

FROM GRACE TO GLORY

"AND NOW, FATHER, GLORIFY ME IN YOUR PRESENCE
WITH THE GLORY I HAD WITH YOU BEFORE THE WORLD BEGAN."

JOHN 17:5

Church of Seng Kang Ltd

AN INVITATION TO

CHURCH OF SENGKANG'S

3RD ANNIVERSARY 2010

19 SEPTEMBER 2010 (SUN), 4 PM -7 PM

ORDER OF SERVICE

ARRIVAL OF GUESTS & MEMBERS

GUESTS & MEMBERS TO BE SEATED

A CALL TO WORSHIP - PSALM 145:1-13

GLORIFY THY NAME
OPENING PRAYER

CELEBRATION PRAISE & WORSHIP

JOURNEY OF FAITH (DVD) PRESENTATION

TESTIMONY BY BRO HO HOCK SENG

YOU CAN BE PART OF THE MINISTRY IN SENGKANG/PUNGGOOL
LORD, BLESS THIS OFFERING

SONGS OF PRAISE:

I STAND AMAZED / I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY /
STAND UP STAND UP FOR JESUS

爱可以再多一点点

信主的人真有福

我要永远跟随你

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SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCE - GUITAR RENDITION!
PROFESSOR SEAH PONG PING
MR ALEX ABISHEGANATHAN

EXHORTATION BY REV. CANON DR. JAMES WONG
你的恩典每天够我用 BY SENIOR PASTOR DAVID KERK

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

MIGHTY TO SAVE

BENEDICTION BY REV. CANON DR. JAMES WONG

THANKSGIVING DINNER



SENIOR PASTOR DAVID'S MESSAGE FOR COSK 3RD ANNIVERSARY

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

First and foremost as we celebrate the 3rd Anniversary of Church of Sengkang, we dedicate this day to our heavenly Father! Genesis 28:16-17 reminds us that Church of Sengkang is really God's house. We are also reminded that not only is this God's place, but He lives and works in this church with us every day. "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it." "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the House of God; this is the gate of heaven."

We thank God today for all of the members and volunteers at Church of Sengkang who over the years have faithfully served with their time and talents. Church of Sengkang has also been blessed with members who have given generously to the work of His Kingdom.

It's a humbling truth, yet a comforting truth: we come and go and, while we're here, we are all a part of something bigger than ourselves. We all participate in something grand and glorious – the advancement of God's own impact on this world. Jesus especially teaches, according to Matthew's Gospel, how critical it is to attend to the master's business. The occasion of our 3rd anniversary observance is to celebrate our participation in this holy enterprise. Church of Sengkang is a Christ-centered community of faith, committed to sharing with all people -- The Word of God, Spiritual Fellowship and The Reality of Christ in our Lives. This is what Church of Sengkang has always been about: reaching people for Christ because We Just Care!

2 Peter 3:8 reminds us "But do not forget this one thing, dear friends; with the Lord a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years are like a day." The Lord has been concerned about our each

moment. These days have not been insignificant to Him. They are critical in His plan for us, His believers. To Him each day has been like a thousand years. Secondly, the Bible reminds us that while our congregation goes little noticed by the world, God has taken notice not only of our congregation, but of each individual here, saying in Isaiah 49:15-16, "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of My hands; your walls are ever before Me."

These past 3 years from God's perspective are the history of each person who has been cared for in this place. The membership of Church of Sengkang has been characterized by a people who have continued in Jesus' Word, who have sought to do God's will, and who have put their trust in the promises of God. This is the key to Church of Sengkang's future. While the future is unsure, God's Word, directives, and promises remain sure. If we are a people who continue in Jesus' Word, labor to do His will, and commit our cause to Him in confident trust, Church of Sengkang will under God, continue to be what it has been in the past, a congregation blessed by God!

