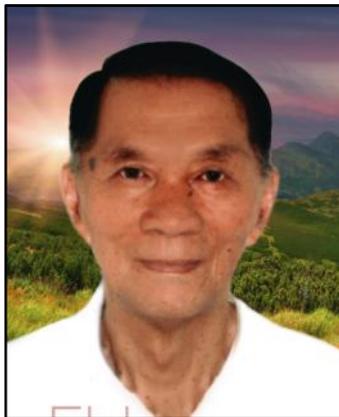


'All for Jesus'

Remembering
Rev Dr Peter Ng Eng Hoe



Foreword by Rev Tang Tuck Keong Senior Pastor, Jesus Saves Mission

Dear brethren,

It is my honour and privilege to write the foreword to this compilation of eulogies of the late Founding Pastor of Jesus Saves Mission, Rev Dr Peter Ng Eng Hoe. From the eulogies, you will realize that our beloved Pastor was a great channel of blessings and a godly example to many brethren and fulltime workers. Truly he was a man sent from God, who lived for Christ, His Kingdom and His righteousness. As he gave himself to ministering the Word of God and prayer, God was pleased to use him greatly in the salvation of sinners, the edification of saints and in establishing churches in many countries.

JSM is truly privileged to have had Rev Dr Peter Ng as our Founding Pastor. He fed the flock of God with His precious Word, warned us against false -isms and set a godly example for us to follow. May we be challenged to emulate his example :

- to pray fervently, earnestly and continually for the salvation of souls and edification of saints,
- to preach the gospel to all men, especially to the poor and needy
- to maintain the stand of biblical separation in the last days of apostasy and compromise
- to live a holy, humble, loving and pure life.

I would like to thank Mrs Helen Tan, Mrs Iris Ching and Mrs Beverly Fong for arranging and editing these eulogies.

Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake.

Psalm 115:1

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Introduction

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.

Isaiah 6:8

Job Vacancy for Position of Messenger for God:

- Totally committed, purposeful, single-minded
- Willing to endure hardship without complaint
- Keen to minister and provide loving care especially to the poor, destitute and outcasts of society
- Willing to evangelize in hostile environments
- Willing to work long hours with little or no pay
- Willing to go the extra mile without caring who gets the credit

Any takers?

Although the advertisement is fictitious, the position is real.

Over five decades ago, the above job vacancy was filled by a young man who put God's kingdom before comfort. Rev. Dr. Peter Ng Eng Hoe, Founding Pastor of Jesus Saves Mission invested his whole life and everything he had, in Jesus, for the sake of the gospel. His singular goal in life was to go to Heaven, taking with him, as many souls as possible. He devoted his energies to serving others in the name of Jesus.

Precious lessons from our Founding Pastor's life have been extracted from the eulogies submitted. May God be glorified as we see His hand in the life and ministry of Founding Pastor. May we be challenged to emulate his godly example of J.O.Y. (Jesus first, Others second and Yourself last). May we carry on proclaiming the gospel (especially to the poor) and defending the faith.

All for Jesus till Christ comes again!

Chapter 1
Knowing our Founding Pastor through
his early years
his call to the ministry
his family life

But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.
Joshua 24: 15b

Rev Dr. Peter Ng Eng Hoe, Founding Pastor of Jesus Saves Mission, sojourned on this earth for 88 years (from 9 April 1931 to 3 Jan 2019) and dedicated more than 50 years to service for the Lord. Those of us who were saved through his Ministry and grew up knowing him, will miss him and his faithful preaching of God's Word. May what we read in the pages of this book challenge us to be faithful and steadfast in the Lord's work.

(a) His early years

Founding Pastor and his eight siblings were brought up by a pair of godly parents who wished that their children be saved and serve the Lord full-time. According to Founding Pastor, his father was the “prince of preachers” in a Methodist church in Malaysia who stood for the old-time gospel, preaching only the whole counsel of God. An austere and strict father, he brought his children up in a fundamentalist Christian culture. The children learnt to fear God and honour their parents from a tender young age. Founding Pastor’s mother was a prayerful and thrifty woman who loved her Lord and family. Founding Pastor vividly recalled how clothes and shoes were being recycled as hand-me-downs among his siblings.

Family meetings were conducted every Saturday. Founding Pastor’s father would share the Word of God on how to be good children of God. The children would give account of their behaviour for the past week, and undesirable behavior would be promptly corrected. Both parents conscientiously prayed for each child’s salvation and wisdom to discern the fruits of the Spirit, testimony of faith, change of heart and mind. This laid the foundation for their children’s adulthood.

Founding Pastor was seven years old when he gave himself fully to the Lord at one of Evangelist John Sung’s evangelistic meetings in Penang. His sister, Ms Ng Chiau Kong recalled Founding Pastor going on stage and preaching to an imaginary audience after the people had gone home from the meeting. When Founding Pastor’s mother saw it, she prayed for him to be used by God in His ministry. She greatly influenced Founding Pastor by urging him to pray and seek to serve God full-time. This, despite knowing her son had witnessed the difficulties and opposition his father faced due to his firm, uncompromising stand.

Ms Ng remembered how Founding Pastor ‘would slip into his father’s shoes and imitate his footsteps to scare his playful younger brother into thinking – “father is home”. Little did he

know that he would one day fill his father's shoes as a Pastor. She recalled the artistic talent which Founding Pastor possessed. 'After (outlining) a person's profile in the air, he would sketch a caricature on paper, highlighting the character and/or personality of the person.'

Dr Ng Eng Kee held fond memories of Founding Pastor as a born leader, respected by the young gangsters running on the streets in Madras Lane, Penang. The Lord gave Founding Pastor extraordinary strength and abilities so that he became the best runner of Division 1 at ACS (Barker Road) Sports Day without any training or proper shoes.

(b) His call to the ministry

In the beginning, Founding Pastor tried to serve the Lord as a teacher. Although he eventually became a deputy principal of a notable high school, he realized that was not his calling. As he admired David Marshall, he thought he could serve the Lord as a good Christian lawyer. However, while studying law, he felt no peace. 'He was so unhappy, he disappeared for 3 months, to seek the Lord's will. When he came back he said he was surrendering to go full-time for the Lord.

'At Faith Theological Seminary, New Jersey, he encountered the 'dryness' of theological and language studies. So he would walk from school to Philadelphia to preach in the open and reach the poor on the streets, and he found the experience deeply fulfilling. It was also at Faith that he would meet Timothy Tow and embrace the doctrine of separatism.

Founding Pastor went on to Dallas Theological Seminary, Texas for graduate school. Working part-time throughout, for example, as barber to fellow students, he graduated early, but boycotted the ceremonies because it was being held in a compromising church. His dissertation topic was on separatism.

