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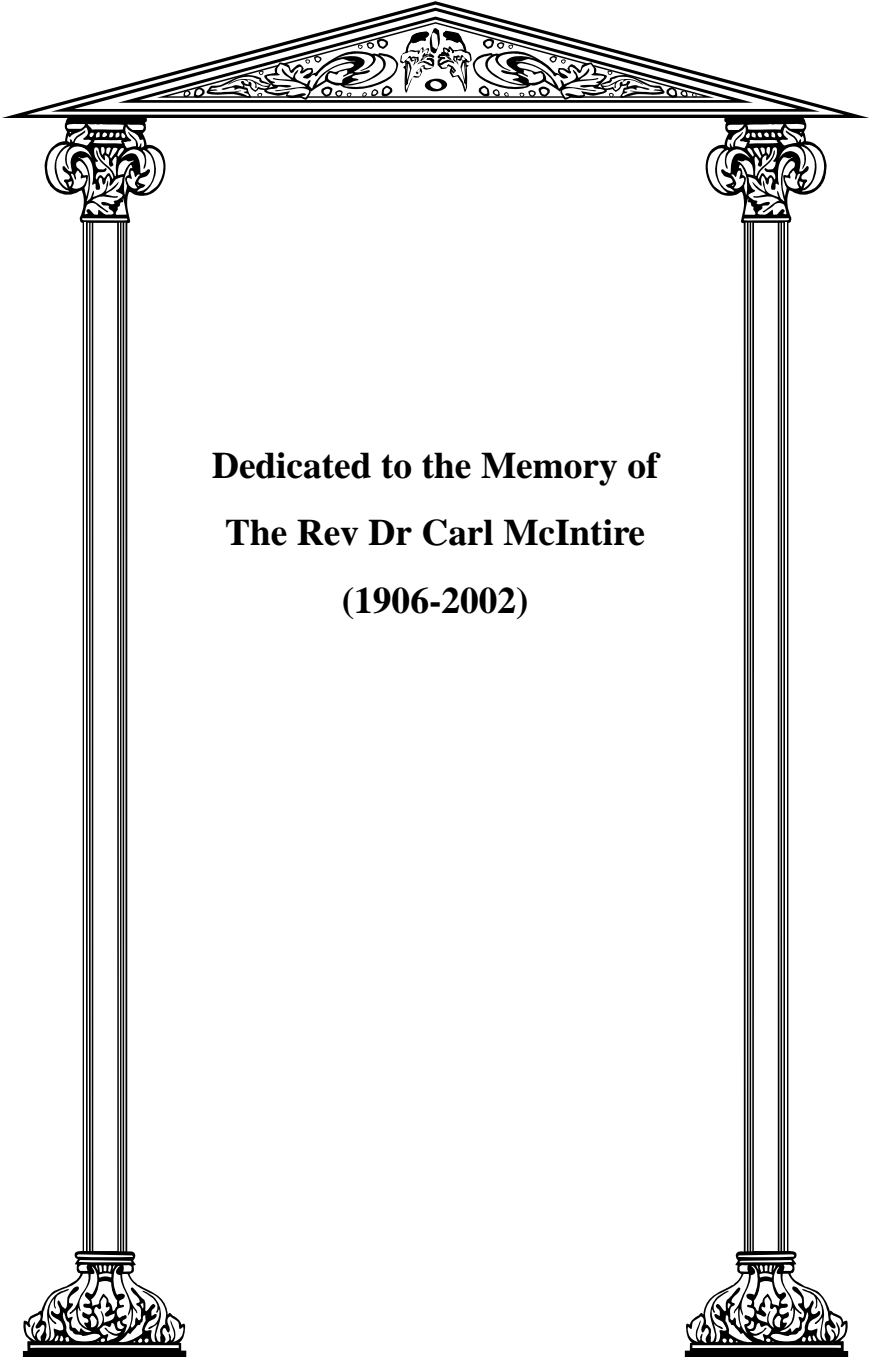
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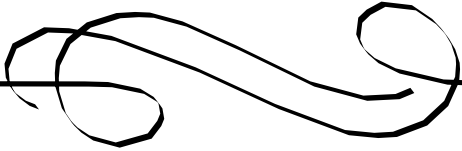
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**Dedicated to the Memory of
The Rev Dr Carl McIntire
(1906-2002)**



Dr Carl McIntire, Faithful Servant

*All praise and thanks to Almighty God
For Dr Carl McIntire, faithful servant of the Lord,
Who was raised up to stand against the apostasy
And continue the Reformation in the 20th Century.*

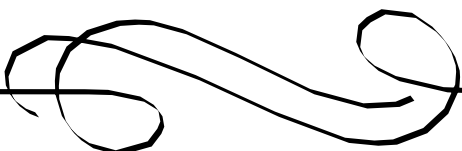
*At the funeral service in Collingswood, New Jersey,
The Lord blessed mightily with thanksgiving and victory.
To God be the glory, great things He has done
For all who have believed in His Only Begotten Son.*

*The highlight of Dr McIntire's funeral
Was the faithful preaching of the Gospel,
Just as this dear departed pastor had done so
In this Bible Presbyterian Church many years ago.*

*Remembrance is the hallmark of gratitude;
We give thanks to the Lord for He is good.
We pray that we too will be faithful
To proclaim the Gospel and carry on the battle.*

*For the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus.
Let us persevere in the race set before us,
For the defence of the Truth and for the pure Gospel
Of our Lord Jesus Christ, the only hope of the world.*

Lehia Paauwe
Tuesday, March 26, 2002



Editorial

TRUTH UNFAILING: A TRIBUTE TO ALMA MATER

Greetings in the blessed name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

This year 2002 is FEBC's 40th year. It is an occasion for thanksgiving and worship in praise of our wonderful Lord and Saviour who has used our beloved principal, Rev Dr Timothy Tow, to establish this school of prophets for the extension of His kingdom and for the defence of the faith. Historical insights on the genesis of FEBC as recorded in the *Malaysia Christian* have been reprinted herein for the benefit of the new generation.

This 40th year is an opportune time for personal reflection and sharing. Besides hearing from our present president of the board of directors, Dr Tow Siang Yeow, and former president, Dr S H Tow who gave FEBC her name, this special issue features a most timely message by our founding principal to this year's graduating class, "For We Can Do Nothing Against the Truth, But For the Truth." Clothing the sermon in flesh are the testimonies of 108 alumni who testify of the power of God's Truth in their lives and ministries. Will you not join in the fray to proclaim and defend the Truth of God's Word in these last days?

The Lord has blessed my life richly through FEBC, my alma mater indeed. I consider my four years (1985-1989) of theological training at FEBC to be the happiest years of my life. I was like the merchant who had found the pearl of great price (Matt 13:45-46). I found the Truth of God in His Holy Word, and I found a much needed helpmeet in Jemima, the principal's daughter. Both of us graduated in 1989 with our BTh, got engaged and then went to the States for further studies. We got married in 1991. I did not plan it this way, the Lord knows. It was by His directive and cooperative will (Gen 24:27). You will want to read Peter and Anne Clements' story. They have six children (we are thankful for our two, Ann and Lynn). We pray they will be future alumni and servants of God.

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By the grace of God, with this new 40th anniversary graduating class, FEBC's total alumni would pass the 400 mark. We thank God for our alma mater. The testimonies are our sacrifice of praise to the Lord, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name (Heb 13:15). It is the Lord Himself who has done great things for us. We give Him all the glory and honour.

My other alma mater, St Andrew's, has a motto that says, "Up and On." May FEBC likewise strive "Up and On" for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ until the day He returns to rule a thousand years. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever" (Heb 13:8). Truth Unfailing! Amen.



Life B-P Church and Far Eastern Bible College

“EBENEZER, HITHERTO HATH THE LORD HELPED US” (1 SAM 7:12)

A Word from the Principal



From day one, September 17, 1962, to this day, 40 academic years after, FEBC has looked to the Father Almighty for help. God has delivered us out of every difficult situation so that His Name is forever glorified.

The school opened its doors to three students sitting on kitchen stools with the lone Principal speaking on the text, Ps 34:10, “The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing.” The first three students were Miss Ivy Tan from Pasir Panjang and Miss Ng Sang Chiew and Eddie Chan from Batu Pahat.

The school had no kitchen, and for lunch I asked my brother, Dr Tow Siang Hwa, to instruct his cook to give us fried noodles. After lunch the principal went with Eddie Chan to Chin Lien Bible Seminary to take delivery of six army beds, so the three students might have a place to sleep that night.

Rev Peter Ng Eng Hoe, after graduating from Faith Seminary and Dallas Seminary, came back in time to join the staff. The principal himself taught 13 hours a week. He was like a half-back running over every part of the field. Sometimes he shot his own goal!

At the end of the first year, Ng Sang Chiew left to study at the Alliance Bible Seminary in Hong Kong, for she came from the Chinese stream. Eddie transferred to Singapore Bible College. A fellow staff member who was supposed to be my friend advised Ivy also to leave, because he said, even the rats would jump out of a sinking ship. Ivy prayed but stayed by God’s restraining hand.

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However, God sent us three new students the next year. They were Chan Lay Seng, now pastor of Calvary Jurong B-P Church, Miss Peggy Yeo who later obtained a DPhil from Oxford, Mrs Packer, wife of an officer in the Australian High Commission.

When Ivy Tan graduated in 1966 and learned all her Greek from Rev John Grauley, and Mrs Packer also; Ivy graduated with the first BTh and Mrs Packer a Certificate.