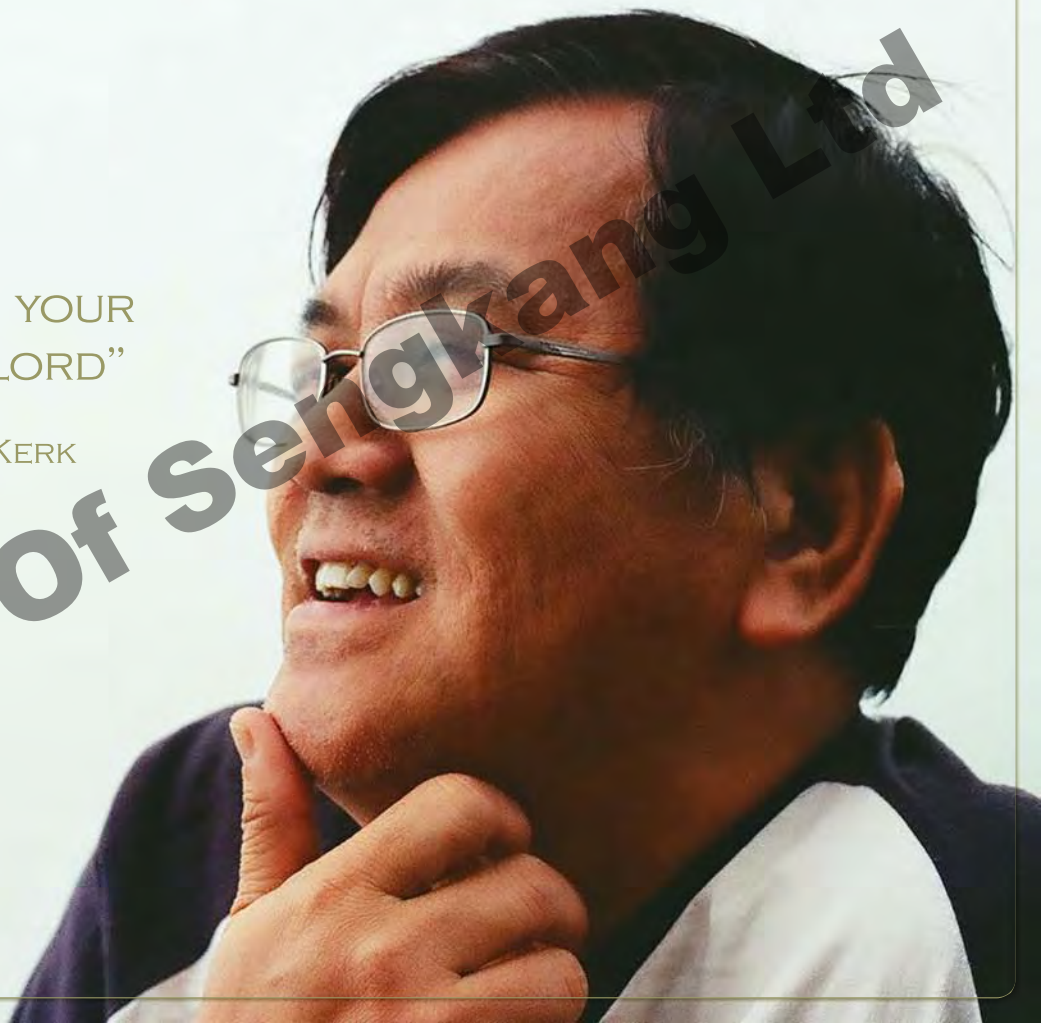
As we pause together, we glance back in time with a proud humility and are thankful at what God's grace has accomplished in the past. We peek ahead to some unknown terrain, confident that God's grace will be the sustenance needed in days to come. For this day, we celebrate this moment in time, convinced that God's grace is sufficient. Hold fast to what is good from the last few years. Adapt to changing times. Be faithful to the Lord, Jesus Christ. The God who loves you is trustworthy. Congratulations, Coskarens, the people of God! May God continue to bless Church of Sengkang! Amen.

FROM GRACE TO GLORY
SENIOR PASTOR DAVID KERK

“I WILL PROCLAIM YOUR
GREAT DEEDS, O LORD”

SENIOR PASTOR DAVID KERK

Church Of Seng Kang Ltd





JESUS CAME TO SERVE AND NOT TO BE SERVED

A model of servanthood (Mark 10:42-45, John 13:13-17)

God rebuked the children of Israel for being too self-centred. If we neglect His house and just concentrate on our own affairs, we disgrace and dishonour God. See Haggai 1:9, Jesus exhorts us to seek first His kingdom...Mt 6:33. When God's house is our first priority – He will take care and bless our home.