On returning to Singapore, he was ordained assistant pastor to Rev Timothy Tow at Life Bible-Presbyterian Church and appointed a lecturer at Far Eastern Bible College.

While working in Life B-P, Founding Pastor would frequent Chinatown in the evenings, conversing with the people sitting along the pavements outside their crowded quarters, enjoying the cool evening breeze. He once asked a fisherman if he had heard of Jesus. The man, thinking he was a salesman selling soap, replied that he had not heard of that brand. This - that the name of Jesus was not known - made Founding Pastor very sad. That conversation became etched in his mind, and the burden for the poor grew, especially

‘when he noticed the slums of Singapore in the sixties, filled with street urchins growing up in neglect..all seething with misguided energy and lost without Christ.

‘When he realized reaching out to the poor would require all his time and not merely random visits in the evening, he resigned from his position in Life Church and spent months in prayer, seeking the Lord’s confirmation of his special calling, as well as where and how he should serve Him. His mother prayed with him and gave him her utmost support.

Founding Pastor ‘was determined to go into the ministry by faith with no support from any mission organisations. ...God was faithful and sent mentors like Bob Jones II and John Kuhn to support and encourage him.

(c) His family life

Founding Pastor married Dr. Timothy Tow’s youngest sister, Elizabeth (Siew Mui), a US-trained musician. Mrs Tang Kam Moon recalled Mrs Ng sharing that Founding Pastor told her she was not his number one – God was. Indeed, his life was lived like 1 Corinthians 7:29, “they that have wives be as though they had none”. There is no question, however that he loved his wife, always addressing her as “Dear”. This endearment was borrowed and subsequently used by Rev Peter Guerrieri who found it rewarding to witness Founding Pastor’s love, joy, respect of, and mutual laboring in God’s kingdom with Mrs Ng in Birmingham, Alabama and Baltimore, Maryland.

After JSM rented a HDB shophouse at Circuit Road in 1966, Founding Pastor and family occupied one of the three bedrooms upstairs. There was literally no privacy for this family of four. This is recounted in chapter 2 under ‘missions work’. Elder son Rev Joseph Ng remembered how, after he locked himself in the middle room and couldn’t let himself out, his dad saved him. Founding Pastor heard his son’s cries for help and promptly tied a bedsheet to the balcony on the third floor. With no regard for his own safety, he climbed down the bedsheet to the open window of the room where his son was, and unlocked the door for him.

Rev Joseph Ng also recalled family trips to Malaysia every school vacation to visit the students from the School of Missions (SOMers) who had gone up two weeks earlier without any money or means of communication, to evangelize. Founding Pastor would use sticky tape to cover all his vehicles, and even the walls of their house in Toa Payoh, with gospel-related slogans.

Though thrifty with himself, Founding Pastor was generous with his children, within limits and considerate of their limitations. Rev Joseph Ng recounted how, after travelling non-stop, with his dad, all over USA via Greyhound coach, he was given the option of staying put in Birmingham or travelling cross country to Los Angeles to meet Mrs Ng and Benjamin, who were arriving from Singapore. Tired out from the 27-day long journey, he chose to stay back in Birmingham. He also remembered going to Disney World and Epcot Centre on a quick trip before going back to Birmingham, Alabama.

While Founding Pastor did not bombard his children with doctrines of missions or salvation, he lived what he believed. Rev Joseph Ng is presently a missionary reaching out to the people in Cambodia. Praise the Lord for the Ng family, whose lives of love and service for God reflect Joshua 24:15b, "But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Chapter 2 'All for Jesus' in praying, pioneering, pastoring and preaching

*I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day:
the night cometh, when no man can work.*

John 9:4

Founding Pastor was a go-getter in his vision for JSM. His ambition was to reach out to the poor of the five continents for Christ. The gospel was preached and God's work was carried out in places as diverse as Egypt, Burma, Scotland, Kenya, Indonesia, Taiwan, Belfast, Korea, India and Philippines. Founding Pastor's tenacity was driven by the 4 P's underpinning his Ministry - **Praying** always, **Pioneering** work, **Pastoring** the flock and **Preaching** the whole counsel of God.

(a) All for Jesus in praying

Founding Pastor not only emphasized prayer, he was a man of prayer, a true prayer warrior, whose prayers will be greatly missed.

(i) The importance of prayer to Founding Pastor

To Founding Pastor, Jesus Saves Mission (JSM) was born out of prayer. He 'lived and breathed prayer'. In addition to the weekly 2-hour prayer meeting he also initiated the:

- ◆ 24-hour prayer cycle

This was to encourage individuals to select a suitable time slot to pray for the church on a daily basis. He wanted members to be prayer warriors and learn to pray all the time. When Grace Old Folks' Home was started because of his burden for the old folk in Chinatown, Missioner Goh Geok Ling shared that 'he would come frequently to pray with them..... He often reminded me to train the old people to pray because he treasured them as prayer warriors – maybe because his mother was a prayer warrior.

- ◆ Friday overnight prayer meeting (from 9 pm on Friday night to the early hours of Saturday morning)

After participating in his first all-night prayer meeting, Mr SL felt 'motivated ... to set aside time for special prayer for the advancement of the Lord's work.' Pastor Bernabe Puerto shared that he 'really enjoyed praying in the overnight prayer especially when Dr. Ng started to sing during the prayer meeting.' This was also the experience of Ms Lily Oh: 'He would pray and sing hymns into the wee hours of the morning so we would wake up and continue praying.' Indeed, prayer interspersed with singing was also the pattern for congregational prayer.

- ◆ Use of prayer slips for members to pen their prayer requests

Several people shared how much they appreciated being able to write out their prayer

requests on a regular basis and pass the prayer slips to Founding Pastor so that he could pray for them. This practice continued even when he was wheelchair bound. In particular, Dr Tan Kian Lee testified that Founding Pastor not only ‘prayed through each of them (prayer item), but, more than that, he would call up members or email them to encourage them. In particular, my daughter, Michelle, was very encouraged by Rev Ng’s emails to her, in response to her prayer requests. She never failed to pen down her requests whenever these were solicited. Such show of care and concern, and such assurances comforted us much.’ Founding Pastor’s requests for prayer slips were not done out of duty - he would be ‘beaming with appreciation as he received the prayer slips. He was always the one to thank us when the prayer slips were handed over to him. You could see the smile and joy in his face. To Rev Ng, it was a privilege and honour to be able to serve in this capacity - it was never a burden to pray for others!

