

## **Editorial**

**MOVING ON** in our lives takes us to many cross roads where decisions will have to be made. As the wife of the Senior Pastor, I, too, have to move on as he steps down from his position to answer God's call to a wider field of ministry.

This is probably my last entry as Editor of CBC's newsletter as I would like to pass the baton to a younger person or persons.

As I move around the five centers of CBC, I am touched by the passion people have to serve God. God wonderfully raises different people for different kinds of services and all have a role to play in His Kingdom. Did not our Lord Jesus teach that giving a cup of water to another will not skip His attention?

Throughout these pages, obedience and prayer stands out from each person's contribution. Yes, God is looking for obedient children to do His bidding.

Once, I attended a camp whose theme was, "Nothing but leaves." The fig tree in Matthew 21:18-19 bore no fruit, only leaves.

**Jesus, who was hungry then, had this to say to the tree: "Let no fruit grow on you ever again." It was a real lesson Jesus taught His disciples about bearing fruit.**

It is a fact that vine, which lavishes on lots of nutrients and fertilizers, produces a profusion of leaves and cane. The vine will have poor and sparse fruit. This is because the vine invests all those nutrients to grow lush and beautiful leaves. Only the remaining energy goes to producing the fruit.

On the other hand, good grapes are produced through struggles. A vine planter explained that vine grown on rocky and flinty soil causes distress to the plant. It struggles to draw nutrients from its roots and diverts most of its energy to producing fruits. Do you see? Trials and tribulation produce the sweetest fruit possible!

I am touched by Rachel Chew's testimony on page 33. She confronted her fear and brought it to the Lord. See how patient and gentle the Lord is to her? I remember clearly that Sunday in Subang-Sunway Center.

I also received my little heart, and the verse was Joshua 1:9. I was not surprised because that was the same verse God gave me when I was 18, struggling with fear of confessing my faith to my parents. As you know, God's presence was very real to me then. That September Sunday in Subang-Sunway, He reminded me just when we were about to go for the n<sup>th</sup> time to Myanmar. The mission should not be a routine, because with God, every walk with Him is exciting and purposeful.

God has such abundant blessings for each one of us. He is just waiting for you to say, YES, to Him. Be obedient to Him and He will do the rest. Do not waste your time away in doing things that don't count for eternity. Our time on earth is short. Before we know it, our time is up, or, Jesus has come! When the Bridegroom comes, all work ceases. What have we to present to Him? Fruit or leaves?

May the Lord bless you and be FRUITFUL for Jesus' sake!

**AGAPE,  
Pat Toh**



As we look back, our labor was not in vain because out of the many university students emerged a handful of leaders who eventually ran the churches we planted.

To name a few - Chee Hai, Chee Tiew, Peter and Pauline Tan, Peter U, Jonathan Khoo, Ron Choong, Living Lee, and Vicky Ng. My apologies to those whom I should have mention. In my old age, sometimes the memory fails.

When Chris and Weng Yew left CBC for very good reasons, I was thankful God brought along Karol Sniegion, a Polish, married to a Malaysian. Karol and I were appointed the first elders of CBC. When Karol emigrated to Australia, the emerging leaders were great supporters to me, and many became deacons before they were sent out to lead their own churches.

Moving on, CBC grew under elders and deacons, without a pastor. All of us were professionals working for corporations in senior managerial positions. God continually reminded me of my calling and promise to Him when I went to Bible college in Scotland. By 1987, something happened which turned my life 180°. Part 1 has ended.

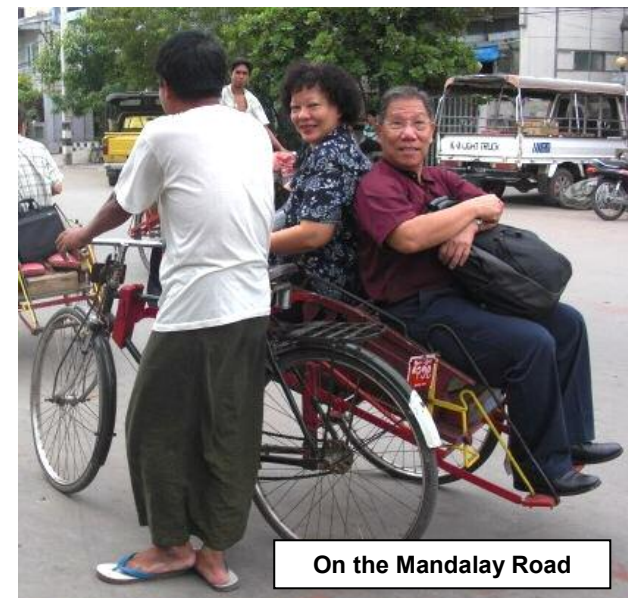
*For a person who likes fast cars, and loves to drive fast, God seems to say to me.....*

**SLOW DOWN!**

**Keep winning for the Lord!**

*Richard Toh*

P.S. Look out for Part 2 in the next issue!



**On the Mandalay Road**