

# Pastor John Tan



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Dear Pastor Wee Yan Tiong,

“It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O Most High: To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night, says the psalmist in Psalm 92:1-2. He is an awesome God, isn't He? Without any doubt, it is wonderful to serve the Great and Mighty God and only Him will we serve.

## ***Blessing in Disguise***

We chanced upon our former landlord and were told that he sold the four-storey building Praise is in and that the new owner would like to meet us. This caught us off-guard as this was sudden news. Two concerns came across our minds, vis-à-vis,

- a) Do we need to leave the premises and look for alternative place to worship? And if not,
- b) Will the new landlord raise the church rent?

We went to the Lord in prayer and prayed that things remain status quo.

We met the new owner two weeks later. We were in jubilant mood after meeting him. Firstly, the new landlord was friendly and understanding. He wanted everything to be in status quo. Also, he intends to renovate the place as he will be occupying the other floors. Works have already begun which included replacing the wrought iron gate with a stainless steel gate, walls being painted, and both the CCTV and a thumb-print entry system

installed. The renovation will be completed once he carpets the staircase which he projected sometime in September. This will help give the exterior a much needed facelift.

### ***Homecoming***

Sister Yoke Sim has been shuttling to and fro from Kuala Lumpur and Permas Jaya every other month so as to be with her husband. The frequent travelling was disruptive to both her health, spiritual and married life. This went on for three years. In May this year, she decided to relocate to Permas Jaya so as to provide stability to her unsettling lifestyle. Her return to Praise is like homecoming to us. We covet your prayer that her husband will receive the Lord. This will make Christ family more complete.

Sister Evelyn suffers from schizophrenia. She attended Praise for the past three years before disappearing for about a year. Apparently, she went back to her home town in Segamat to be with her mother. Shortly after the death of her mother, she stayed in a Christian home for the remaining part of the year. She is now back with us and we are glad to have her again.

### ***A Pleasant Surprise***

Brother Nadarajan, his wife and three grown-up children visited Praise in March this year. Formerly from a Presbyterian background, they wanted a church located nearer to their home. I engaged him to some conversation and much to my surprise; I found that we were from the same school and in the same class during our Secondary years. That was over forty years ago. We never really know each other in class. We marvel at how He could bring people together after being separated for such a long time.

### ***A Time Of Sadness***

There are times when we need to face disappointment head on. It is never easy to write on disappointment especially when it involves those whom we know and who have been with us for a long time. I write this with

a heavy heart. Yet, I have not given up on them and pray that the Lord will restore them to Praise.

Praise wanted to start a Youth Class as we had a few teenagers in the church. I approached Brother Vincent to take up the challenge as their teacher which he gladly agreed. Later, I found out that he gambles occasionally at the casino. I had to take him off the teaching list and explained to him that he will be reinstated once he can assure me that he renounced gambling altogether. Unfortunately, he took this incident badly. His attendance to Praise became very irregular and he ceased to attend Praise a few months after that. He rejected any form of contact with him. His children followed suit. Currently, Sister Vina occasionally returns to help up with our Sunday School.

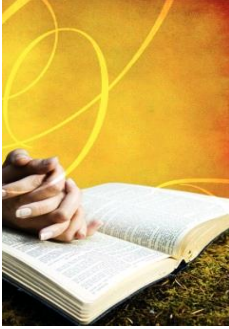
### ***Sweet Hour Of Prayer***

My mother passed away peacefully this May. She was two months shy of her ninety-seven birthday. Three years ago, I shared the Gospel with her. I pray that she had accepted Christ as her Savior. Coming from a large family and with my siblings deeply rooted in the Catholic faith, please pray with me, that the Lord will give me the wisdom to share the Gospel with them. Up to this day they live under the motto, "Once a Catholic dies a Catholic." This will not deter my desire to share the Gospel with them. With God, anything is possible!

### ***Conclusion***

The ministry does present multi-faceted challenges. This is expected and we are aware that it is the Lord's battle and we have to place our trust in Him. Any changes, may it be for the better or for the worst, we have to entrust them to the Lord. God never fails and our faith should always be on Him.

## Partners in Prayers



- **Salvation**
  - Sister Yoke Sim's hubby
  - Brother Elson's wife
  - Sister Rachel's mother
- **Restoration**
  - Brother Vincent & children
  - Brother Tong
  - Sister Maureen

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