The greatest hindrance in our Christian-life is self-centredness. E.g. Notice who do you look first in a group photo? In a N.Y. telephone survey of 500 calls, the word or reference to “I or me” is repeated 3,900 times.

Dying to the self-life

Christ said “If you follow Me, first take up the cross...” We must die to our self-life. We are to live an unselfish life...we are to love God first, others second and myself last of all.

Look at the example of Jesus Christ in Mark 10:43-45 and in the eve of His death – in the upper room in John 13:13-17.

He said to His disciples “the first shall be last, the greatest of all is to be the servant of all.” He models servanthood. He had no problem in serving His disciples because of His self-lessness, His humility and complete security. Spiritual leadership is genuine servanthood which begins with “follower-ship”. We follow the example of Christ.

Four directions of servanthood

1. Serving God – Paul likes to refer himself as a “bond-slave” of Jesus Christ. Story of Abraham Lincoln

who bought a slave girl and then set her free. In the same way when we receive Jesus Christ, He sets us free. We are set free to serve the Lord.

2. Serving leaders – we also serve God by serving men and women of God. We are to honour spiritual leadership. Read Heb 13:7 & 17. We have many examples in the Bible of servanthood through serving leaders. Joshua & Moses, Elisha & Elijah, Timothy & Paul. Future leaders are called and tested in their servanthood role. The example of a young petrol-station attendant who rose to ownership of a string of stations.
3. Serving one another. See Gal 5:13. In the hotel industry the excellent standard of service seen in Ritz Carlton hotels.
4. Serving everyone – we are slaves to no one but to Jesus Christ only. See the example of Paul in 1 Cor 9:19 We learn to find a need and meet that need. For example, instead of pushing the gospel and force it on them we should try serving people with love. Before we preach to people we find out where people are and witness through our behaviour and practise love-in-action. Read what Jesus said in Matt 5:16.

Qualities of servanthood

1. Servanthood springs from a willing heart to bless people.
2. Servanthood is quick and alert.
3. Servanthood honours people
4. Servanthood is unselfish. See how Paul praised Timothy in Phil 2:20-21 and Epaphroditus (2:25-30) – 2 examples of faithful servant of God.

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REV. DR. CANON JAMES WONG



Baptismal Service held at Punggol Beach (top)

Our first Bible Camp at Celestial Resort, Pulau Ubin (right)





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WELCOME TO OUR
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GOD, WHY "ULU PUNGGOL"???

I know of a small church, quite different from any other, situated in a quiet corner of "ulu Punggol". It's call Church of Sengkang (COSK). This is my Heaven on earth and I have been enjoying my life there for almost 3 years - what a joy!

It's been 3 years since I joined Church of Sengkang. I vividly recalled the day I was driven for a look at the venue of our church-to-be. I had spent the best part of my past 35 years working in modern downtown offices with built-up roads, a far cry from the dense vegetation which stood before me as I journeyed to the church, through small winding dirt paths, which incidentally was reminiscent of some small-town Malaysian kampong. I was quite taken aback that such an "ulu" place still existed in modern Singapore and I asked, "God, why did you send me to ulu Punggol? aarrgh!"

Upon arrival at Marina Country Club, a vastly neglected tinted-roofed boatel whose owners seem ready to pack up and call it a day, with only a few sleepy shops within its premises. I asked, "God, surely this isn't an ideal place to fulfil the vision you gave to your servant Pastor David". With a deserted island to the North, forested grasslands toward the East and West, little scent of life was apparent other than the sparse population at the nearby landed properties. The only area with glowed of any life was towards the South (with fewer HDB flats than I could count on my fingers), was about a mile away. "Lord", I murmured, "it will take ages for urban development to reach here, and there are only few souls we can save here in this half-deserted kampong". As I got down to work, God gradually revealed answers to some of my questions as the days passed by.