♦ Combination of prayer with fasting

Rev Ang Kok Wat was motivated to pray and seek the Lord by Founding Pastor who ‘would fast and pray. He introduced 4 hours of daily prayer and overnight prayer to ISOM.’ According to his sister Ms Ng Chiau Kong, this was because Founding Pastor ‘knew that God’s work can only be accomplished with the power of the Holy Spirit. He spent many hours on his knees praying. Fasting was the norm for him. One would only realize that he was fasting upon seeing his food left untouched.’ His brother Dr Ng Eng Kee shared how, once, when Founding Pastor was in Sydney to preach at his church, he went with them to the restaurant for dinner after the Friday night care group for mainland Chinese. ‘I knew that he fasted every Friday. ... All of us were diving into the food. He just sat there and looked at us. He was fasting.... I asked him, as a doctor, “Humanly speaking, how can you fast the whole day, Friday, pray the whole of Friday night, serve the Lord on Saturday and then preach 4 to 6 times on Sunday? What’s your secret?” He said, “That’s the reason why I have the power to preach on Sunday.” This lesson, to ‘pray without ceasing and fast for deliverance from the bondage of sins and in crisis’¹² was also something Mrs Iris Ching learnt from Founding Pastor.

(ii) His personal example - to pray without ceasing

To Mrs Rhoda Koo ‘the most important lesson he taught us was to pray without ceasing. We learnt that prayer changes things, keeps us from temptations and keeps us faithful to serve Him. In SOM we witnessed God’s mighty works as a result of prayer and fasting - demons

were cast out, drug addicts set free, idols burnt and families turned from idolatry to the Lord Jesus Christ.'

Mr Ng Yew Song experienced this personally when he visited ISOM in Pasil, Philippines. After the overnight prayer session, 'very early in the morning (around 4-5am), we would be awakened by the crowing of the cocks. But I also heard another sound, 'Holy, holy, holy.. Lord God Almighty.. early in the morning, our song shall rise to Thee.' Founding Pastor was on the top floor, praying and praising the Lord.' Although he was President of ISOM (Philippines), Ms Seah Lee Hoon shared that 'he would have breakfast and dinner with us, but skip lunch to go to his room to pray.'

Praying without ceasing also meant praying for all undertakings. Mrs Sheena Leong shared that when Founding Pastor drove her 'all the way to see Washington, the whole journey, we prayed. I prayed so much, I ran out of items.' Ms Aw Lian Ping remembered being asked, together with Ms Faith Ong, to carry two used typewriters to ISOM. 'Although both of us were very worried the typewriters would be damaged, we just obeyed. Founding Pastor was very sure that it would be ok and we knew that he would pray for us. When we arrived at the Philippines customs, we were so afraid that they would ask us to open the bags, as there was no way we could (re)pack the typewriters. Thank God when we mentioned that the items in the bag were for mission work, the officers let us through without further questioning. We were very relieved and believe it was through Founding Pastor's prayer that things went very smoothly.'

Founding Pastor's prayer life was a blessing and encouragement to many, influencing many to 'be prayerful', 'to pray always', 'without ceasing.' According to Ms Tong Bee Yen, this praying without ceasing 'is the reason why many people, including church members who have left, often asked for prayer requests when they met with crisis in their lives.'

(iii) The result of prayer

'Because Founding Pastor led a fervent prayerful life, God was able to use him as a channel of blessing for multitudes across the globe.' Indeed, 'the fruit of Rev Dr Peter Ng's labour abides because he sowed with his sweat and tears while on his knees. All the churches and mission fields that have been established today, directly or indirectly by him, are really a testimony of his prayer life.'

(b) All for Jesus in pioneering

Founding Pastor has been called a 'man of God', 'a man after God's heart', a 'stalwart servant of the Lord' with a 'passion for souls' and 'a great vision for the lost and perishing.'

When Mr Mike Fowler was asked to ferry Founding Pastor to different churches throughout North and South Carolina for speaking engagements, he was struck by Founding Pastor's focus: 'always, and I mean always, preferring Christ over anything, the needs of others more important than his own, and the advancement of the Gospel his sole motivation for breathing.'

Ms Faith Ong noticed that Founding Pastor's 'eyes always turned watery and red when he preached the gospel and pleaded with his hearers not to neglect the great salvation. Like the apostle John, he always pointed his hearers (including me) to the Lamb of God. ... Founding Pastor's heart and mind were always enlarged towards those who had not heard the gospel.'

What was unique was that Founding Pastor made reaching out to the poor and destitute, his life's mission. "Remember the poor..."(Gal. 2:10) was the verse boldly printed on the front of the old ISOM building in the slums of Pasil, Cebu in Philippines. 'He could never resist the opportunity to reach out to the poor nor attempt great things for God.'

As mentioned earlier in Chapter 1, 'even the cars were subject to his sticky tape. One of the earliest designs were the words 'Jesus Saves' reading right across the back of the Volkswagen, with the Chinese characters, 'yesu zheng jiu' reading vertically. In the US he would paste on the sides of the donated station wagons, 'Repent ye or ye shall likewise perish.'

(i) Missions work

The first mission station was started in 1964 in the slums of Chinatown, Singapore. Founding Pastor found the cheapest place he could rent, 'rolled up his sleeves, cleaned up the filthy, allegedly haunted house and turned it to a welcoming place of refuge and worship.' Besides regularly reaching out to the terminally ill elderly living in the 'death houses', 'he went from door to door giving out tracts and sharing the gospel'. Mr Alfred Ong remembered helping with street evangelism. 'We would set up a street stage with just a simple banner and kerosene lamp. Then he (Founding Pastor) and other junior pastors preached.' Founding Pastor was a familiar figure to those staying in Chinatown, so much so that when Ms Mary

Ho's father was baptized by him many years later, her father 'was filled with emotions and teared as he gestured, nodded his head and pointed with his hands that he remembered Bok Su.'

Even after the other mission stations in Persiaran Keliling (PK) and Bukit Ho Swee (BHS) were set up, 'every Sunday night, after preaching at three services, he would use his car to fetch the old people from different parts of Chinatown to attend worship service at Craig Road Mission.'

The love of Christ was also shown in practical ways - providing free medical clinic, tuition classes, organizing games and church activities tailored for the needs of the children in the area. Founding Pastor even brought 'two old people, one blind, the other could not walk, to stay and be looked after for a while, at the Craig Road Mission.'

When Ms Ho Siew Lan offered to help him bring an elderly sick man to the hospital, she was touched by how Founding Pastor single-handedly carried the sick man on his back into her car.

Mr Alfred Ong shared how, when he was 9 or 10, he 'met Jesus in a DVBS class. If not for Founding Pastor Peter Ng, I would be a Chinatown or Tanjong Pagar street fighter or gangster. ... I respected him for his community outreach in Craig Road - medical clinic every Wednesday for the sick and needy; free tuition class in the evenings for the children; school ministry for the neighbourhood children.'