FEBC's student body grew to over 100 from 18 countries three years ago with 376 graduated by the 39th year. With more than 30 graduating this the 40th year, the total will pierce the 400 mark. Over 65 have been ordained B-P ministers. There has never been a lack financially or academically all these years. "Ebenezer, ... Hitherto hath the LORD helped us."

A TIME FOR INTROSPECTION

Eld Dr Tow Siang Yeow President of the Board of Directors



Truly The Lord has been good to us in preserving and prospering the Far Eastern Bible College throughout 40 years of earnest endeavour for Him, despite its ups and downs. The 40th year of FEBC hence, is a significant milestone in the history of this “School of Prophets” and calls for not only a time of thanksgiving and praise to God Almighty, but also a time for introspection.

God has called our founding Pastor, Rev Dr Timothy Tow, way back in 1962 to establish a Bible college to train workers for the Lord’s vineyard—workers who are faithful to the Word of God and who will “earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints” (Jude 3) at a time when apostasy and modernistic unbelief were “creeping in unawares” (Jude 4). Starting with just three students and one teacher, the college today is more than 100 strong with a dozen qualified lecturers forming the faculty. Besides, more than 350 students have graduated over these past 40 years and are now serving in the mission fields to God’s glory!

The trend now is towards the trained. The heyday of great evangelists cast in the mould of Dr John Sung and Lim Puay Hian can be said to be over! In this modern era, God’s servants need proper training. FEBC provides quality training in equipping men and women for effective Christian ministry. As of today, the college offers courses leading to Diploma, Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees plus off-campus courses for laity who wish to better themselves for Christian service.

Graduates of FEBC are much sought-after to fill in the crying need for workers in the Lord’s harvest field. And does not the Lord Himself

make this challenge to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.” Heeding the Lord’s call, students from more than 25 countries have come to be trained at FEBC to meet the needs of the local churches as well as their mission fields!



A TIME FOR INTROSPECTION

These are the last days, and “perilous times shall come” (2 Tim 3:1). But despite the poor economic outlook and the pervasive threat of terrorist attacks, FEBC stands firm in the shadow of His wings (Ps 17:8). In faith and the unstinting support of God’s people, the New Beulah House, a four-storey structure, will be constructed to meet the present and future needs of FEBC and Life Church. It will be an imposing but functional building, located just opposite the church premises.



In time, the “torch” will be passed on to a new generation of FEBC leaders. Will they continue to have the same vision and zeal as the founder in maintaining an unshakeable stand for the “old time faith” and in rejecting modernistic unbelief and compromise? Time will tell, but certainly the principal, faculty and board of directors will need to be vigilant to prevent false teachings being surreptitiously introduced into the College.

May God strengthen our leaders and grant them wisdom and discernment from on high, and may the FEBC continue to be a “beacon of light and truth” in this part of the world! Amen.

A STANDARD LIFTED UP

Dr S H Tow

Senior Pastor, Calvary B-P Church, Singapore

“To every thing ... a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.” Forty years ago when the enemy was coming in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord lifted up a standard against it: today Far Eastern Bible College stands, a bastion of the historic Christian faith, against the global tide of unbelief now sweeping everything in its path.



Far Eastern Bible College was born of one man’s vision, and five men’s concurrence.* With no material resources but faith in God, they laid the foundation Jesus Christ and built thereupon “gold, silver, precious stones” (1 Cor 3:12).

Today, more than ever before, we need to train men of faith and valour, faithful students of the Word, for the fast ripening harvest fields: we need workmen of courage, able to “rightly divide the word of truth” (2 Tim 2:15). Far Eastern Bible College fills that need in such a time as this. Forty years on, and going strong! It is the Lord’s doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

While institutions everywhere have capitulated to the onslaught of the apostasy, and the satanic movement to totally dismantle the 16th Century Reformation (dismissing it to the dust heap of non events,) Far Eastern Bible College stands “a standard lifted up of God” – stedfast, unmoveable, securely fastened on the Rock. This college is set for the defence of the faith and its Reformation heritage, and the Reformation Bible, the King James or Authorised Version against a host of modern perversions.

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While the Saviour tarries, may this college press on with unabated vigour and constancy, raising faithful men given to prayer and the ministry of the Word – “till He come.” Amen.

Brethren, pray for us.



FEBC Faculty, 1962

** In 1960 Rev Timothy Tow, Pastor, Life B-P Church, Rev Quek Kiok Chiang, Pastor, Faith and Zion B-P Churches, Dr Arthur Steele and Dr Philip Clark, Independent Board of Presbyterian Foreign Missions, and Dr S H Tow, Elder, Life B-P Church, met and formulated a blueprint for the formation of a Bible College, to be named “Far Eastern” at the suggestion of Dr Tow.*

THE GENESIS OF FEBC AS RECOUNTED BY THE *MALAYSIA CHRISTIAN*, 1961-1962

FAR EASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE DEVELOPS FASTER THAN EXPECTED (*Malaysia Christian*, June 10, 1961)

Since the announcement made here in September 1960, all that has been done seemingly was the forming of a Three-man Committee consisting of Rev Timothy Tow, Rev Quek Kiok Chiang, Dr Tow Siang Hwa, and the gathering of several hundred theological books. And while we have yet to write a constitution and prospectus and call a regular committee etc, etc, things in America are taking shape at a quicker tempo. Dr Philip Clark, General Secretary of the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions, writes of the coming appointment of Mr John Grauley now lecturing at Faith Theological Seminary to serve on the College staff. Mr Grauley is a Bachelor of Arts from Shelton College and a Bachelor of Divinity from Faith. He is presently also reading for the Master of Sacred Theology degree while teaching at the alma mater. After May 1962 he hopes to come to Singapore with Mrs Grauley, also a Shelton graduate, and their young son.

Then we must not forget our own brother Mr Ng Eng Hoe. Mr Ng has just received his BD degree from Faith. He is also taking the STM and should return to help us next year. Further, our cooperating American Mission is contemplating appointment of another missionary-teacher, and will inform us as soon as the candidate is found.

Speaking about finance, we cannot expect any free grant from America according to the Independent Board's principles (which we heartily agree). However, a sum of \$5,000 US may be available on loan at about five percent per annum—to help us build the College Annex. This sum is evidently far from adequate, and we must look to God to move His people here to give.

Meantime several zealous soul-winners at Life Church have requested the Session to start an Evening Bible Class. This request is

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favourably approved and committed to the College Committee to handle. The College Committee has since asked Rev Timothy Tow to offer two hours of lectures every week, commencing from July 1961. The subjects to be presented, after due consideration, are Old Testament History and Christian Doctrine. The former will open the students' understanding to the less-known Old Testament times and the latter establish him in the Faith that he will not only "be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh" (1 Pet 3:15) but also teach more authoritatively and intelligently the younger ones in Church, such as at the Sunday School hour. The two courses are chosen, indeed, with the training of Christian workers in mind. So if you feel a need for solid training in the Word of God in order to witness more effectively, come and join us from the very start. Indeed, every course to be taught at the College must be so taught as to inspire greater zeal in the students that they will break forth everywhere to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ.

It is the firm belief of the Interim College Committee that cooperation with our American Mission at this stage is essential to the sturdy development of a scholarly, fundamental theological school for this needy region of the Far East. And has not God indicated His approval by this faster than expected development?

THE FIRST TWELVE STUDENTS *(Malaysia Christian, July 1, 1961)*

It is gratifying to note that of the twelve readers who have applied to join the Evening Class of the Far Eastern Bible College, all are secondary school graduates except three, two of whom, however, are on the way to completion. Of those who have secondary school qualifications, one is a graduate of the Technical College, KL, two are at the Singapore Polytechnic, and one in the University. With the Bible College's aim at setting a high academic standard, this response of the first twelve is encouraging indeed.

But we still feel that more could have enrolled. We would like to encourage those of an older age group to join who have felt a call to serve the Lord more effectively. Let not the task of study frighten you. The yoke of Jesus is borne not by you alone. It is borne also by Him who will not only make it light but interesting. Why shouldn't it be when you

realise you'll be studying not some bemuddled human theory like evolution, but the glittering Revelation of the Word of God!

Indeed we have the splendid testimony of some serious-minded young people from Geelong, Australia who, though fully employed in the day, did persist through six glorious years to attend all the courses provided by the Reformed Theological College (four years if studying full-time). Here are the sentiments of Rev F De Vries one of the first graduates under the caption, "What my studies meant to me:"

It is quite the natural thing, so I always thought, that when one starts to study at a theological college, one has only a single aim in mind: to become a minister. I believe that this is a justifiable and understandable aim.

One year of College life, however was enough to make me wonder about the singleness of my aim. Perhaps the study in itself was worth going to College for. Before I had finished the courses, I knew that the Ministry was no longer my aim, but only the natural, though desirable result of my studies. The studies themselves had become the dominating factor in my life, and I would like to add, also in the life of my wife.

The more I studied, the more our lives became affected, and even influenced by my studies. The College, and everything that went with it, became the most dominating factor. And although I sometimes grumbled about it, at the same time I was happy to notice the influence which my studies exercised in my life. Not only that the average student becomes a much more knowledgeable man, after five or six years of study, but he becomes a wiser man as well. He learns when to speak, and when to listen. He knows when he is right, and what is at least as important, when he is wrong. And for this, I am grateful, to God in the first place, but also to the fine Christians, who, with word and example, made a man out of me.

That is what my studies meant to me—and I am thinking now of 1 Cor 13:11—they changed me, into a man.