1. HE will show me things far beyond what I humanly thought possible.
2. HE will bring all the visions he gave to pass if we remain faithful and obedient to his call
3. HE will always be in full control

Soon after, many obstacles surfaced before we were settled into our 1st Anniversary. Within a short span of 3 years, more obstacles crossed our path but somehow, we managed to overcome them. AGAINST ALL ODDS, all the visions that I could remember have also been brought to pass. COSK has even emerged ever-stronger after each crisis to the bewilderment of many who never thought we would make it pass the 1st Anniversary, BUT WE DID,and prospered.

One day as I was scouting for a more accessible place for our church. I parked near an empty field. A chain was strung across both sides of the entrance with a notice stating that it was earmarked for development. It then dawned on me that God has brought us here because HE wanted to give us a few years of lead-time to work the ground and establish a more solid presence before he bring souls for us to work on. The latest Government plan now shows that "ulu Punggol" would be developed into a bustling town, rivals the beauty of Marine Parade, with a population to equal Toa Payoh. Just as we had stamped the small footprint of our presence in HIS name some 3 years ago, we have now moved deep into the heartland of the HDB estates, and our footprint has grown bigger and further by the day.

I remember a story that when a flower was asked from God, HE sent a cactus. When a beautiful insect was asked for, God sent a caterpillar. WHY GOD? Why, why, why? It's just like my early murmurs. Well, the cactus bloomed many 'beautiful flowers' and the caterpillar metamorphosised into a 'beautiful butterfly'. God works in 'strange' ways and HIS strange ways are imaginarily much higher than ours.

I have learnt to trust him more, murmur less and have now surrender all my ambitions, hopes and plans unto his loving hand. These 3 years have indeed been both joyful and filled with heartache in my walk with HIM, but HE has always given me the strength and courage to carry on. Praise the Lord for his wonderful grace, and indeed we have every reason to celebrate our coming 3rd Anniversary to his Glory. Oh, I now love "ULU PUNGGOL" for it is my Heaven on earth. Is it yours? As we proudly celebrate our 3rd Anniversary, I pray that COSK will continue to labor to bring Glory to His Holy Name. Amen!

FROM GRACE TO GLORY
BRO LARRY EIO

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YOU AND I ARE A REFLECTION OF GOD'S GRACE AND LOVE

As we prepare to celebrate our 3rd Anniversary, I cannot help but reflect on the achievements that Church of Sengkang (COSK) has made. We have many things to be proud of and celebrate. Church of Sengkang has come this far not because of a stroke of chance. It came this far because Church of Sengkang, under God's hand, has brought blessing, life and hope, so we can say "not by might, nor by power, but by the Spirit of God" (Zechariah 4:6). Every completed task in the service of God is accomplished by His grace (God's resources), not by our ingenuity, or merit, just as he said in! (Zechariah 4:7) "And he shall bring forth the capstone with shouts of, Grace, grace to it"

What have we struggled with over the last few years? What were we praying for? How did God answer? I can only say that since then, our Gracious God had taken us through this faith journey along its joy, its hurts, its yearning and He has continued to lead us along. Surely, a lot has changed. We've made some lifelong friends. Maybe some of us had some "mountain-top experiences". Some of us had some "valleys-low experiences". Perhaps some of us received a calling of some kind. Yet some of us may also be freaking out. Some of us are changing left and right. But whatever experiences or changes that has gone on in COSK, around COSK and for COSK, the Lord of the Universe, the Hope of the World, the Redeemer and Savior is not changing. He's still the same steadfast, loving Lord. How can this truth of God's dependable, unchanging nature help us? God's unchanging nature can remind us of who is in control of Church of Sengkang's future.

- Let's be reminded that nothing we are facing or are about to face is impossible for God and us to handle.
- Let's be reminded of God's faithfulness to us. But remember, the goal is to press onward. The point is that life in Jesus is meant to get better and better—not necessarily easier, but deeper and more satisfying.
- Let's remember God's faithfulness to us, and how He has brought us along.
- Let's choose to remember: God has a lot more in store for you and me in Church of Sengkang.

