

Testimony on Musical Mission Trip to Evangel B.P. Church (Evangel BPC), Malaysia

马来西亚 Evangel BPC 音乐宣教之旅见证

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Group Photo outside Evangel BPC 宣信堂外留影

This is the second time Calvinians presented a Christmas Cantata in Evangel B.P. Church (Evangel BPC).

Under the leadership of Elder Lim Yew Cheng and with a growing congregation of around 40, Evangel BPC is a new outreach in Petaling Jaya, currently renting a place in a row of shophouses for Sunday worship and Sunday school (10am), prayers meeting (Wednesday), as well as Bible study and fellowship activities. The group is small yet vibrant. We continue to pray for the physical and spiritual growth of the church.



This year's Christmas Cantata is different from that of the last, in that this is the first time we gathered together, members from the Calvary Church Choir and the ensembles from both churches, to present this combined item.

Preparation started very early in the year, and rehearsals increased in frequency as the day of the actual presentation drew near, with the Calvary Ensemble practicing as frequent as thrice per week. Members in the planning committee had also travelled to and fro the two churches to make this coordinated effort possible.

The following is a journal-entry-styled testimony of one of our choir members, Nerissa Tiong, a secondary school student, on her experience gained from this trip. It ascertains our belief that, be it through our daily behavior in school or at work, or through actual mission trips overseas, nobody is too young to be a missionary.

The main objective of this particular mission trip is to encourage our fellow brethren across the causeway, though everyone who has a part to play in this meaningful endeavor can testify that those who begin with the intention of encouraging others brought home much encouragement as well.

这是我们第二次到宣信堂呈现圣诞清唱剧。

在林犹正长老的带领下，现有约 40 位会员的宣信堂正在逐年增长。宣信堂是新设立的教会，地点于八打灵再也。现暂租用一间排屋做为主日崇拜和主日学（早上十点），祷告会（星期三）以及查经班和团契活动的场所。他们虽然小，但是充满活力。让我们继续为他们在会员人数以及属灵生活中的成长祷告。

今年的圣诞音乐会呈现活动和往年不同，因为这是我们第一次结合两所教会的诗班与管弦乐团呈现节目。筹备活动于年初开始，彩排也随着日子的逼近增加了次数—管弦乐团甚至每个星期排练三次。筹委会的委员也为着协调这次活动来回奔走于两所教会之间。

这次短宣的主要目的是鼓励长堤彼岸的弟兄姐妹，但我相信所有参加这次活动的团员都觉得它是极有意义的。虽然我们最初希望的是鼓舞别人，但却也从中得到了许多鼓励。

以下是一位中四生张玮纹对这次短宣日记式的见证。它肯定了我们一直相信的：不管是通过我们日常在学校或是在工作场所的言谈举止；抑或是通过实地的差传活动，参于差传事工是可以从年少开始的。



Group photo after the rally
布道会后



Fellowship on coach 巴士上的团契

On 4th Dec. 2009 (Fri.) morning, the Calvary Church Choir and Ensemble embarked on our musical mission trip. In all, there were 56 of us, inclusive of Choir members, musicians, the P.A. crew and some of our family members. Everyone was looking forward to sharing the gospel through the Christmas cantata, *The Winter Rose*, and enjoying sweet fellowship with like-minded brethren.

In the afternoon, the Choir members joined the combined Calvary-Evangel Ensemble for a final rehearsal. Everyone laboured together to set up the stage risers, arrange the chairs and set up the projectors. We rehearsed the cantata diligently before going back to the hotel to freshen up and get ready for the cantata later that evening.

By early afternoon, we had arrived at Armada Hotel in Petaling Jaya. We



Stopover 中途歇息站

freshened up before heading to Mid Valley Shopping Mall to unwind and get some



dinner. By 9 pm, others who had travelled to Petaling Jaya on their own had arrived. We gathered for singspiration, followed by evening devotion and prayer led by Pastor Isaac. We had a great time of fellowship before returning to our rooms to rest and prepare our hearts for the next day.