You see, studying at the Bible College does not mean you are obliged to become a minister thereafter, but if the studies will make one as they did our Australian brother aforementioned, well and good! The point is that every consecrated Christian should not lose this opportunity of equipping himself or herself with a richer knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ through study of the Sacred Scriptures. If you are moved to join us, then register with us at Life Church, Monday July 3, 1961, 7.30 pm. "For who hath despised the day of small beginnings?" (Zech 4:10).

HOW EVERY READER CAN HELP US ENTER THE PROMISED LAND! (*Malaysia Christian, January 20, 1962*)

1962 for Life Church and the Far Eastern Bible College is the momentous year. 1962 is the year of concentrated, courageous action. 1962 is the year of triumphal entry into the Promised Land!

As you have read from last week's report: the Bible College Annex is expected to be completed in May. The Church should be finished by August. The Bible College has announced opening in September. The Church is preparing to enter the new House of Worship October 21, the 12th Anniversary Thanksgiving. This means the Bible College has but seven months and a few days to get ready, and the Church exactly nine months. 1962 is our year of concentrated, courageous action!



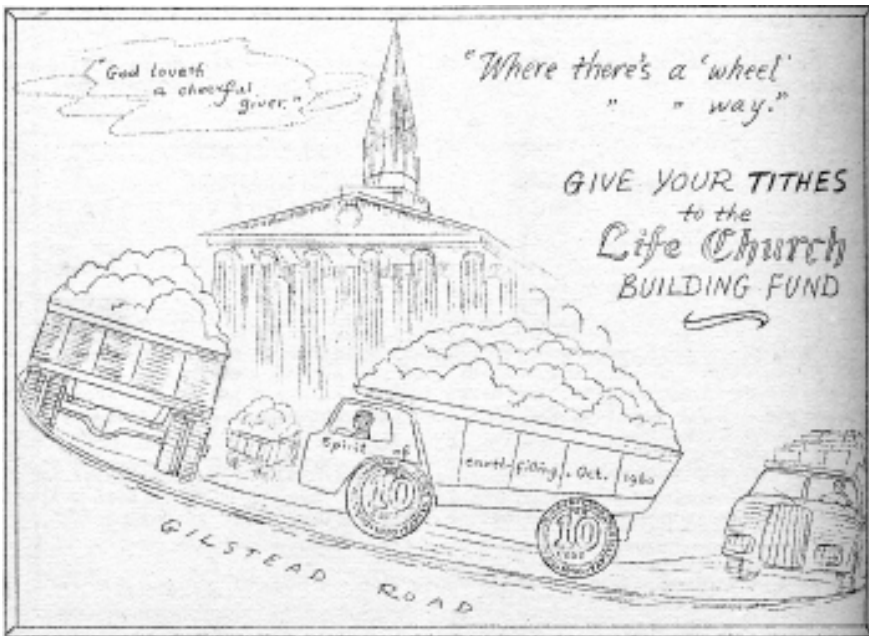
*Construction of Church building at
9 Gilstead Road, 1962*

Every church in our Bible-Presbyterian Church movement should see the importance of the Bible College as a school of prophets, from which future Christian workers will be training. Every church in our Bible-Presbyterian Church movement should feel highly honoured of the Lord to be invited to give to its support. All departments of our Churches, such as our Ladies Fellowships, Youth Fellowships, and our Sunday Schools, can help by giving to the Bible College.

As far as Lifers are concerned, their greatest privilege is the building of such a big, handsome, rectangular House in the centre of the Island State for the worship of all nations, and paying half the cost of

construction of the College Annex. As the Lord has prospered you to tithe and offer liberally in 1961, may His love constrain you to return Him even more this prosperous, peaceful year. Hear again ye faithful ones, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in my house and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Mal 3:10). "For God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (2 Cor 9:7-8). Your giving is between you and the Lord.

Having done our duty to exhort the immediate members concerned in the abovementioned projects, may we appeal to our Readers to help us enter the Promised Land? Occasionally a gift from some of you has come to cheer us along the way, during some weary week or some lean month. Now, apart from God and you our sympathetic friends, we have no other help!



Indeed, a Biblical title is given those who help out the cause of Jesus Christ, according to 3 John, as "fellow-helpers to the truth." Every Reader who contributes towards helping us enter the Promised Land at Gilstead

Road before the close of 1962 is indeed our “fellow-helper.” The Lord will also help you in time of need.

**THEOLOGICAL COLONIALISM (*Malaysia Christian,*
March 17, 1962)**

That the study of theology on the College level in Malaya hitherto has been received mainly from the hands of modernist professors is what we’d call “theological colonialism.” This anomalous plight might be compared with that of God’s people in Saul’s days when “all the Israelites went down to the Philistines to sharpen every man his share and his coultter, and his ax and his mattock” (1 Sam 13:20). As the Israelites were under the domination of the Philistines, so Bible-believing Malayan Christians, a great many, have been subjected to the teachings of modernism in some of the theological colleges.

However there is another type of theological colonialism, and that is the “self-imposed.” What do we mean by this? By “self-imposed colonialism” we mean (1) that erroneous notion that four or more years’ study is too laborious and a waste of time, and that a shorter course on bare fundamentals is sufficient to equip ministers of the gospel; (2) that erroneous notion that things theological can only be taught by the Holy Spirit and not at all by man with a school curriculum.

“Self-imposed theological colonialism” of the above descriptions is not to be found in St Paul’s mandate to the church. For, does he not exhort Timothy to carry on the fine tradition he has established—training faithful men to teach others? In 2 Tim 2:2 he says, “And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.” In verse 15 of the same chapter he adds, “Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

In St Paul’s teaching, theological training is to be received not only from the Holy Spirit but from consecrated men as well. Theological training is not to be simplified but rather to be “pursued with diligence” as the word “study” in the Greek means. We remember hearing the late Dr Graham Scroggie say how he wanted to resign after two years in the ministry because he was “run off his bobbin.” He studied diligently thereafter, became a doctor of divinity, and now leaves behind a wealth of

teaching material to the Church. The aim of the Far Eastern Bible College is to eradicate “theological colonialism” of whatever type.

We have blamed the modernist missionaries for not teaching the national church before World War II to give to its support. That was “ecclesiastical colonialism.” We have struggled to awake our people to the honourable responsibility that is ours of giving one-tenth to God and the attending blessings promised. By God’s grace, many of our members are tithing, or are beginning to give proportionately and regularly.

But we will remain ever a weak church if our people give only with an eye to our own church programmes, such as supporting the pastor and building the church. (Of course these are worthy causes.)

If our people have no broadminded vision as our Western brethren to extend giving beyond our own church programmes, we will be suffering yet from a new breed of an old disease we’d call “ecclesiastical colonialism self-imposed.” That is to say, we would remain a weak church and one colonised by our own selfishness! We make liberal provisions for every branch of our church activities, but only token ones for activities beyond our church. We should never be afraid of giving to other Biblically worthy causes. “Cast thy bread upon the waters, and thou shalt find it after many days” (Eccl 11:1).

Some of the immediate worthy causes beyond our own programmes as far as the Bible-Presbyterian Churches are concerned, are the Malaysia Pioneer Mission, and now the Far Eastern Bible College.

As to the MPM it was started exactly ten years ago, with the vision of Malaysia and lands beyond within its “mission-scope.”

Today, after a decade, God has trebled our giving and increased our strength to support in part four mission churches, and half a dozen Sunday Schools within a 50-mile radius. If there are more missionary-minded givers, we can greatly extend the lines of this work.

As to the Far Eastern Bible College, support is growing but individual gifts have come in small denominations from the lower-income group. While it is hoped that more will be derived from individual Christians, may we suggest that greater efforts be made by the bigger established churches morally linked to the Bible College. Ecclesiastical colonialism of whatever description should be deposed the sooner the better.

**BULLETIN ON THE FOUNDING OF THE FAR EASTERN
BIBLE COLLEGE (*Malaysia Christian, March 31, 1962*)**

Burden of Early Years and the Irresistible Hand of God

If there is one phrase to describe vividly the circumstances leading to the founding of the Far Eastern Bible College, it is “the irresistible hand of God.”

The idea of a Bible College first dawned on certain elders of Life Bible-Presbyterian Church in 1954 when the need of training dedicated Christians for the propagation and defence of the Gospel in these days of apostasy in the Far East was felt. That need became a burden which increased with the years, but it was not until 1959 that the proposal for a Bible College was presented before the Life Church Session. This proposal, however, was shelved, but as we wisely look back after the event, we can now see above the burden of early years “the irresistible hand of God.”

One year after the shelving of the proposal, God’s hour for the founding of the Bible College struck. Dr J Philip Clark, General Secretary of the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions, USA, visited Singapore, and seeing the same need as we for a Bible College for this part of the world, he offered to send missionary teachers to our help. A meeting of the Sessions of Life, Zion, Faith and Galilee Bible-Presbyterian Churches was convened in September 1960 to consider the offer, and the decision to establish the Far Eastern Bible College, God willing by Easter 1962, was unanimously taken.

Period of Preparation

After that historic meeting of the four Churches, a pro tem committee comprising Rev Timothy Tow, Rev Quek Kiok Chiang and Dr Tow Siang Hwa was appointed to study with Life Church the incorporation of an annex to the new church building project at Gilstead Road to house the Bible College. The committee was also charged with drafting the College constitution, curriculum and prospectus, and to receive donations and books from the Christian public. Over \$500 and about as many books from many parts of the world have been received through their hands.

In July 1961 a pre-College Evening Class was started at Life Church, Prinsep Street, with Rev Timothy Tow lecturing. This class has been functioning steadily since with a dozen students.