As we draw nearer to our 3rd Anniversary and as we celebrate, we can also do ourselves a favour by pondering on what we can do together, as a church, as a body of Christ, to make Church of Sengkang truly a Church called by God to be welcoming and prayerful community filled with and led by the HOLY SPIRIT living out the name of Jesus Christ and glorifying the works of our Father in Heaven. Come on COSKareans – Remember You and I are a reflection of God's Grace and Love.

Thanks to our Abba Father, our Lord Jesus, our Holy Spirit, a lot has gone on in COSK, around COSK and for COSK in the last few years. Let's in one accord give praises to our God for the incredible achievement over the past years, accomplished only by the Grace of God and His Provision. As we are reminded by Paul in Romans 11:36, 'For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever, AMEN!'

FROM GRACE TO GLORY
SIS LAY SIM



*In the House of Prayer, every
Saturday, 2:30 PM*

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COSK TO BECOME A CHURCH WHO LOVES GOD AND THE PEOPLE IN SENGKANG/PUNGGOL

Hallelujah! Praise and Glory to our God. Looking back in my life, I can only acknowledge God's leading and His Presence is in our footsteps. Even so, with Church of Sengkang.

The one truth I know within the short span of time here, though I have no knowledge how Church of Sengkang has come thus far; and that is God wants to do His works through the Church.

The Church is currently busy with the 3rd Anniversary preparation. Deep down my heart, this portion of scriptures from Matthew 22:1-14 is crying out loud. Allow me to take this opportunity to humbly share with you.

The question facing many churches in developed economies in the 21st Century is the declining growth rate. Many in fact faced a more severe problem – A decline in number of Christians. Before I came to Singapore, I heard she is a prosperous and wealthy nation. When I arrived in Singapore, it is indeed prosperous and wealthy. But, as I look closer and nearer, I saw there are many needy and sorrowful people. "Before they can seek help from the Church, first the Church must reached out to them." Many scholars said, there would be no hope in our 21st Century Church, if they are lacking in this pastoral view.

Today, many churches placed little importance to those people who are destitute but many placed their attention in their building and churning out programs. Both in the Old and New Testament constantly mentioned that these people needs care and concern. Unfortunately, many churches have neglected

these people and are more concern in their growth rates indicators. In the parable of Jesus, the story of the Good Samaritan, he taught us who the true neighbor is. If there is no love in our heart and if we do not care about the people around us, how then can say we love God. A person who truly loves God, not only love the soul but is also truly concern about the person's livelihood. Regardless of the scientific advancement, the improvements in our living conditions, the state of well-being, there are still people facing poverty. Giving love and concern is the responsibility of the Church. Gospel is not just about loving your neighbor's soul, but also manifest in their lives, this then indeed is the true living gospel. I pray and hope that Church of Sengkang will not only be a church that truly loves God but also His neighbors.

FROM GRACE TO GLORY
PASTOR NICODEMUS WANG



Mission Trip to Pinghe, China

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**COSK IS TURNING 3
A JOURNEY FROM GRACE TO GLORY
3 YEARS**

Psalm 33: 1-4, Praise the Lord with harp; make melody to Him with an instrument of ten strings. Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully with a shout of joy. For the word of the Lord is right, and all His work is done in truth. Yes that's right, our young community church is turning to the ripe old age of 3 years this September and as always we shall be marking this wonderful occasion with a special birthday celebration event.

In the past couple of years, many of us have enjoyed a truly heart warming journey as Church of Sengkang and its brethren have been touched by the Grace of the Lord and molded by His Glory. This journey from Grace to Glory has been one of self-discovery, commUNITY spirit and discipleship and there have been countless testimonies to bare witness to the awesome Glory of the Lord in our church and lives.

So please come forward and register your interest in joining the celebration by sharing your thoughts and testimonies. We are also looking for those brothers and sisters who would like to perform songs, dances, sketches or solo pieces and may have interest in sharing the Word. Will our latest guitar prodigies be airing their new found skills?

COSK testimony from Grace to Glory needs your voice! This has been a God fearing human journey on a personal level. For the bible says in *1 Corinthians 3:16* "you yourselves are God's temple and God's spirit lives in you." Lets join together for this event and show the world the Christ-like COSK spirit dwelling within us!