Seeing how God was working in this ministry, brethren from other established denominations, seminaries and Mission Boards offered to help the cause of JSM.

Founding Pastor's vision grew beyond the Craig Road mission station. In 1966, JSM rented a HDB shophouse at Circuit Road. The shop space below was used for kindergarten classes on weekdays and worship and Sunday School on Sundays. Founding Pastor and family occupied one of the 3 bedrooms upstairs while the other bedrooms were for church use as the office and bookroom. On Sundays and during Daily Vacation Bible School, the place would be swarming with kids everywhere. There were many activities - youth fellowship, tuition, weekly Bible hour, medical clinic and social relief. Ms Wendy Wong recalled how the Kindergarten was started: 'We teachers were trained by Mrs Ng... Every Sunday, the teachers went round the estate, collecting children, like mother hens and their chicks. In the Kindergarten, we did not just teach the 3 R's but also included Bible Stories and Chorus

singing. When we conducted Parent-teacher meetings, Founding Pastor would preach the gospel. During the school holidays we would also conduct DVBS and Camps.'

At one time, JSM also operated an old folks' home, Grace Old Folks' Home, because of Founding Pastor's burden for the old folk in Chinatown. He would visit them frequently to pray with them. Even when he was on one of his overseas mission trips, he would ask after them. According to Mr Ng Yew Song, visiting the poor and ministering to them was Founding Pastor's way of dealing with discouragement.

Always, the focus was on evangelism. So when the opportunity arose to reach out to the Vietnamese refugees, Founding Pastor encouraged Mr Ee Beng Choon to apply for a class 4 driving license and promised to get a bus so he could fetch the ISOMers to the holding site. Mr Ee recalled: 'Without hesitation I went to get the license. In those times, we managed to squeeze 40 plus SOMers into the bus. I was quite afraid as I was fetching so many people late at night. By God's grace we managed to reach out to the Vietnamese refugees.'

Everyone who visited him was encouraged to take part in evangelism. Mrs Sheena Leong remembered that when she visited Founding Pastor in Alabama, 'he brought me to a bridge where he gave the homeless people there some coffee while he preached to them.... I helped him give out tracts and invite passers-by outside the church, to the Sunday service.'

Ms Seah Lee Hoon shared how, 'in ISOM, he not only taught us, he also went to the slums with us to evangelize. .. Likewise, when in Singapore, he would go for evangelism with members of the Chinese congregation after preaching in the English services... Truly his love of God's work was his joy.'

Founding Pastor kept true to his vision of reaching out to the poor and needy. In Kuala Lumpur (KL), he rented a place in Pudu in an area ruled by gangsters. In India he went to the slums of Mumbai and Pune. In Philippines besides setting up ISOM in Cebu, he was also moved to reach out to the prostitute community and AIDS patients in Olongapo. That was also how JSM-USA started. His son shared that soon after driving across the States to Birmingham, Founding Pastor 'went to different poor housing estates, looking for opportunities to serve. He found one in Elyton village, next to a big football stadium. That was a housing project that nobody wanted to go to – there was always broken glass on the playgrounds, because people would drink beer and then smash their bottles.'

(ii) Training of Missioners

To meet the need for fulltime workers, Founding Pastor started the School of Missions, first in Singapore, then later in the Philippines and India.

When the School of Missions (SOM) first started in Singapore, Founding Pastor was the sole lecturer whilst Mrs Ng taught the SOMers music. 'They both spent so much time with SOMers that they had very little time for their own two sons.' SOM was intended to be 'a boot camp for disciplined "commandos" who would be able to withstand the difficulties unique to slum missions.' Training was indeed, strict. But, as Missioner Goh Geok Ling acknowledged, 'on hindsight, I now realize it was very good training to serve God. Through the training, our characters were moulded.'

Rev Tan Eng Thye acknowledged that 'the ministry of ISOM and churches in India are the fruits of our dear Founding Pastor's pioneering labour.'⁹⁰ Missioner Daniel Telange Mangesh was grateful to God that 'SOM India provided free Bible education for the poor people... It was because of SOM India that I got to know Christ and the true and living God. I could attend and complete my education because of Rev. Dr. Peter Ng's vision and love for the poorest of the poor.'

Founding Pastor remained actively involved in overseas missions until his late 70s. His passion for souls never waned. Senior Pastor Joshua Wong shared how, 'on the several occasions, even when he was weaker, I saw Dr Ng wearing T-shirts with gospel statements and holding tracts near his home at Marine Parade.' Likewise Mr Peter Cheng 'witnessed his faithfulness in keeping Jesus' commandment, Matthew 28:19, to preach the word of God even from his wheelchair in his last days.'

c) All for Jesus in pastoring the flock

(i) his welcoming attitude

Founding Pastor is fondly remembered for the warmth and friendliness with which he greeted those who attended service on Sunday. He was 'a pastor who loved his people.' Indeed, the first memories Missioner Goh has of Pastor are of the times he would personally tell her Bible stories when she brought her younger sister to Craig Road JSM kindergarten.

This willingness to extend a hand of friendship was not just for JSMers. To Dr Bob Jones III, the friendship of Founding Pastor meant everything. Senior Pastor Joshua Wong shared that Founding Pastor had encouraged him when he was preparing to serve God in the ministry. 'Dr Ng invited me to speak at the Anniversary service of JSM, and thereafter asked for my help to review a key ministry document. He was a saint several decades my senior, but it was clear to me that through these opportunities and interaction through email, Dr Ng was prepared to encourage me as a younger man in the ministry even when he had Parkinson's disease.' Both Rev Isaac Ong and Mr Yiew Pong Sen shared how Founding Pastor would, whenever he was at BJU, seek out students from Singapore to encourage them.

(ii) his care for spiritual needs

Ms Hoon Hieng Wah described Founding Pastor as someone who knew his flock very well and had time for everyone, even remembering those who had left the church.

Certainly, he prayed for his flock, shepherding them very zealously, feeding and grounding them the Word of God. Mr Jerry Teng remembered him as 'always looking for the goodness in a person... always eager to give a word of spiritual encouragement.. with kindness.' This was also the experience of Mrs Wong Choy Chee who 'received much encouragement, comfort and advice.' In addition, he was ever willing to share the gospel with the families of members. Rev Stephen Koe described how Founding Pastor encouraged the members in Penang station, discouraged by its multiple relocations, by faithfully visiting and preaching there once a month.

