

## Reflections of the Breakthrough Missions 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Silver Jubilee Celebrations

Thanks be to God! The Breakthrough Missions Silver Jubilee Thanksgiving Dinner was held on 27<sup>th</sup> July at the Swissotel Stamford's 4<sup>th</sup> level Raffles Ballroom, laying down another significant milestone in the ministry of Breakthrough Missions and ushering us into a new chapter in our vision of Gospel-based drug rehabilitation that will lead us towards the Golden Jubilee. This year's anniversary theme is "The Glorious Commission", which serves to remind us to remain focused on the Lord Jesus Christ's commission upon the disciples to spread the Gospel and make disciples of the nations. The Guest of Honour for the evening was Associate Professor Ho Peng Kee, our Senior Minister of State for Law and Home Affairs, while the Guest Speaker bringing forth God's word was the Rev Khoo Cheng Hoot, President of the Chinese Annual Conference, the Methodist Church in Singapore.

That evening, more than 200 guests arrived to be part of this magnificent thanksgiving celebration that bears witness to the great love and mercies of the Lord. Thanks and praise be to God! The churches and our brothers and sisters in Christ were extremely supportive and there was not a single seat left empty. The tickets for the dinner were totally sold out a month before the event! This is all by God's grace! Besides the brothers and sisters in Christ and the friends they invited, our esteemed guests included government officials from the departments and agencies that have been working closely with us over the years, such as Mr Desmond Chin, CEO of SCORE, and our dear co-workers in the Lord like Rev Chiu Ming Li, Chaplain of Prison Fellowship Singapore, and many Halfway House Leaders. Also among the guests were our committee from Breakthrough Indonesia, Bpk Probo Yuwono Tan and Bpk Steventon Lauwira, and our Indonesian supporters such as Elder Subianto of the Salt and Light Foundation, and Rev Freddie Lie of the Gereja Kristus Indonesia. The dinner was also graced by many respected seniors in Christ from various denominations, churches and organisations, both local and overseas, like Rev Dr Michael Shen of Singapore Bible College, Rev John Ting of BGST, Rev Teo See Eng of Chin Lien Bible Seminary, Bishop John Tan of the Lutheran Church in Singapore, Rev Tan Cheng Huat and Rev Phua Chee Seng of the Presbyterian Church in Singapore, Rev Chan Hon Shek and Rev Cheng Kim Meng of Faith Community Baptist Church, Elder Goh Ewe Keng of the Church of Singapore, Rev Oh Beng Kee and many more dignitaries.

The evening's programme was rich and entertaining, and the guests were treated to a repertoire of wonderful spiritually nourishing programmes. Our Director, Pastor Simon Neo and his wife Sis Susie Neo shared their heartfelt reflections on the trying journey to serve drug addicts and ex-offenders for the Lord over all these years in his anniversary thanksgiving message, pouring out their heartfelt gratitude for the Lord's unfailing grace and our brothers and sisters in Christ's faithful support on this difficult journey through the touching songs "It's not an easy road" and "Remind me dear Lord". The programme for the night also featured our Silver Jubilee Thanksgiving Video Clip, touching testimonies by our staff and brothers, choir presentations by our brothers from both Breakthrough Missions Singapore and Indonesia, and songs and testimonies from our Gospel Singers like Missionary Kelvin Soh, Bro Quek Wei Kee and Ex-Breakthrough staff Bro Foo Ee Kian. We even had the honour to have Sis Phoon Sau King, renowned singer extraordinaire known to all as the "Queen of Contralto", to sing a medley of beautiful thanksgiving songs for us. Thanks be to God! Everybody had a wonderful night of fellowship in the Lord and the guests could not stop sharing enthusiastically about the night's events with one another even when they were leaving for home!

Not wanting to disappoint our warmly supportive brothers and sisters by informing them that our tickets have sold out, all of our staff, helpers and residents gave up their seats at the dinner so that more places can be made available to those who wish to be part of this joyous event. As such, Breakthrough Missions held a Family Thanksgiving Dinner the next day at the Mount Faber Clubhouse of SAFRA for all our leaders, mentors, volunteers, staff, helpers and residents to come together and enjoy the loving fellowship of a big family. Everyone present shared their personal inspirations and testimonies with one another and gave their utmost thanks to God. Although the scale of this gathering is by far smaller than the actual celebrations of the previous night, it greatly boosted the cohesiveness of the Breakthrough family and allowed us to see that throughout all these years, God had indeed unfailingly guided each and every step that we had taken. All the brothers and sisters present were greatly encouraged and pledged that in the days to come, they will continue to uphold the Gospel-based drug rehabilitation's Mission of Love to bring the Lord Jesus Christ's Gospel of love and salvation for sinners to many, and to love the Lord and be a blessing to others.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, it is only by the grace of God guiding us along that Breakthrough Missions was able to walk across 25 years of thankful service to God and brave countless storms and challenges to nurture disciples for the Lord! The loving support, encouragement and prayers of our Christian brethren also played an indispensable part to motivate us onward. In the upcoming days, we will continue on our journey towards the Golden Jubilee and the many new challenges that will inevitably confront us. We pray that as we walk this path less traveled, we will continue to have you as our co-labourers for the kingdom of God. Let all glory be given unto God our Father in heaven!