An Independent Institution

One ideal written into the constitution of the Far Eastern Bible College is its organisation as an independent institution. Although most of the directors are elected from the supporting Bible-Presbyterian Churches, the College shall remain independent of ecclesiastical control. It shall be governed solely by its duly elected Board of Directors.

The Doctrinal Basis and Teaching Emphasis

That the Far Eastern Bible College is solidly founded on the Holy Scriptures as the infallible and inerrant Word of God, and that its teaching emphasis will nurture students towards a balanced Christian outlook, may be seen in the following paragraph of Article III of the Constitution:

The system of doctrine contained in the Scriptures and expounded in the historic Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms shall form the basis of instruction in the College. The great Christian fundamentals, including the premillennial return of Christ, shall be faithfully taught. True piety is to be nurtured, and an attitude of devotion and constant prayerfulness inculcated. Christian doctrine is never to be divorced from Christian life, and Biblical separation from that which is unclean is both to be taught and exemplified. The College is to test all things by the Word of God, as carefully and prayerfully studied. It is to stress those matters that the Bible clearly and repeatedly presents, and to avoid giving undue importance to matters of doubtful interpretation. Fellowship with all who are loyal to the Scriptures is to be maintained, but compromise with any who reject its clear teachings is to be avoided.

Training to Meet Our Needs in the Far East

The curriculum of the College will emphasise an intensive training orientated to meet our needs in the Far East. A four-year course in the study of the Bible and theological subjects, based on the Greek and Hebrew, will further be supplemented by a cumulative study of one's vernacular, such as the Chinese language. And as Martin Luther has said that music stands next to theology, adequate attention will be given to musical education as well. Our aim is to train effective Christian workers to evangelise and minister to our multi-lingual communities.

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In order to profit students with the maximum training, teaching and preaching assignments will be prescribed from the outset of the first academic year. Most certainly, a College Evangelistic Band will be formed. As Charles G Finney says, "A man cannot learn to preach except by preaching." Fundamentalism while stressing vital spiritual life and the inculcation of evangelistic zeal should not neglect Biblical scholarship which is more needed today to defend the Faith against the subtle attacks of modernistic theologies.

DOUBLE STONE-LAYING SERVICE (*Malaysia Christian*, April 28, 1962)

Many of you who could not possibly come to the Double Stonelaying Service for the new Life Church and Far Eastern Bible College are awaiting this report!



A basic drawing of the new Life Church.



(The L-annex behind the new Church, housing parlance, classrooms and dormitories).

What could I say but praise Him again for His goodness? The mercies of the Lord upon this meeting were clearly evident from the good weather. Just before the hour of meeting I was coming down from Johore Bahru after sending Rev Knights to Batu Pahat. Heavy rain was pouring down to Bukit Timah, and drizzling to the 6th mile. The Lord kept the rain three miles out of bounds.

The Service was held in the half-completed hall of the College Annex. About 350 were in attendance. With Sister Olivia Lim at the organ, the congregation started off with a rousing singing of “We’re Marching to Zion!” Rev Quek Kiok Chiang invoked the Lord’s blessing upon the people, after which we sang Ps 84 in English. The Holy Scripture taken from 1 Pet 1:18-2:6 was read in Mandarin, Teochew and English respectively by Revs Cheng Sheng Chu, Heng Teck Im and Elder Tow Siang Hwa. The Life Church Choir echoed the Words of Scripture with “The Solid Rock,” and how all the more befitting as they stood beneath a bold streamer, “Jesus Christ Himself the Chief Corner Stone.” After this Rev Quek Keng Hoon, pastor of Life Church (Chinese) when I was a boy, prayed the pastoral prayer. I gave a short message of welcome and without need of introduction turned the meeting to Rev Paul Contento our honoured speaker.

Rev Contento reiterated his belief in the need of more Bible schools and colleges even in Singapore, and testified of unwavering support for the Far Eastern Bible College from the very beginning when it was but some bold idea. He prayed that God might someday raise up a Moody or a Wesley from the halls of the Bible College.

The laying of the stones, said Bro Contento, was a new experience. After seeing the concrete structure of both Church and College he said he felt quite sage in this new job! Elder Heng Mui Kiah presented the trowel for the laying of the Life Church stone and Elder Lee Tsu Hwai for the Bible College. The people responded resoundingly with the singing of the doxologies. Rev Quek Khee Swee gave the benediction.

Now I must not forget two other important items. We were very grateful to the teachers and pupils of Chin Lien Bible School for coming down en masse to sing for us, “How Great Thou Art.” We are also moved by the generous offering received from our members and friends, totalling exactly \$450.00. The Lord bless all those who have thought about Him and His kingdom and done many practical things too to make the occasion a success. The Lord give them peace.

“FOR WE CAN DO NOTHING AGAINST THE TRUTH, BUT FOR THE TRUTH”

Timothy Tow

No sooner had I arrived in America in January 1948 to study at Faith Seminary than there came a distinguished clergyman, Dr Carl McIntire by name, to speak at our chapel hour. He was none other than the President of the Board of Directors of the Seminary itself. The topic of his message was the need of a Twentieth Century Reformation, for the 16th Century Reformation which God gave to the Protestant Church through Martin Luther was now being undermined. It is a counter movement called the Ecumenical Movement. Organised as the World Council of Churches, this Movement is to unite all Protestants to return to Rome, the very undoing of our Protestant heritage.

Dr McIntire challenged young men like us to join the Twentieth Century Reformation Movement, soon to be organised as the International Council of Christian Churches, to separate from the World Council of Churches and to further contend for the Truth. I felt my heart “strangely warm,” in the words of Wesley. My heart was knit with his heart, like Jonathan’s to David’s. I became that day his disciple and have stood by him for more than half a century. This has given me an opportunity to contend for the Faith in all the continents by exposing the wiles of Ecumenism and defending His Word.

Satan hates God’s Word. From the very beginning he questioned God’s Word to Eve. “Yea, hath God said?” The Bible is the infallible, inerrant Word of God. Satan by planting error in its publication can therefore destroy the truth.

In the ICCC’s contending for the faith we were soon confronted with a new translation, the Revised Standard Version, in 1952. This translation by liberal theologians changed Isaiah 7:14, “Behold, a virgin shall conceive ...” into “a young woman shall conceive.” The miracle birth of a virgin is reduced to a natural birth by a young woman (which young

woman cannot conceive?) This strikes at the very heart of our Christian Faith. The ICCC's fight for the truth worldwide reduced the sales of the RSV.

When the NIV appeared in 1978, the translators took away three vital passages from its text—the story of the woman taken in adultery, the last 12 verses of Mark and the statement on the Holy Trinity (1 John 5:7, 8), according to Westcott and Hort. The publishers, knowing that if they are totally left out the public would not buy their product, put them in truncated form by drawing lines to separate them from the main text.

Dr McIntire would have exposed the NIV, but was surrounded by “fifth columnists” within the ICCC. This battle lost to the enemy helped the NIV to oust the KJV from her supremacy in one generation.

The NIV is not based on the Textus Receptus, the Traditional Majority Text, but on Westcott and Hort using the Codex Sinaiticus and Codex Vaticanus. Though oldest they are most corrupt according to Dean Burgon of Oxford in a 350-page book unanswered to this day.

There is another reason why Westcott and Hort must be rejected and that is the character of these men. It has lately been revealed these two men were friends of Darwin and Freud (called a Fraud in *The Straits Times*). They were modernists and liberals of the deepest dye. They called the Genesis account of the Fall a myth, and rejected the fundamentals of the Faith, such as the Virgin Birth, the Blood Atonement, the infallibility and inerrancy of the Scriptures, the miracles and resurrection of our Lord. They were secret worshippers of Mary. Westcott founded a Hermes Club in Cambridge which became infested with homosexuals. Later it became a Ghost Club for the study of spirits of the dead.

While McIntire missed to expose the corrupt text of Westcott and Hort in 1978, he succeeded in 1998 at ICCC's 50th Anniversary. Part of ICCC's Bible Resolution declares,

Whereas most of the modern versions are based upon the discredited and perverted Westcott and Hort transcription and not on the Textus Receptus (The Received Text) attested by scholars for over 300 years, from which the Authorised King James Version was translated by the greatest theologians and textual critics of the 17th century, England, who were academic critics indeed, in Hebrew, Greek and Aramaic and ...

Whereas this same King James Version has been used around the world by an overwhelming majority of Christian Clergymen, Evangelists, Bible

WE CAN DO NOTHING AGAINST THE TRUTH

Teachers, Missionaries and Youth Leaders to bring millions of people to have a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ for more than three centuries,

Be it therefore resolved, that the International Council of Christian Churches, assembled at the English Reformed Church in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, observing its 50th Anniversary, August 11-15, 1998, urge all Bible-believing Christians worldwide to use only the Authorised King James Version in their services and in their preaching ministry, and warn the followers of Christ against innumerable “new” Bibles which are not translations, but versions conforming to the personal bias and views of those who have originated them and who are profiting by commercial sales of such.”

The battle for Truth is an unending one. Far Eastern Bible College has advanced beyond the ICCC Bible Resolution to declare the Preservation of the Scriptures to be part and parcel of the Doctrine of its Inspiration. The Preservation of the Scriptures is declared in the Westminster Confession of Faith and in Ps 12:6, 7, “The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.” The pioneers of this rediscovered Truth are E F Hills, ThD (Harvard), a classmate of McIntire, Dr Otis Fuller, David Cloud, Dr D A Waite, Dr S H Tow, G Riplinger, not to forget the Trinitarian Bible Society and now the Faculty of FEBC with our friends Pensacola Christian College and Seminary, etc, etc.