(iii) his care for practical needs

Founding Pastor was always ready to help and support members facing difficult times. Missioner Goh remembered being encouraged when Founding Pastor brought a pot of turtle soup for her family just after her father's passing. Likewise, Mrs Iris Ching shared how he gave her late elder sister a bottle of organic honey to help her recover from cancer.

The trips the Ng family made during the school vacations to various destinations in Malaysia were, no doubt, to encourage the SOMers who had gone up earlier to evangelize.

Ms Cyndi Chan recalled that Founding Pastor 'used to bring back nuts and sweets from the States for the congregation. In fact when I was in the choir many years ago, he bought us durian on a Friday night before overnight prayer.' Ms Tong Bee Yen was touched that, besides writing a recommendation letter for her to study at BJU, he also gave her USD\$150.

Ms Aw Lian Ping was grateful that Founding Pastor's instructions to the faculty in Philippines ensured that she and Ms Faith Ong were treated like VVIPs during their visit to ISOM, Cebu.

According to Rev Peter Guerreri, Founding Pastor would 'carefully and prayerfully make "turkey-sweat" broth for those workers who became sick.' In the Philippines, Mrs Seh Kwan Salado recalled how 'he would go, at dawn, to the fish market and then cook eel soup with Chinese herbs for his students.'

Over the years, Founding Pastor conducted many funerals as well as marriages. Ms Ho Mei Yoon expressed her gratitude for his conducting of her mother's funeral in 1978 while Mr Hosea Leong and his wife Wendy were grateful that he officiated at their wedding even though he was showing symptoms of Parkinson's disease. Rev Stephen Koe was grateful that Founding Pastor not just officiated at his wedding, but was the match-maker.

(iv) his willingness to spend time and energy

Ms Chia Yong Yong was touched by Founding Pastor's patience in spending time with 'a group of young rebellious people, when we were angry and we didn't want to be in church anymore. He met us at McDonald's East Coast, talked with us and explained why he had to do certain things.'

Mrs Sheena Leong was one of those who experienced Founding Pastor's hospitality when she visited him in Baltimore, USA in November 1998. 'As soon as I walked out of the airport on that cold and windy Saturday morning, I saw Rev Peter Ng welcoming me with a broad smile. ... When we arrived at JSM Baltimore, Rev Ng insisted that I stay there, even though I explained to him that I had booked a room in a nearby hotel nearby. 'There's no better place to stay than in the house of God!', was his reply. There were several rooms in the church, but Rev Ng insisted that he stay outside nearby. Later I learnt that he had slept in his car! It was so cold! I felt so bad, especially when he came in the morning, with a hot bowl of soup for me.'

Ms Tan Kah Hong was left with an indelible impression of Founding Pastor's love for the SOMers when he single-handedly carried the two solid wood cupboards she was donating, to the church van. 'It must have been a back-breaking, physically demanding task ... Before he drove off, he thanked me and, pointing to the full length mirrors, said that the girls (female SOMers) would be very happy to have them.'

(v) his example

To his younger brother, Dr Ng Eng Kee, Founding Pastor was an encouragement right from the start when he would give him pocket money. He not only encouraged Dr Ng to start a work in Temerloh, Pahang but helped out in the work whenever he could.

By his life and ministry, he challenged even those outside of JSM. As Mr Stephen Schaeffer put it, "That testimony of dedication that he gave and his earnest desire to fill up every possible moment with outreach to a new place, challenged me that I should be more aggressive for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ and His gospel.'

Founding Pastor's vision to reach out to the poorest of the poor, his willingness to serve the Lord wholeheartedly touched, inspired and challenged many to answer the call to full-time service. Perhaps Founding Pastor's influence is best summed up by Rev Gerard Lim who said, 'You've been pivotal in the growth of my faith... taught me how to serve, and ... how to have faith in God, to trust Him to provide for all my needs...You can't sit under Dr Ng's ministry and have no desire to serve Christ.'

Ordinary members of JSM were similarly touched. Dr Tan Kian Lee recalled how Founding Pastor, by not chiding him for failing to carry out his duty, taught him precious lessons of being gracious, patient, loving and long suffering. Dr Tan was deeply touched by Founding Pastor's eagerness to massage feet as a means to relieve others of any discomfort. He was encouraged by Founding Pastor's use of what he dubbed 'the Pauline-style greetings' because 'the greetings were not merely from a godly man, but were given in the name of the Lord.'

It is no wonder that both those serving in the ministry full-time as well as laymen regard Founding Pastor as their spiritual father.

d) All for Jesus in preaching the whole counsel of God

(i) Preaching with power

Founding Pastor was described as an excellent preacher, a giant in the faith, and extraordinary theologian and a good shepherd who has preached the whole counsel of God.

'A dynamic dedicated preacher, he has preached sermons of encouragement, sermons of repentance. Under him, JSM was grounded on sound doctrines' recalled Ms Tong Bee Yen.

Members from South Korea's Eunseok Church remembered Founding Pastor as 'an exceptionally special evangelist' while Ms Andrea Neely Burch testified that her father, a missionary to Indonesia himself, admired Founding Pastor and his work. She told Rev Joseph Ng that 'hearing your dad preach while on a trip to Singapore, was a tremendous blessing to them (her parents).'

For Mr Steve Wong, Founding Pastor's powerful preaching was 'an example to all who serve the Lord.' Pastor Dan McAvoy still remembered Founding Pastor's sermon on Mary and Martha (Luke 10.38-42) and acknowledged that 'God used Dr. Ng to stamp that in my life.'

Ms Ho Siew Lan shared that Founding Pastor 'preached powerful sermons in both English and Hokkien,' moving her to tears as the Lord spoke to her. Mr Ng Yew Song remembered him as a great story-teller. For example, to teach the importance of church unity, Founding Pastor told the story of a tiger which sowed discord among 4 cattle and so was able to eat them one at a time as they became disunited. Ms Mary Ho still remembers the very first message she heard. 'His message on John 15 "I am the vine, ye are the branches" was simple and interesting, especially as he illustrated it by drawing as he preached.'

(ii) Preaching with passion

Rev Isaac Ong appreciated very much Founding Pastor's 'resolute stand for the Gospel as well as his unwavering commitment to biblical separation. His was a voice that thundered loud and clear for the Gospel of Christ, when many others produced no more than a whimper.' Mr Alfred Ong also recalled Founding Pastor preaching the Word of God with great passion during street evangelism in Chinatown.

Ms Ng Lay Khim remembered how, after hearing Founding Pastor preach on John 3:16, she believed in Jesus Christ during her first visit to JSM Bukit Ho Swee (BHS) in 1978. To Mr Jerry Teng, Founding Pastor was 'never ashamed to preach the gospel in season and out of season, preaching fearlessly.' During the church wedding of Mr and Mrs Hosea Leong in June

2007, 'a non-believer aunt from Kuala Lumpur (who could not understand Mandarin) remarked that although she could not catch a word of Founding Pastor's preaching, she was moved by his passionate preaching of the gospel.'

