the start. I was so sure of His love. I no longer had the grounds to wonder if He will continue finishing this story He has started. I testify that I have now been completely cleared from cancer for more than 10 years, and more than the healing itself, I hold onto the fellowship I had with God during those times.

I have learnt so much more about God’s love and His Father’s heart here in Tung Ling, and that we can never fully comprehend the length and width and height of His love. I encourage anyone who is going through a tough time, be it physically or emotionally – that we can not only look forward to the healing and victory that comes from the Lord, but also the precious fellowship with our Father in our present suffering.

Psalms 27:13 I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

The Author of My Life

By Fidelia Lim, RiverLife Church, SOM 2016 Term 2
Crossing Over in My Journey

By So Mun Bin, New Life Baptist Church, SOM 2015 Term 2 & SOL 2016

My first contact with TLBS was at the SOM graduation ceremony of a friend in 2013. I was so inspired by the words of the graduands and the message shared by the guest of honour that I told God I would like to attend the school one day.

2 years later in 2015, God opened the door for me to attend SOM. I enjoyed every single day of my 3 months course and was amongst the first to sign up for SOL the following year!

It was with great anticipation that I stepped back to TLBS in July this year. And yes, my favourite parts of the Tung Ling experience are still in place.

- “Early bird sharing” by the Deans – what is more nourishing than fresh manna from God’s word to start off the day!
- The daily worship is glorious. Led by the Spirit and filled with the tangible presence of God, the hall resounds every morning with waves and waves of passionate singing.
- Another highlight is the sharing of devotion by our fellow classmates. It is such a treat as we listen to testimonies after testimonies of God at work in people’s lives.
- Not forgetting the weekly chapels with special invited speakers. Many of the messages have deeply impacted my life.
- Most importantly, I have benefitted very much from the teaching by our lecturers.

So how is the SOL experience different from SOM? There are two things that stand out for me

Firstly: the focus on leadership. It is such a privilege to sit at the feet of spiritual giants as they share with us their leadership principles. Our lecturers come from diverse backgrounds, from pastors of mega-churches to missionaries working with underground churches. We get to feast on the wealth of their personal experiences - in growing a ministry, building up a church, vision-casting, raising successors, managing conflicts, handling setbacks, strengthening of inner life, recognizing talent themes, imparting values and creating cultures. I have gleaned many precious lessons that I can apply to myself and take back home to my church.

Secondly: the close-knit community. The class is smaller at SOL and as a result we get to know each other better. Half of my classmates are pastors and full-time workers and talking to them at tea and lunch breaks contributes to a significant part of my learning. They often have many great experiences and practical tips to share about church ministry. In addition, my cell group members act as a sounding board as I share my struggles in ministry. I am most grateful for their collective wisdom, prayer support and warm fellowship.

Looking forward, I hope TLBS will not stop at having only SOM and SOL, but will grow the school with more courses in time. You can be sure I will be the first to sign up!
Front row (from left to right):
Ily Mark Maniano (Philippines), Indrijati Gautama (Indonesia), Stephanie Chua (Malaysia), Novie Silvianti (Indonesia), Audrey Arnall (USA),
Kirti Sagdeo (USA), Evelyn Nadeak (Indonesia), Johnson Chabungbam (India)

Back row (from left to right):
Mudothi Kezo (Nagaland), Alex Chain (France), Richard Chin (Malaysia), Sok Serei Rith (Cambodia), Sharon Hosca (Indonesia), Daphni Nonis
(Abu Dhabi), Paula Harden (UK), Rajesh Thathapudi (India), Nemesio Agcana (Philippines), Rey Samco (Philippines), Ram Devkota (Nepal),
Jacub Suria (Indonesia), Josh Raiborde (USA)
God, in His infinite wisdom and impeccable timing, had led me to sign up for the School of Ministry. I had always been seeking for “something more” in my Christian life and I am so heartened and thrilled that God has answered my prayer to know Him in a new and deeper way through this season at Tung Ling.

Everyday, I just woke up with such unspeakable joy (with a new song in my heart!) and anticipation to what the Lord had in store for us through our time of anointed worship, faith-filled prayers, lectures by godly men and women and fellowship with like-minded brothers and sisters, hungering for more of God in our lives. I looked forward to the early bird devotions by the Deans and devotion sharing by fellow students. As we read and study the written word of God, known as the ‘logos’, we grew in our knowledge of God and better appreciate the truths and promises in the Bible. The Word of God is at times, a rhema word, that speaks to our current situations and needs, bringing much timely encouragement and comfort. From 2 Timothy 3:16, we learn that “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.” I have begun to read the Bible with a new lens and I am eager to continue seeking, learning and maturing in the Lord.

In just these 3 short, amazing months, I personally experienced God speaking to me through images and ideas, working through me to speak life and encouragement to others, healing me of an impending sore throat and horrendous stomach flu episode, deliverance from a spiritual attack, protection from an accident where a car beat the red light just as I was about to cross the road and even translation of time so I was not late for class! I had my first experience speaking in tongues after Rev Margaret Seaward and my lecture buddies prayed for me. I was also affirmed in my giftings through the ministry time and I pray that I will use what God has given readily to bless others. God is real and alive indeed!

I believe in faith that I have found that "something more" through this wonderful season of knowing God. I have crossed over from merely knowing God in my mind to living in the spirit. The "something more" that I have discovered is actually nothing mysterious and unsearchable as it is really living with the great power of the Holy Spirit within us and knowing that “the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world” (1 John 4:4). God has given us the Holy Spirit to be our Counselor to guide us in our everyday lives, convict us of our sins and lead holy lives. The Holy Spirit within enables and empowers us to live a more powerful and victorious Christian life. I pray that all of us will continue to keep in step with the Holy Spirit, mature in our faith and bear good fruits for the Lord.
在东岭之前，我在教会的事奉外表的、自我为中心的、懒散的。经过东岭这三个月的学习训练，被圣灵塑造，我的灵命被神大大地转化；在我生命中似乎有股非常强大的力量和声音，要我赶快去传福音、去关心病痛者和灵性有需要者。毕业后，我主动向张牧师（圣保罗堂）请缨开了一个“初信更进班”；同时每隔一周到“援手之家”主持小组聚会。若蒙许可，今年至少有两位弟兄在圣诞节洗礼。这不是我能做什么，而是神在我身上做美好的事。荣归天父！

三个月的课程设计巧妙，每一课环环相扣，从导师们的生命里承接了一浪又一浪的恩典，让我们不断被圣灵的波涛冲洗，生命被更新，灵命更上一层楼。东岭是上帝自己建立的，断没有什么能拦阻上帝在我们生命里所成就的事！感谢主！

“这不是我能做什么，而是神在我身上做的美事。荣归天父！”

李衍国
圣公会圣保罗堂  东岭圣经学院中文事奉学校2016

THE LITTLE BOY GAVE HIS ‘FISH AND BUN’ TO THE LORD. WILL YOU GIVE YOUR MONTHLY FILLET-O-FISH TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF SOMEONE ELSE?

pledge to TLBS

- PLEDGE to support TLBS through your voluntary giving and sponsorship of international students.

- PRAY for students in the next term that they too may encounter the Lord in an unique way.

- PERSUADE your friends to invest three months of their lives to learn of the Lord at TLBS.

- PARTICIPATE as a volunteer to help serve others through the School.

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“Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,...”
ISAIAH 2:3

“I am going to Tung Ling Bible School”

“He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths. ...”