Sad to say one of FEBC’s faculty has rejected the Preservation Doctrine that our Bible is fully intact. But God has raised up another to counter with the latest book, *Kept Pure in All Ages*.

And so the battle goes on. Seminaries all over the world take such a liberal view of truth that they are perpetrating Satan’s lies, knowingly or unknowingly. Those who hold the truth must counter them wherever they are met. This we have been doing for 40 years, and may God keep us faithful till Jesus comes again. “For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth” (2 Cor 13:8). Amen.

Message delivered by the principal at the 28th Graduation and 40th Anniversary of FEBC at Calvary Pandan B-P Church, May 5, 2002.

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THE FIRST YEARS

Ivy Tan (BTh '66)

Matron and Lecturer in Greek, Far Eastern Bible College



By the words of St Paul to Timothy, "... be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began" (2 Tim 1:8-9), I consecrated my life for full-time service at the Discipleship Camp, Sharon Woods, 1960. The Lord gave me peace and great joy of heart! There was no more struggle, but "the peace that passeth all understanding" pervaded my soul. With my will yielded to Him, my life began to be led on a new plane. The Lord turned my steps towards joining the Far Eastern Bible College which was then in the beginning stages of planning.

On September 17, 1962, the day of the opening of the FEBC, I arrived early at the college with two other students, Brother Eddie and Sister Sang Chiew, both of Batu Pahat. The building was completed but the supply of light and water was not connected yet. The workmen were still at the job. In the dormitories there were no beds, neither tables nor chairs, no, not even a stick of furniture. As we students stood in the corridors, I could not help but recall what the Lord said in Matt 16:24, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

Now if we indeed deny ourselves and take up the cross to follow Him, He will help us and supply all our needs! This spiritual lesson was

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taught to us by the principal from the first day. Day by day we were to see how the Lord manifested His goodness by sending through His children, beds, tables, chairs, blackboards, refrigerator, cooking utensils, and every article essential for the running of the college. We began to trust Him more.

For our academic training, the Lord sent us good teachers, though we had only two on the full-time staff. Rev Timothy Tow, the principal, taught the Old Testament, and Rev Peter Ng Eng Hoe, who arrived from America punctually on the day of the opening of the college, taught the New Testament. Apart from Greek and Old Testament History, we studied Homiletics, Bible Geography, New Testament Survey, Christian Education, Church History, English, Music, Personal Evangelism, and Chinese. Other teachers who helped to teach were Miss Ruth Fan, Rev Quek Kiok Chiang, Dr G D James, Dr G C Inches, and Miss Yap Ai Ting. The next academic year saw the arrival of Rev and Mrs John Grauley, missionary-teachers from the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions (IBPFM), USA. I enjoyed these studies from the beginning, although the work was not without tears. But the laborious processes were worth their while, for we were rewarded with the daily discovery of new gems of truth from the Word of God.

On the spiritual plane, I often met with struggles and setbacks. Life at the Bible College was by no means a bed of roses. The battle with Satan was to be fought here more fiercely than anywhere else. There were moments of dark discouragement, so that one was tempted to leave the college. But refuge was found in the Word of God, both in daily private devotions and at the daily morning chapel. The chapel hour was a source of comfort to me. How wonderful it is to be able to bring all our problems to Him and to hear Him speak to our hearts through His servants! The weekly church prayer meetings and the students' prayer meeting were further opportunities to unburden our problems before the Lord.

At the college a few work scholarships were given to needy students. These work scholarships were equivalent to our monthly dining club bills, which amounted to \$40. For my part, I was assigned the job of selling Bibles in the Bookroom, working in the library, as well as polishing and sweeping in the church. In the evenings we would do some gardening such as weeding and watering. Mailing the *Malaysia Christian* was another regular duty. In all these we were taught the virtue of earning one's living with one's hands (Acts 20:34). I still remember what the

principal said at the beginning of the college, "If you are willing to scrub the floor, God will have a place of service for you later on." The college stresses the importance of effective Christian service. Every student is attached to some branch of regular church or mission work. We are encouraged to speak at youth meetings, to teach Sunday school or to take part in open-air evangelism. As for me, I was teaching at both Life Church and Jurong Sunday School before joining the college. So no other regular assignment was given. One wonderful opportunity we received for our training since joining the FEBC was the formation of a gospel team to witness to the people in the Federation. Visits to such places like Batu Pahat, Muar, Batu Gajah, Penjom, Kuala Lipis, Temerloh, and the East Coast opened our eyes to the needs of the unevangelised, and increased my desire to learn Chinese, so that I might better speak to my own countrymen.

I think the most precious years of my life at the Bible College were the first years. Now as I look forward to graduation, my heart is full of gratitude to Him who called me into His service. I thank Him for the wonderful truths I have learned from His Word and I look forward to future opportunities to teach these truths to others.

After graduating from FEBC in July 1966, I married the principal, one year and three months after the departure of his first wife in a motor accident on the way to Cameron Highlands.

Rev John Grauley, missionary of the IBPFM, left the college for America in 1968. After some years I was appointed teacher of Elementary Greek. This post I have been holding to this day. Except for some periods of time when full-time cooks were employed, I have also been involved in cooking meals. The students assist me in many aspects and many have learnt the culinary art through being rostered for breakfast and dinner preparation duties.

Apart from college duties I also have been involved in the work of Life Church. This consists of running a Children's Choir of 50 which includes their worship. Besides this I have also been running a Ladies' Bible Class on and off throughout the years.

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ALWAYS IN MY HEART

James Chan (DipTh '67)

Pastor, Calvary B-P Church (Jurong), Singapore

The Far Eastern Bible College in its formative days had a very small student body but the lecturers were very dedicated to their ministry. The subjects offered were well rounded, helpful and provided a firm foundation for my ministry.

During my first year of study, I struggled very hard. However, as time passed the lectures became easier and I began to enjoy every subject taught. After four years of theological studies at FEBC, I graduated in 1967.

As I reflect upon what I have learned from FEBC, I thank the Lord and the faculty for training me to be what I am today. I have learned some precious lessons that have influenced me in my service for Christ. I learned to be a disciple for Christ from the morning chapel sessions before the lectures began. Some of those verses on discipleship are still ringing in my ears reminding me to follow the footsteps of Christ. Just to name a few: Mark 8:34, 35, 38, "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me ... For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it ... Whosoever therefore shall be



ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels;" Luke 9:62, "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

While studying in FEBC, I had the privilege of visiting many towns and villages in Malaysia with the principal who was also my pastor. There are many villages where the Gospel has never been preached. I prayed, "Lord, if you want me to be in any of these places, I am willing to go." So, upon graduation, I went to Kelapa Sawit and then to Jurong in Singapore and also to Thailand. My passion for missions came from my days in FEBC. Today, I am still actively involved in missions.

I learned the skill of studying the Word of God through Rev Dr John E Grauley. I enjoyed all his subjects and learned from the way he lectured and preached. There was never a dull moment. I learned a lot about Christian Education from Mrs John E Grauley. Her subjects helped me in many areas of church ministry.

Far Eastern Bible College is always in my heart and I will always remember the lecturers who have moulded me to be effective in the Lord's ministry. Thank you, FEBC. Praise the Lord!

FROM TEKONG ISLAND TO UKRAINE

Peter Tow (DipTh '69)

Missionary, Global Missions Partnership, USA

One night in 1958, as I was kneeling by my bedside, I made a vow to be a minister of the gospel when I grew up. I was 12 years old then but I knew I was doing the right thing. After all, at my birth, my parents dedicated me to God for full-time ministry. Even before I was 10, I often visited the Tekong Island Gospel Mission with my mission-minded parents. This chapel was supported mainly by the Chuen Kwang (True Light) Prayer Band headed by Mother. (In 1960, Life Church and the Evangelistic League took over this ministry.) The prayer band met early on Sunday mornings at the MacRitchie Reservoir to pray for the gospel work in Tekong Island and in other parts of the world. Strangely, I enjoyed accompanying my parents to these long Cantonese prayer meetings. As I was the only child present, I could not play but pray. It

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was at Tekong Island and at these prayer meetings that I first caught the vision for global missions.

When I was 16, I attended an ICY (International Christian Youth) camp. In response to Rev Peter Ng's challenge to offer oneself to the Lord for full-time Christian service, I readily stepped forward. In 1965, I began full-time studies at the Far Eastern Bible College. As the student body was much smaller than a youth fellowship, I felt at home immediately. During my first two years, there were only five to seven students in most of my classes (Chan Lay Seng, Peter Chua, Liu Hon Seng of Malaysia, Swee Thian Hoe, Suvanna Narmsithichoke of Thailand, Ivy Tan, and Peggy Yeo.) Like a family, we often did things together, such as eating around the table, pulling weeds, wiping pews, washing floors, sharing notes and enjoying lively times of sharing, discussion and fellowship.

During my days at the FEBC, we were also blessed with part-time students such as Dr Patrick Tan, Koh Kim Hiang and Goh Seng Fong. They are now serving the Lord full-time. Another part-time student, the late Chew Kia Song, who was a retired ACS teacher and member of the Public Service Commission board, was our English teacher. Although a senior citizen, Mr Chew was young at heart. I drove him home numerous times and was always amused by his many interesting stories.