(iii) Preaching the whole counsel of God

Founding Pastor was described as 'one of the mightiest warriors for Christ', 'stalwart servant' who was 'loved and appreciated for his wonderful service for our Lord.' He was 'a man of conscience – who lived his days in all good conscience before God... (and) would not do anything against his conscience but would do everything according to his convictions, no matter what it might cost him or his family.' His strict outlook and firm stand encompassed every aspect of his life - from his moral code of conduct to the training programme for SOMers to setting limitations for 'experimenting' and biblical separation.

Pastor Bernabe Puerto described him as 'a Militant Man who stood for the Lord against compromise, apostasy, and sins as well as for Biblical Separation.' Mr Yiew Pong Sen attributed his own separatist stand to Founding Pastor's 'zeal and steadfastness in the defence of the Faith (Jude 3).' Senior Pastor Joshua Wong acknowledged how Founding Pastor's 'leadership and friendship (had) contributed much to the identifying of churches which seek to preserve the Biblical fundamentals of the faith in Singapore.'

Whether praying, pioneering, pastoring or preaching, Founding Pastor wholeheartedly obeyed the Lord's command given in Matthew 6:33. God was always in first place in his life. He was 'a model of devotion to Christ', 'purpose-driven for the Lord', a man who 'gave his life for the Lord' in 'obeying and living according to the Word of God.'

Chapter 3 'All for Jesus' demonstrated by
his great love for God
his trust in God's faithfulness
his urgency about the King's business
his willingness to die to self

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

John 12:24

Founding Pastor was wholehearted in consecrating his life to Christ. His deep love for God coupled with an unshakeable trust in His faithfulness led him to seek to plant missions worldwide. His sense of urgency to fulfil the great commission was matched by his willingness to die to self. The sole objective of his life was "All for Jesus".

(a) 'All for Jesus' demonstrated by his great love for God

Founding Pastor loved God dearly and this was reflected in his life. Dr Bob Jones III said he could not find a more spirit-filled man. He had always felt closer to the Lord in Founding Pastor's presence 'because the Lord was so real and present with him'.

This love was shown by his putting God first in all things and his zeal to serve the Lord. Ms Tong Bee Yen described Founding Pastor as 'a dynamic consecrator' because during the camps, and sometimes during messages, there would be a call for the listeners to consecrate their lives to serving God. Matthew 6:24 was the challenge he gave to Missioner Dianne Woo Yeen Har.

Because he loved God, he was willing to give himself unreservedly to the Lord's work, to spend and be spent for Christ, to decrease so Christ may be increased, 'the advancement of the Gospel his sole motivation for breathing.'

(i) the result of his love for God - humility

Founding Pastor took to heart John 13:14, teaching 'by word, deed and prayer that we are "unworthy chief-of-sinners-servants", whose only goodness is in and through the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the power and fruit of the Holy Spirit.'

Mrs Wong Choy Chee recalled Founding Pastor teaching that 'while man may plan, analyze and execute a perfect plan, he must not forget to hand over his eraser to God. He wanted us to learn that whether in our service, family, work commitments, we are to humbly lay down ourselves and surrender our will to God.'

His humility struck many. Mr Mike Fowler described this humility as 'always preferring Christ over anything, the needs of others more important than his own.' While Dr Stephen Jones called the spiritual impact of Founding Pastor's life immeasurable, he acknowledged that 'Dr. Ng would be the first to credit all of the glory for that work to God alone.'

Rev Ang Kok Wat related two incidents to describe that servant's heart: 'One Sunday afternoon I went with him to visit an old, blind couple. When we arrived at the flat, he

went straight to the bathroom. I was wondering why it took him so long to come out. Later I realized that he was not using the bathroom but cleaning it for the blind couple. When he was still the President of International School of Mission, Cebu, he would cook for us and cut the hair of the male students.'

Dr Tan Kian Lee shared how Founding Pastor would wash the clothes of male SOMers while they were sleeping and was touched by his offering to massage his feet to relieve his sinus congestion. This was 'Rev Ng's sensitivity towards the needs of others... readiness to relieve and ease them of any discomfort... that humility – that attitude of following the example of our good Lord when He washed the disciples' dusty feet.' Founding Pastor's use of what Dr Tan dubbed the Pauline-style greetings showed him 'the kind of person Rev Ng was. He was humble and generous with his compliments - in a positive way. As he esteemed others to be worthy of such honour, he did not hold back when opportunities arose for him to express it.' Mr Chia Chor Farn enjoyed reading Founding Pastor's sermon outlines because of his excellent command of English. 'But in his self-deprecating way he would always say he was sure someone else could write a better outline.'

(ii) the result of his love for God - gratitude and contentment

Founding Pastor was described as 'a Man Content –in whatever state, poor or abounding (Phil 4:11-13).' The reason for this contentment? Because he knew God's love. Dr Ng Eng Kee shared that 'because my brother's heart was filled with gratitude and love, he had to do something for the Lord.' Mr Stephen Schaeffer's sharing substantiates this view. 'The previous year before I met him, he had been in a bad automobile accident. However, he wasn't injured. He walked away from it without a scratch. He told me that it made him think 'The Lord spared my life. I've been able to accomplish, I think, some things for the Lord up to now (he was already 68 years of age). If the Lord has spared me, I definitely want to redouble my efforts and do more for the Lord every day I possibly can, as long as the Lord gives me.'

Besides being thankful to God for His mercies, Founding Pastor was quick to show appreciation to others for their acts of kindness. Even when he must have been tired out, he did not complain but served selflessly.

(b) 'All for Jesus' demonstrated by trust in God's faithfulness

(i) personally

Rev Joseph Ng testified that his parents 'gave their lives to the Lord without holding back... into many places where the work started but did not survive. But the gospel was preached. This is faith. This is doing the work of God.' Dr Ng Eng Kee likened his brother to the woman who broke an alabaster box of ointment worth one year's wages and anointed the Lord's head: 'She gave out of her deep love for Christ. So did my brother – he gave everything, beyond his ability and by faith, and the Lord provided over and above.' Founding Pastor trusted God to guide and provide in all situations. An example of this faith was evidenced by Mr Peter Chua when Pastor went 'missing'. Pastor's first words on being 'found' were: "Oh. God sent you here." Truly 'he had great faith in the guidance and providence of his God.'