On Saturday morning, the Choir members had a hearty breakfast at the hotel while the Ensemble members rushed

off for their practice at the Federal Academy of Ballet (FAB), where the gospel rally would be held that evening. This year was special as, unlike the



Eld. Lim Yew Cheng
林犹正长老

previous, we collaborated with Evangel BPC's Strings Ensemble to present the cantata.

When the gospel rally started, Elder Lim Yew Cheng of Evangel BPC led everyone in singspiration. He was extremely enthusiastic when it comes to sharing God's

Word and he led the congregation with gusto! After a heartwarming item by Evangel BPC's children's ministry, it was soon our turn to sing. Everyone was a little nervous yet elated to be able to sing for our Lord at this gospel event. Praise God for everything went well!

The following day, we were up early to

prepare for Sunday Worship at Evangel BPC. By 8.30 am, we had checked out and were on our way to church. The Choir presented two praise items. The Evangel brethren welcomed us warmly and after the Worship Service, Elder Lim shared his hope of making the cantata an annual event! We were blessed by the hospitality of the Evangel brethren and enjoyed good fellowship over lunch with them at a restaurant nearby, before heading back to Singapore.

During our trip, the Lord really blessed us and granted us journeying mercies throughout. We also thank Him for making everything possible. Although it was a short three-day musical mission trip, we have enjoyed singing praises unto the Lord and helping others to know Christ.



Evening Fellowship 晚间团契



二零零九年十二月四日（星期五）早上，加略堂诗班和管弦乐团踏上了音乐宣教之旅。我们总共有 56 人，包括诗班、音乐师、音响小组成员以及一些团员的家长们。大家都期盼着能够通过圣诞清唱剧 *The Winter Rose* 与有相同志向的弟兄姐妹分享福音以及美好团契。

上午时分，我们都到达八打灵再也的酒店。梳洗之后，我们到附近的百货商场去放松心情、吃晚餐。到了晚上九点，所有自行到八打灵再也的团员也都到了。大家在一起唱诗，然后王牧师带领大家灵修和祷告。我们在一起愉快地团契，之后就回到各自的房里休息并为翌日的活动做好准备。



Evangel BPC Junior Choir
宣信堂儿童诗班

呈现节目。

星期六早上，当诗班在旅店享用丰富的早餐时，管弦乐团团员已匆匆忙忙地赶到布道会的地点——联邦芭蕾学院——进行彩排。今年特别的，因为有异于去年，我们和宣信堂的管弦乐团一起呈

到了下午，诗班也加入了联合管弦乐团进行最后一次彩排。大家一起劳动，把舞台搭起、椅子排好、投影器材设定。在一番努力排练后，大家回到旅店去梳洗，为晚上的表演做好准备。



布道会一开始，宣信堂的林犹正长老带领大家吟唱圣歌。分享神的话语时，他满怀热情；带领大家歌唱时，他激情澎湃。在宣信堂的儿童诗班呈现节目后，很快就轮到我们的了。大家都有些紧张，但也因为能在布道会中为神歌唱而感到雀跃。

翌日，我们一大早就起身为主日崇拜做好准备。早上八点半，大家都退了房到宣信堂去。诗班呈现了两首圣歌。宣信堂的弟兄姐妹们热情地欢迎我们。崇拜过后，林长老还跟我们分享了他希望把圣歌谣曲固定为每年一次的活动！我们感谢宣信堂的弟兄姐妹对我们的热情招待。在与他们共进了美好的团契午餐之后，我们都回到了新加坡。

在这次的旅程中，神确实大大地赐福于我们，也看顾了我们一路上的平安。我们也感谢主使所有事变成可能。虽然是短短的三天，我们却感受到了赞颂主以及帮助他人认识主所带来的喜悦。