Another added blessing during the early formative years of FEBC was having two American missionaries as our professors. They lived on the campus (one after the other). Occasionally, I visited Rev and Mrs John Grauley and their three lovely children. I always looked forward to playing basketball with Rev Grauley and other “Lifers” at the “hilltop mansion” next door. I remember once yelling out to him, “Rev Grauley, catch the rebound.” After that game with the Singapore Bible College team, he told me and other members of the Life Church basketball team, “Just call me ‘Moose’” (his college nickname). “Moose” was appropriate as he was large and 6’ 4” tall. But can you imagine calling your professor “Moose?” I also recall driving Dr and Mrs Synesio Lyra Jr to Penang and back during one of our school breaks. I learned many precious lessons about Christian ministry and life in general just from interacting with these and other FEBC lecturers. (In 1972, Dr Lyra officiated our wedding in Grand Rapids, Michigan.) Recently, the Grauleys wrote, “We still remember the two Christmases (’69, ’70) you spent with us in Wilmington.” Time has flown by, but thank God for lasting friendships.

The semesters of biblical languages and theology courses (Revs Grauley and Tow) and a host of other subjects which I took were certainly helpful towards my preparation for graduate studies and ministry. However, the courses which were of a more practical and useful nature, such as Chinese (Mr Charles Tsao), Modern Hebrew (Mrs Ben Asher), personal evangelism, and church music/song leading (Rev Philip Heng), missions (Dr Lyra), piano (Mrs Grauley), Bible geography (Mr John Tow) have been particularly helpful to my ministry till this day.

During holidays and some weekends, I went on missionary trips with the principal, Rev Peter Ng and a few other students to towns like Batu Pahat, Kelapa Sawit, Mersing, Muar, Jemaluang, and Temerloh. I learned much by doing different ministries and by observing others doing them. My two months of missionary work in Pokok Assam with Swee Thian Hoe were memorable and gave us a taste of missionary life. We stayed with the eccentric Mr Guneratnam who fed us iguana curry and spent an inordinate amount of time trying to convince us that immersion is the only biblical way to do baptism.

As I reflect on my 12 years of formal theological education, I am indebted to Dr Timothy Tow, for being the first to lead me to FEBC, who had taught me very well in the formative years of my ministry training. The tough academic standards and tougher grading system made graduate

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school in the USA look easy in comparison. Studying at the FEBC was a challenging experience not duplicated at the other four theological schools which I had attended.

From time to time, I visit Revs Timothy Tow and Philip Heng, my former pastors/professors. I thank God for their constant guidance and encouragement, especially in my teenage years at Life Church/FEBC, and for their decades of steadfast, sacrificial, untiring and inspiring service to our Lord. Dr Tow taught us to “expect great things from God; attempt great things for God” (William Carey). More importantly, he showed us how to do it by his exemplary ministry and life.

From 1974-1994, among other ministries, I taught in a Bible College and pastored three Chinese churches in the US. In 1993, while ministering in Russia for two weeks with some Chinese and Ukrainians, I responded to God’s call to become an itinerant evangelist and missionary to the former Soviet Union and other parts of the world. Upon leaving my pastorate in 1994, God led me to found Global Missions Partnership (GMP) and I was commissioned as a missionary by my church. Although my ministry focus is on Ukraine, the Lord has led me to do evangelism, nurture and leadership training ministries, and to promote global mission awareness in Australia, Canada, China, England, Germany, Holland, Hong Kong, Kenya, Spain, India, Poland, Russia, South Africa and Wales. Once a year or so, I do preaching ministries and promote global mission awareness in Singapore and Malaysia.

From my home base in San Jose, California, I travel to Ukraine four to five times a year. During the 130 years of turmoil and persecution in Ukraine, millions of Christians had been killed. Praise God, after 10 years of religious freedom, the Ukrainians are still receptive to the gospel. One of the most urgent and greatest needs today in Ukraine, a country of 50 million people, is the starting of more theological schools. Many young people are on the waiting lists to get in. After teaching for five years in two seminaries in Kiev, the Lord led me to start a “School of Leadership and Missions.” We have 40 students training for the pastorate and missionary work. GMP also organises evangelistic short-term mission trips to Ukraine, operates three youth centers, runs a soup kitchen, sponsors a summer evangelistic and leadership training camp, raises funds to sponsor and support indigenous churches and brings supplies including clothing, medicine, Bibles and books (such as donated theological works of Dr Timothy Tow) to churches and seminaries there.

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In 2001, we started the Kiev Chinese Bible Fellowship after twelve Chinese were converted at our Chinese gospel camp.

I thank God, my wife, Soon Meng and two daughters, Cheryl and Charlene, (20 and 17) who have always been supportive of my calling and work, and have gone twice to Ukraine in the past two years for ministry. As an extension of my ministry, I have also been serving as professor of Missiology and president of Christ Theological Seminary in Berkeley, California, since 2000.

Glory to God, because of the vision and mission passion of one, namely Dr Timothy Tow, the “son of a mother’s vow,” numerous people from different parts of the world have come to Christ through his personal ministry and the ministry of the many sons and daughters of FEBC scattered throughout the world.



WHY TRAVEL SO FAR TO SEE A SMALL FRY?

Liew Hon Seng (BTh '70)

Pastor, Peace B-P Church, Selayang, Selangor, Malaysia

It was on a hot afternoon at about 3 pm in 1965 that a 1600 cc Volkswagen parked itself in front of a village church in Ulu Langat, a small village in Ulu Selangor. Out of the car alighted three persons: two men and a woman. The woman was Miss Loo Sun, an evangelist from Penjom, Pahang. The men, one was stout and middle-aged, the other younger and tall. They were Revs Timothy Tow and Philip Heng.

Miss Loo introduced me to them. As a young Christian in a village church, I desired to go for theological studies. Thus, these two pastors came from Singapore to see me. They were the Liu Pei and Quan Yee of the “Spiritual Kingdom” who came to see me who was not at all the Choo Kuo Liang of Vo Long San. What had made them travel so far just to see a small fry?

Another incident was in 1986 when I recommended a Chinese press journalist who expressed a desire to be theologically trained. Rev Timothy Tow took a coach from Singapore to Kuala Lumpur to see him.

With these two incidents aforementioned, one can see how eager Rev Tow was to look for potential servants of God who would be trained for the work of God’s kingdom. May all glory redound to our Triune God.

CALVINISM HAS SOLIDLY ROOTED ME IN THE FAITH

Peter Chua (DipTh '71)

Pastor, Sharon B-P Church, Singapore

How long does it take to train a man? There is a Chinese saying that goes like this: “It takes a decade to plant a tree and it takes a century to train a man.” The training of a man is a long process. God often takes longer than we would in preparing vessels “meet for the master’s use, and prepared unto every good work” (2 Tim 2:21). I have always regarded my alma mater as a place where I can seek fellowship and spiritual support.

I thank God that I have been spiritually prepared, biblically grounded and humbly trained to work with my hands at FEBC. As I came to the college by faith, I had learnt how to depend upon God day by day for everything. God supplied my needs through the work of my hands.

Every day I had to spend at least two hours cleaning the church compound in order to pay for my food and accommodation. It was difficult and tiring work. But it was rewarding, as I soon learnt how to trust God for strength, endurance and provision.

I knew that it was God's sustaining love that enabled me to go through much physical, mental and financial hardship. If I had entered theological studies for some selfish ends, I would have found the cross too heavy to carry. The worship at the chapel each day proved to be of tremendous spiritual help and comfort to me.

The course I enjoyed most was the study of the *Institutes of the Christian Religion*. Some have categorised this course as something cold, academic and forbidding. As for me, the reading of Calvin's works revealed how deeply and warmly he writes and speaks of the things of God. The emblem of Calvin is a heart offered to the Lord. Through Calvin's teaching, my heart was warmed with love to serve and trust God in difficult times. I can say that I have greatly profited from what I have learnt. In more than 31 years of actual work as a pastor, I have been confronted with many problems. Had I not taken this course, I might not have been appreciative of the deep things of God which kept me in good stead for the ministry.

Realising that Calvin was a good theologian, I decided to go through the study of the *Institutes of Christian Religion* again. Such studying is like going through a ten-course Chinese dinner. The feast he spreads is so sumptuous, that it takes little effort to imbibe. My interest in Calvinism has solidly rooted me in the faith of our fathers, and I became firmer in my stand for Biblical separation and the reformed faith.

It was in the college that I ate and slept, lived and worked with fellow-students who today are leaders in our B-P Churches. "As iron sharpeneth iron," so in close communal living, we often rub off one another's rough edges and corners. This was part of God's training ground for me in the ministry. I have learned to be more patient, tolerant and forbearing. In this way I was trained to adapt myself to the foibles and idiosyncrasies that I encounter even among Christians in our churches.

One of the problems I faced was that I was always on the receiving end in college. I was like a camel storing up much Biblical truth. By contrast, in my present pastoral ministry, it is expected of me to give

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much of my time in preaching, teaching and counselling. I find both extremes rather difficult to balance.

Another problem is the problem of familiarity with sacred things. The constant study of theology or similar subjects may take the place of daily meditation and prayer. There was the constant danger of falling into the spiritual mechanical routine. Therefore, as a student I was constantly reminded that my relationship with the Lord in the college was vital. Students were required to spend much time in honest devotion to the will of God and in personal meditation of God's Word.

I had the privilege of being taught by Rev Timothy Tow. His personality and methods of teaching were very much different from the rest. I had the opportunity to accompany him in his ministry in the Malaysian churches. This gave me a chance to observe him counselling, conducting meetings, preaching, witnessing and responding to crises. Sometimes, I was also given a small part in the programme or was asked to preach. Some of the best times I had were during the journeys to and from the place of ministry when he shared the truth that went deeper into my soul. He has taught me to give of my best and God will take care of the rest.

I can testify that whatever sacrifice I have made in the pastoral ministry, my wife and I have been compensated by the Lord. With praise and thanks to God, my daughter was awarded a scholarship to study at Brown University, and my son obtained good results at NUS. “Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it” (1 Thess 5:24).