(ii) encouraging faith in others

Founding Pastor was an encourager of faith in others. One instance was when he conducted the ordination service for the late Rev Ho Soo Kam. His wife, Mrs Daisy Ho said that, 'although he knew that Soo Kam would not be joining JSM, he organised an ordination service for him and Dr Paul Choo. Without his ordination, my husband would not have had any scriptural authority to start his own church. The establishment of Berean Christian Church was the direct result of his ordination.' Senior Pastor Joshua Wong was also encouraged by Founding Pastor's actions when he turned from a career as a lawyer to serving God full-time.

The sending of SOMers to Malaysia for outreach work during their term holidays was meant to teach them to live by faith. This was the precious lesson Missioner Goh learnt. Likewise, Rev Gerard Lim learned to exercise faith when he served in Olongapo and Kuala Kangsar and Mr Ee Beng Choon was encouraged when he helped out with the Vietnamese refugee outreach. Mr Lim Seng Hoo was struck by how Founding Pastor, faced with difficulties in his endeavours for the Lord, 'was able, like David, to encourage himself in the Lord his God (1 Sam 30:6).' Mr Stephen Schaeffer, was challenged by Founding Pastor's 'to be more aggressive for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ and His gospel.'

(iii) God-given wisdom

Founding Pastor was an austere man, much like his father. There were many rules to keep JSMers and SOMers along the straight and narrow path. Ms Chia Yong Yong, though initially

resentful of the rules, eventually realized that 'when you are young, you need rules. Those were the rules that made us what we have become.' Mrs Rhoda Koo highlighted one of the rules - to 'always be humble. If we sinned against others, we should be the first to go to the person to confess and reconcile with that person... not to justify ourselves.'

Ms Lily Oh was thankful Founding Pastor had the foresight to compose music for the Psalms. Although she at first found the tunes difficult to sing, the words of the Psalms assured and comforted her when she underwent a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scan.

More than a decade ago, Ms Rosalind Chong of JSM-KL, witnessed Founding Pastor's wisdom in response to a stranger's request for a loan of RM700 to help him pay for his road tax renewal. 'Pastor immediately requested us to empty the entire money bag collected from our Sunday offering and have a pen and paper ready.... He dictated and I wrote:.

I, (name of ex-convict) have taken RM from Jesus Christ. In return, I promise to come every Sunday to worship Him and attend every prayer meeting on Friday night. I promise to give my all and to confess my sins and come to know Him as my Lord and Saviour.

Signed : (by this ex lorry driver)

The ex-lorry driver/ convict was speechless. I could see he was unable to agree to such a radical proposal. He turned, looked at us, squashed the paper, mumbled some words and then stormed out of the premises.

By his actions, Senior (Sn) Pastor demonstrated that, unless we exercise our faith through Jesus' eyes, we will not be able to handle seemingly simple situations, wisely. Responding to the man's requests by giving him the RM 700 would be our natural inclination, but Sn Pastor exercised a step of faith further, to show not only to this man, but to remind us that wisdom and discernment comes from our relationship with the Lord Jesus.'

(c) 'All for Jesus' demonstrated by his urgency about the King's business

Founding Pastor had an 'earnest desire to fill up every possible moment with outreach to a new place.' He 'worked tirelessly with an incredible drive,' 'was always on the 'go'.' 'No time was wasted.'

So right from the beginning of JSM, with only a few helpers, many activities were organized. Founding Pastor did not take a backseat but participated in the regular Friday all night prayer meeting, preached in 3 mission stations every Lord's Day, reached out to the elderly homeless in the slums of Chinatown slum and made annual visits to mission stations all over the world. This sense of urgency was also described in Rev Joseph Ng's account of his father travelling all over USA for deputation trips at least twice or three times a week, sometimes preaching in two churches on one Sunday.

Even when he was wheelchair bound, this sense of urgency made him continue to preach the word of God⁹¹ and hand out tracts.

Rev Tang Ah Chang recalled that Founding Pastor 'could never resist the opportunity to reach out to the poor and attempt great things for God... He used to preach "the King's business needs haste." I was young when I replied to him, "Slow and steady wins the race!" Now I realize that he was right - no one can hold onto time. Rather we should seize every opportunity to redeem the time for the work of God.'

Mr Ng Yew Song remembered how, during his visit to ISOM in Pasil, Cebu, Founding Pastor brought him to visit the various mission stations in Philippines. 'At each station we visited, he would discuss the work with the pastor, have a prayer session, short visitation to members (if time permitted) and then move on. We reached Butuan at night, managed to have a meal with Rev Tang Ah Chang, and then we left early the next morning. ... This was pastor - he was always on the move, purpose-driven for the Lord.'

Ms Seah Lee Hoon recalls several incidents showing Founding Pastor's sense of urgency. 'Pastor asked a few of us to help shift the Olongapo station to a new 2-story building in Santa Rita. We travelled from Cebu by boat to Olongapo. The journey was very long and we had to spend the night on board the very crowded boat. Pastor told us to reach out to the crowds, so we did. When we went down to the bunks to rest, we could not find him. He came back just before we reached Olongapo. He must have been either evangelizing or praying through the night.'

When we reached Olongapo, we thought we would be resting one day before starting the shift. But no. Upon arriving, Pastor disappeared. When he reappeared, he had with him a metal pushcart, and told us we would be starting the shift immediately. Following his instructions, we started loading the pushcart. The moment it was 'full', Pastor started pushing the heavy cart to the new location. He did not ask either of the two male ISOMers to help. The moment the cart was unloaded at the new location, he started pushing it back to the old location. He pushed the cart to and from the two locations until we had shifted all the stuff from the old place. He walked fast each time, but each trip took at least 20 minutes. At that time, he was already in his 60s and relatively frail, yet he did not complain about tiredness, even though he had not slept the night before. (He led us in) the physically demanding job of moving the contents of the Olongapo station.

Likewise, when in Singapore, he would go for evangelism with members of the Chinese congregation after preaching in the English services. ... From all this we can see his zeal for serving God. He was very dedicated, willing to sacrifice everything, put in all his energy and effort to get God's work done as soon as possible, to treasure every moment and not to waste any time. Truly his love of God's work was his joy and God was his strength.'

(d) 'All for Jesus' demonstrated by a willingness to die to self

Founding Pastor surrendered whatever he had, to be used for the Lord's work. 'He gave his life for the glory of God.' He himself led a sacrificial lifestyle, caring not for creature comforts. Mr Lie Tjeng Su testified that 'his life was simple - he lived in a 3-room HDB flat, simply furnished with old furniture and had simple, never lavish meals. On mission trips, most of the time he would not stay in hotels but in church premises, sleeping on the hard floor.' He would sleep in the train stations in India to save money on accommodation. This is something his son, Rev Joseph Ng, experienced first hand. 'He had bought a Greyhound ticket for 30 days ... We would travel from one station to the next. When we got to the station, we did not book a hotel room, so how could we take a shower? He showed me how to use the free handsoap as shampoo ... and then use the hand-dryer to dry more than your hands.'