**FROM GRACE TO GLORY
BRO JAMES BROWNING**

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THEIR SACRIFICIAL & TRUE LOVE TOUCHED MY HEART

Blessings to our Lord God who love us with His everlasting love and His love endure forever. He set the time and the space where we will dwell. As the one of the founding members of COSK, I'm so privileged to witness the vision that God had shown to COSK. From the rooftop of the apartment of Bro Steven Lim right up to this day, Our God is very merciful, full of compassion and grace to us. Only in COSK, I underwent many first time experiences like retreat to JB, before our first worship in COSK, LG assistant leader, interpretation, children ministry, opening of my Home for LG fellowship and even the upcoming Sabah mission trip. Thanking You my Lord for all unmerited favor surrounding me like that of a sword, enabling me to serve Him. Praise the Lord also for His love and compassion towards my elderly mother in law. Since her baptism on 12th April 2009, our beloved senior pastor and saints of COSK set aside their precious every last Sunday afternoon to visit her in Renci nursing home. Their sincere sacrificial and true love touches my heart. Their visitation not only brings joy and comfort to my mother in law but also some other ageing residents there too. All these goodness given by the Lord is beyond my asking and thinking. All glory, honor, majesty, power, authority belongs to God. Surely His goodness and love will pursue COSK and all the saints, for all the days of their lives.

FROM GRACE TO GLORY
SIS PAULINE ANG

Combined Life Group (left & right)
Visitation (center)



BE ENCOURAGED, LET THE LOVE OF GOD PROPEL YOU ONWARDS!!

PRAISE THE LORD & Congratulations as you celebrates your 3rd anniversary on September 19, 2010. Truly you have moved from 'GRACE TO GLORY' and will continue 'from Glory to Glory' as you move on with thanksgivings towards your 4th year and beyond!!

Having known your Pastor David Kerk and many friends previously for more than ten years, our (Jenny & my) first encounter with COSK was way back in 2008. God designed that we met your sister Jane Aw at NTUC, Marine Parade in early 2008 and I was blessed to have been invited to share at COSK on 24 February 2008. Since then, over a span of over two years we have been worshipping at COSK as and when able, and must say we have been richly blessed each time!!!

At each visit, from the time we arrive to the time we leave after every lunch, we see and experience HIS Love - that smiling greetings, that assuring handshakes, that love 'hugs' and that encouraging words all points to truly being a 'family' in Him. Be encouraged, you all at COSK know how to make someone very welcomed. I refrain from naming anyone lest I overlook someone...but suffice to say "YOU ARE ALL SOOOO.....wonderful!!!"

Truly COSK is called by God to be welcoming and prayerful community filled with and led by the HOLY SPIRIT. I see it no other way. As you mature as a church moving from 3 to 4 years and beyond – I believe God is 'teaching' (if we are ready to learn), He is 'leading' (if we allow HIM to) and at times 'comforting' (the many 'boobos, mistakes and discouragements along the way).

BE ENCOURAGED, LET THE LOVE OF GOD PROPEL YOU ONWARDS!! Like any other growing church, COSK will be presented with many opportunities, challenges, persecutions, disagreements,

internal strifes - there is no perfect church. There will be times you like to say "I QUIT!!" because... (You have a 1000 reasons) BE ENCOURAGED, LET THE LOVE OF GOD PROPEL YOU ONWARDS!! Like the 'harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few', COSK has many things to do, but few willing 'doers'. BE ENCOURAGED, LET THE LOVE OF GOD PROPEL YOU ONWARDS!! As apostle Paul encouraged the church in Corinth in 1 Cor 15: 58 I end saying... In Unity..with One vision, One accord, One agreement, One purpose...all for the Glory and Love of Jesus, we (Jenny & I) stand together with you all at COSK, as you move from "Grace to Glory".....from 3 to 4 years onwards.

FROM GRACE TO GLORY
BRO ROBIN YIU



Pastor David Kerk preaching at Church of Cabugao,
Philippines (left) Sunday service (center)
Saying 'Amen' in the Country Club (Sunday Times 29/8/2010) (right)