“MAN PROPOSES, GOD DISPOSES”

Yusniar L (CertBS '75, DipTh '96)

Women’s ministry, Gereja Kristus Rahmani Indonesia, Jakarta

It was in January 1993 that I rededicated my life to full-time ministry. With a heavy heart, I came to FEBC. The Lord called me through Mrs Tow. It began when I met her during the inauguration service of Betania B-P Church of Medan in November 1992. Despite the plan I had made to study in a school of ministry for lay preachers in Medan, the Lord directed me to Singapore to further equip myself. I doubted at first. How could I leave my little children for so long? This was the struggle in my heart. But Matt 19:29 spoke to my heart all the more with each passing day, echoing in my ears, and I could not stop it. So after much praying I made up my mind. I responded to the call and entered FEBC.



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I had studied in FEBC for a year and a half back in 1974. In 1993, I went back to campus after 18 years. It was not easy for me to grasp the lectures since my English had deteriorated much by then. Everything seemed so difficult especially when I was no longer young in age. But praise the Lord, He was and is ever faithful. When He calls, He also enables. Eventually I was able to cope with my studies.

I should say that the three years of studies in FEBC had opened my eyes to see that not all the so-called Christians teach the truth. Many were being drawn by liberalism and modernism. Thank God that FEBC and the B-P Church have remained firm on the inerrant and infallible Word of God without compromise.

Spiritually, I also have many experiences that I would like to testify. But it is not possible to mention one by one due to limited space. I would just mention some of them, namely, prayer meeting before morning chapel, evangelism every Wednesday, and fellowship with the students from various countries including daily activities in the college were all blessed times of learning together.

It was indeed a special privilege to be in FEBC. Praise the Lord I was one of the chosen few. Soon after graduation in November 1995, I was sent home and began my ministry in Jakarta in 1996. Now, I am serving among women groups and also helping in the Gereja Kristus Rahmani Indonesia. Thank God for calling me and sending me to serve Him in my own country.

I am indebted to my principal and matron, Rev and Mrs Tow, who gave me a second chance to study in FEBC. They taught me not only God's Word but also many things about life. Not forgetting all my lecturers and fellow students who in many ways were very helpful, and especially Life B-P Church members who generously supported me both in prayer and finance, which made my study possible; I would like to thank them all.

Thank you FEBC for the sound doctrine you taught me. May the Lord bless you to train many more servants of God till He comes again. Once again thank you all for everything. Amen.

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MY TRAINING IN FEBC

Linda P Kwee-Harlim (BTh '75)
Gereja Kristen Indonesia, Netherlands

My training in FEBC has given me profound theological principles for defending the faith, and awareness of the diverse interpretations of the Bible in this age of apostasy.

My regards to Rev and Mrs T Tow. My ministry: (1) Representative of the Gereja Kristen Indonesia Nederland in speaking out against sexual abuses in the church. (2) Music ministry (choir, and church service accompaniment). (3) Member of the Sunday school commission. (4) Member of deacons' commission.

GOD'S GRACIOUS PRIVILEGE

Brutus Balan (BTh '78)
Pastor, Faith Baptist Church in Hobart, Tasmania

*'A school of prophets,
Not a school for square hats.'*
*A holy principle,
Oft told by the founding principal.*
*A 'Far Eastern Bible College'
God's gracious given privilege.*
*A beacon in the east,
Calling the best of the least.*
*Each according to ability,
In holy humility.*
*Every young boomer,
And even the late bloomer,
with equal opportunity.*
*Side by side, to truth abide,
Head and heart, to Christ impart.*
*To shine bright, upright,
In a world gloom and doom.*
*Of Christ, His cross the cost,
To save the lost.*
*His 'prophets' to shout,
Without a doubt.*

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Hence are taught,
 Why we are blood bought.
To sound out to the lost estate,
 To stand up to the apostate.
The heretic to confront,
 The 'wise' to confound.
Without fear or favour,
 But to please the Saviour.
God's purpose and mystery,
 In life now history,
A phase of life,
 Filled with fondest memory.
Of cheers and tears,
 Laughter and learning.
Sharpening iron with iron,
 And sparks oft flyin'.
Setting ignorance burning,
 And mind refining.
The man, raised in a divine moment,
 To trail a sublime movement.
In the east to bless,
 Now even to the rest.
His faith, without fame,
 His fight, seeking not name.
Humble and meek,
 A life simple not sleek.
Wise and nice, warm and calm,
 An exemplary balm.
Inspiring the aspiring, to be unflinching, uncompromising,
 To God's Word untiring.
To stand in the gap,
 In the last time lap.
Praise the Lord for what was sown,
 Even my faith in the Word since grown.
Through this man of God, now made known,
 To whom I thankfully owe,
 my mentor, tutor – Timothy Tow!



I studied in FEBC from 1974-1978 graduating with a BTh, and am presently pastoring Faith Baptist Church in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia, 1991 to 2001. Finishing here, we will be moving north to the mainland, probably Brisbane, Queensland next year (DV). We are now seeking the Lord's leading for a ministry there.

Our son, Joel is 25 years old serving as a medic in the Australian army based in Brisbane. He is just about to finish his deployment to East Timor for 6 months, with the UN peacekeeping force. Our daughter, Talitha, is 22 years old.

My studies at FEBC is the most significant and cherished event in my life and Rev Timothy Tow has my highest esteem and respect for his faith and simplicity. May the Lord keep FEBC to the noble principles of its founder until the Lord returns; not in mere pursuit of scholarship but teaching God's highest truth to the humblest "prophet" as the Lord enables His chosen ones to obey His high calling.

THE BULWARK OF THE B-P CHURCH

**Tan Eng Boo (DipTh '78, BTh '92)
Pastor, Grace B-P Church, Singapore**

I studied in FEBC in 1975-1978. Those were precious years of learning God's Word. This college has never failed to impress upon its students the importance of God's Word. The Bible has always been held high. I have learned to treasure the Bible in my own life as I got to know the Word better.

College days can be very theoretical and academic. What we have been taught must be put into practice. You will be surprised that this can be done. I was determined to do my devotional time regularly every day, without fail. This is most crucial for my own spiritual life. I know of students who struggle in this area. I know some students do not even do their quiet time. I know that my life has been greatly blessed of the Lord because I was determined to seek Him first every day.

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Getting along with everyone in the college was not that easy. I remember I almost got into a fight with one brother. Thank God that today, we are the best of friends in the ministry together. Living together taught us to be tolerant towards one another. Some of my

best friends today are from those days. Most of them are now pastors. I learned to be humble and to help others. We learned to help those who do not have enough money. We learned to share and pray for one another. I had a group of faithful prayer partners in the college who would meet every day for sharing and prayer. Such a group was an encouragement to me.

In those days, I also remember going out for evangelism every Wednesday afternoon. It was a struggle to do this work, as the temptation to stay back and complete an assignment or to study for a quiz was so strong. Although this task was not so popular, yet we could see students taking time off to go out and share the gospel. The Lord rewarded them with souls.

College days can be very practical too. All it takes is for the student to apply God's Word diligently in his or her own life.

The Far Eastern Bible College has been the bulwark of the B-P Church since it started in 1962. We, who have been trained in this college, are always grateful to God for the principal and lecturers who loved the Word of God and taught it faithfully and fervently.

Since graduating from FEBC in 1977, I have been ministering in Grace B-P Church. I was ordained in 1981 and have been the pastor of this church since. Thank God for using Grace Church to establish Shalom B-P Church and also Gethsemane B-P Church. We also have been conducting a Mandarin/Hokkien service since 1978.

GOD USED ME DESPITE MY MANY WEAKNESSES

Ng Sang Chiew (DipTh '82)

Preacher, Kelapa Sawit B-P Church, Malaysia



I thank the Lord for giving me this opportunity to share with you. I would like to congratulate my alma mater on her 40th Anniversary.

God is gracious. Forty years ago, on September 16, 1962, the Lord brought me to FEBC. I still remember it was on September 17 that our principal, Rev Timothy Tow, taught the first lesson on Ps 34:10 to three young students. They were sister Ivy Tan, who is now Mrs Timothy Tow, the matron and lecturer of FEBC, brother Eddie Chan and myself.

Praise and thanks be to God our gracious Heavenly Father for raising up Rev Tow to be our principal, lecturer, as well as spiritual father since that time until now.

I started to serve the Lord as a lady preacher in 1966-1970 in Naval Base preaching station in Chong Pang Road, Sembawang. In 1969, I was sent by the Presbytery of the Singapore Presbyterian Church to Malacca to help a new preaching station for three months.

In 1970, after recuperating from my gastric problems and stomach ulcers, God allowed me to serve in the Fisherman of Christ Fellowship until June 1978.

In July 1978, with the help and kindness of Rev and Mrs Timothy Tow, I joined FEBC to take a rest. At the same time, I studied Greek, Hebrew, Music and other subjects, and served in Life Church Chinese service as a student.

In 1980, Rev Edward Paauwe led a gospel team to Malaysia and Indonesia. I joined the team to serve together with five other brothers and sisters. Before the mission trip, Rev Paauwe sent me to teach a Sunday School Teacher Training (SSTT) class in Kelapa Sawit.

In 1982, God called me to Kelapa Sawit. I was touched by one chapel message given by Rev Tow: "Those who love the Lord, let him go

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to Kelapa Sawit.” So I served in Kelapa Sawit till June 1996. Due to poor health, I returned and stayed in Singapore but I continued to go back to Kelapa Sawit, Air Bemban and Bukit Batu to help in many ways.