Founding Pastor was always looking to save money for the church. One instance was when he asked Ms Aw Lian Ping and Ms Faith Ong to bring two donated typewriters to Cebu. According to Rev Ang Kok Wat, Pastor once received a cash gift from the church. His response? 'He went to the back and put the gift into the offering bag while it was being passed around.' This was also Mr Lie's observation. 'Any love offerings given to him would be given to the church. He did not keep a single cent for himself.' Rev Ang also shared that 'when he was in Cebu, he used to walk instead of taking a ride. In Singapore, he would ride a bicycle or bus.' This thriftiness was experienced by Mr Ng Yew Song during his visit to ISOM. 'The tickets we bought were the cheapest, so we had to go to the lowest deck via a small spiral staircase. It was crowded and ventilated by fans as there were no windows. The double decker beds were spartan. Being in the lowest deck with a small exit also meant that if there was any mishap, we would all be trapped. After that, we travelled by bus over long distances to the different stations in Mindanao. The bus was old, and whenever we reached a stop, the locals would rush into the bus, some even jumped in from the windows. I vaguely remember we were stranded at a place, waiting for the ship to arrive (or not arrive).'

Founding Pastor's love for the work saw him physically fetching old people to Craig Road Mission after a day spent preaching at three services,¹⁸ sacrificing family time and privacy, and leading by example as he trained SOMers for the mission field.

He was not afraid of physically demanding tasks. While fetching Mrs Ng and his younger son, Benjamin to Birmingham, Rev Joseph Ng recounted how 'Dad took the last ticket all the way

to LA, bought himself a Ford Pinto ... the aircon didn't work. The three of them suffered all the way from LA across the Arizonan desert, putting wet towels on themselves because there was no aircon. We rendezvoused in Birmingham and then he went to different poor housing estates, looking for opportunities to serve.'

Even in the later years when he was physically weak, 'when he realized that the chairs had not been set up for the Sunday service, he willingly took it upon himself to do it.' Missioner Goh Geok Ling remembered Founding Pastor 'making the signboard for the Olongapo mission station even though he had just recovered from food poisoning.' This must have been the spirit that led him, despite health issues related to Parkinson's, to accept Mr and Mrs Hosea Leong's request to officiate at their wedding. One of their guests was touched 'that we had such a self-sacrificial pastor who continued to preach despite his health conditions.' Indeed he 'continued to serve with his might till the end.'

Above all, Founding Pastor spent much time and energy fasting and agonizing in prayer for the work, especially over troubles in the church. 'Pastor must have felt heartaches during those days, over the loss of members, he must have had sleepless nights, times of agonizing prayers, times filled with pain and loss.'

Despite his frugality towards himself, he was generous towards others. Missioner Goh recollected how his love for the poor did not wane. 'Even when he was old and frail, he would always ask about the poor as well as the old people whom I visited. He would also give love offerings to distribute to the poor.' Once, his brother-in-law gave him a luxurious car. One week after he had given the SOMers a ride in the car, he sold it and donated the money to the church.

He loved the fellowship of the saints and would invite various people to join his family for meals. One unique aspect of such meals was that they would always be prefaced by the reading of Scripture. To Ms Lily Oh, this indelible memory from her childhood days 'was an eye-opener when he said we would have spiritual food first and then started reading the Scripture aloud before thanking God for the simple breakfast.'

Dr Ng Eng Kee recounted how, after admiring the suit Founding Pastor had worn to Sydney, he found the suit in his cupboard. 'I rang him up to tell him he had left his suit behind. "No, that's for you." He was so generous and sacrificial – even though he was shivering in the cold Melbourne winter.'

Mrs Tang Kam Moon remembered that Pastor arrived at Changi airport 'after his first mission trip to India ... without any luggage. He only had the clothes he was wearing, everything else was left behind for the poor brethren in the slums of India....Mrs Ng had to replace all his belongings. ... In those early years, Pastor continued to come back from India empty-handed.'

Founding Pastor was like that corn of wheat, described in John 12:24, which must die before it can bring forth fruit. He died to self by putting Jesus first, others second and himself last.

Chapter 4

What will our response be?

Choose you this day whom ye will serve
Joshua 24: 15a

Founding Pastor dedicated his whole life to his Heavenly Master.

JOY is his legacy to us -

*As a servant of **Jesus (J)**, seek the kingdom of God first (Matt 6:33)*

*As a steward, point **Others(O)** to God and esteem them better than ourselves(Phil 2:3)*

*As a recipient of God's grace, deny **Yourself (Y)** and be crucified with Christ (Gal 2:20)*

Rev Dr Peter Ng, our Founding Pastor, fought a good fight, finished his course of planting missions worldwide and kept the faith in his defence of the unadulterated Word and fundamentalist stand. But the Lord's work is not yet done. 'Will we rise up like David to fight against the Goliaths of our day?'

His son, Rev Joseph Ng, used the following quote from 'Flanders Fields - words from fallen soldiers, soldiers who have fought the good fight:

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.^{53a}*

to remind us that 'we are not here to look at a soldier who passed away. We are here to pick the torch up. Don't look at my dad merely as one who fought the fight. Honour him by fighting the same fight, by standing up for the faith'. 'If you would, each of you, pick up the torch that has fallen before it hits the ground, and raise it up, we'll have a thousand torches going forth from here, for the glory of God. ... Remember this, we are not doing anybody's work but the Lord's. So by the grace of God, let's be faithful, let's be bold, fearless and serve Him because there is a real reward waiting up there.'

May God help us accept Founding Pastor's legacy of JOY and heed the call to lift up our torches of service for the glory of God.

Till we see Christ again, let us continue to proclaim the good news that 'Jesus Saves!'

*We have heard the joyful sound:
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Spread the tidings all around:
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Bear the news to every land,
Climb the steeps and cross the waves;
Onward!—'tis our Lord's command;
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!*

*Waft it on the rolling tide,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves;
Tell to sinners far and wide,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves;
Sing, ye islands of the sea,
Echo back, ye ocean caves;
Earth shall keep her jubilee,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves.*

*Sing above the battle's strife,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves;
By His death and endless life,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves;
Sing it softly thru the gloom,
When the heart for mercy craves,
Sing in triumph o'er the tomb,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves.*

*Give the winds a mighty voice,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves;
Let the nations now rejoice.
Jesus saves, Jesus saves;
Shout salvation full and free,
Highest hills and deepest caves,
This our song of victory,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves.*