During these forty years, God has trained me, moulded and used me despite my many weaknesses. Just like what the Lord said to the Apostle Paul, “My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness” (2 Cor 12:9).

Rev Tow and all the lecturers in FEBC have influenced me much. First of all, I learned the lesson of faith in Mark 10:27, “With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.” Therefore, God gave me the courage and strength to stay in the churches alone.

Secondly, I learned the lesson of wisdom. As you know, my IQ and EQ are not very high, and I have to learn many practical and spiritual lessons the hard way, yet God is our source of wisdom. Whenever I encounter problems, I will pray to the Lord for help as instructed in the book of James, “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him” (Jas 1:5).

Thirdly, I learned the lesson of love. In 1 Cor 8:1 Paul says, “Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth.” Truly, there is no fear in love. Love is the shortest way. Love can cover all sins. We must not only love those who are lovable, but also those who are unlovable, because God is love.

Fourthly, I learned the lesson of humility. John Calvin says: “Humility, humility, humility.” Jesus says in Matt 11:28-30, “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Last but not least, I learned the lesson of obedience. The chorus goes, “Trust and obey, for there is no other way, to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.” Humanly speaking, we would like to have our own choice, to have our own way; but God’s way is the best. Isa 55:8 says, “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.” Unless I surrender my all to the Lord, He will not bless

me. Once I surrender my all and accept what He has planned for my life, I have peace and joy for He is the Sovereign God. Rom 8:28 says, “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”

When I look back at my 62 years, I marvel at how God had saved me, called me and made me, a humble farm girl, to become a teacher and a preacher. Yes! Phil 4:13 says, “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”

Since I was sick in March last year, Life Church’s pastors, preachers, brothers and sisters have often taken me to see the doctors. On August 2, I started to live in Ling Kwang Home. I want to express my heartfelt thankfulness to the Lord for the support of Life Church, and all my brothers and sisters in Christ who came to help me in time of need.

Do pray that God will give me a good memory and concentration in reading and listening. Please pray for God to heal me of the pain I feel in my bones, nerves and ligaments. I also need more strength to walk steadily.

I am praying for FEBC. May God use FEBC to train more disciples for His Kingdom. Please continue to pray for my health and my spiritual life. I aspire to glorify and serve the Lord in my remaining days. Please pray for the salvation of my 92 year-old mother, Madam Yeo Shok Huay, and the rest of my family members. Do pray for Rev and Mrs Quek Kiok Chiang, and all the staff at Ling Kwang Home. Do pray for the non-Christians there that I can continue to help them to know the Lord Jesus. I have tried to give out Bible and spiritual resources, tracts and books, such as *John Sung My Teacher*.

I also assist in playing the piano in the English Devotional Group on the second Thursday and Friday mornings when the pianist is away. It is a joy to hear the residents tell me, “I can sleep in peace now after you have taught me to pray.”

Let us encourage one another to serve God continually just like what Paul says in 1 Cor 15:58, “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.” May we look forward to see our blessed God who will reward us with the praise of “Well done, thou good and faithful servant.”

THIS WAS THE LORD'S DOING

Peter Clements (BTh '83)

Pastor, Cootamundra Bible Fellowship, NSW, Australia

How a farm boy from Australia became a student at FEBC is a story in itself. Sufficient to say this was the Lord's doing, and one of the most remarkable pieces of guidance I have experienced in my entire Christian life.

Whilst the Apostle Paul studied at the feet of Gamaliel, and later on somewhere out in the Arabian wilderness, I was privileged to learn at the feet of Rev Timothy Tow in the relatively salubrious surroundings of FEBC.

Despite having completed two years of Bible College in Australia, FEBC proved to be a whole new (and valuable) learning experience. Not too many churches and colleges in Australia were articulating the issues which were foundational at FEBC. I happily reverted to the King James Bible after analysing the textual issues which were at stake.

Australian churches were embracing the charismatic movement which was a relatively new thing in those days. But at FEBC I saw the real danger of this contemporary movement. It was a unifying force for Protestant and Roman Catholic Churches, not simply a trendy form of worship.

Alarm bells rang when Billy Graham visited and approved the state controlled churches in USSR in the late 70's. That prepared me somewhat for the revelation that Dr Graham was an ecumenist, a promoter of co-operative evangelism, the RCC, new evangelicalism ... and that was just the beginning. As I read the material on Dr Graham, I knew I could no longer support his ministry—a position which put me off side with many friends and supporters back in Australia. Some wrote complaining I was attacking the Lord's anointed. Few if any, took time to examine the evidence themselves.

Having completed the BTh at FEBC in 1983, I returned to Australia to what was claimed to be an invigorated Presbyterian Church. All too soon I was at loggerheads with the faculty at the theological college, and later with the Presbytery. In the midst of a time of fiery persecution, I returned to Singapore for the annual pastor's conference. It was during this time that I met a charming Australian FEBC student named Anne



Gradussov. In the providence of God we were engaged several months later, and married in June 1987.

Together we completed almost all of 10 years with the Presbyterian church, before resigning in 1997 to found the Cootamundra Bible Fellowship. The Lord has now blessed us with 6 children, and a congregation of people who understand the need to “earnestly contend for the faith.”

Of course we see this as the Lord’s doing, and we give the praise and glory to Him. But it would be unfair not to add that it was FEBC and the B-P Churches of Singapore which gave us the grounding to enable us not only to stand, but go forward for the faith in these perilous times. To God be the glory!

SINGAPORE, O SINGAPORE

**Anne Clements (nee Gradussov) (CertBS '87)
Pastor’s wife, Cootamundra, NSW, Australia**

*Singapore, O Singapore,
Saving faith was found on thy shore.
Amid the hustle, bustle and toil,*

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*of making money upon thy soil.
'twas there I saw my wretched state,
'twas there my sin I came to hate,
and down upon my bended knees,
the Saviour answered my crying pleas.
He lifted me out of my miry pit,
and set my feet upon a solid rock.
He guided me to Newton hawker centre for tea la,
where I met Andy from Indonesia.
To find a Church had been my prayer,
from Novena my hungry soul he did spare.
What was that, LIFE Church you say?
Why between home and work, it's just halfway.*

*And so my footsteps came to Life B-P,
the last seat, last pew ... straight off I'd flee.
An Ang Moh amongst a sea of Asian,
but my Aussie offering got a mention!
Andy and Yanni I came back to see,
by helping her (with exercise) God was really helping me.
Roska came to help me sing,
RPG notes, study guides and articles thrown in,
refuting the ungodly evidence for evolution,
I'd tried to swallow in my university education.
FEBC students from Indonesia,
grounded me in following our precious Saviour.
O, how I hungered and thirsted for more.
So back I kept coming, to Life's open door,
to Sunday School I came to learn with the littlies,
but what a surprise to find all ages—even eighties!
FEBC chapel hour with Jung and Evelyn,
then off to Goldhill Square, to Dynami, till 7 or 11...*

*Then one-day God's word I heard,
calling me to follow the Lord.
I'd been sharing my flat with Bob, Hugo and Kerry,
life with them had been quite merry.
But since the Lord had come into my heart,*

*of nightclubs and dancing I wanted no part!
Patiently I waited to see Pastor,
for he was up country in Malaysia.
Formerly worry would make me quite sick,
as for 10 years I was anorexic then bulimic.
But like a baby fed by its mother,
the Lord fed me, and I got better.
Well, pastor listened to my story,
then offered me a place in the girls' dormitory.
I January 1984 found me outside FEBC dorm,
my new home my friends did scorn:
"Are you becoming a nun?"
"You'll never get married, or have any fun!"
Even my mum took fright and took flight.
She flew to Singapore, to see if I was all right.
The life at LIFE and FEBC made its impression,
the work of the Gospel was obviously their mission.*

*FEBC—my Alma Mater, school of my faith:
Korean, Indonesian, Chinese, Japanese, Indian, Malay,
African, Thai, Filipino, Burmese, Taiwanese
and Australian, students together, praying with ease.
I had two degrees in "mosquitology" (Physical Education),
but studying Greek, OT History, and Systematic Theology,
was more demanding than anything I'd ever done,
but it was a race that had to be won!
Not for a degree, but that I know Thee ,
I studied and prayed and went for evangelism,
not for the credits, but that unbelievers make the decision,
to repent and turn from their own way,
to rise up forgiven, going His way.
Of first year, Michael Koech said, "She's always weeping,"
at a film, at worship, prayer meeting, any meeting.
The Lord was cleansing and teaching my soul,
renewing my mind and making me whole.
On leaving he said he'd never seen anyone so joyful in the Lord.
Praise God its what He does through His Word.*

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*One Saturday morning with Mrs Tow and the FEBC girls,
over breakfast discussing what the future unfurls.
At last it was my turn, “What will she be”?
Missionary? Can la—eats lots of hot chilli.
“Pastors wife?—Got such a big nose, who’d marry she?”
Peter Clements got a big nose, maybe he?
Kayoko, you introduce her at the “Hall of Fame.”
So how? Months later he was more than a name—
A year later married in Perth B-P.
Then off East (NSW) to battle for Thee,
as a pastor’s wife in Cootamundra.
The LORD has kept me from going under!
Fourteen years have fled, six children resulting,
Praise God for the foundation of our FEBC training.
'Tis not easy to stand for the Lord in these days,
of ecumenism, apostasy, liberalism and evil ways.
But the foundations laid at FEBC are deep and strong,
the teaching for us both keeps us keeping on.*

THE WORD THAT MAKETH ME

**Robert Yeo (DipTh '83)
President, The Helping Hand, Singapore**



I was no typical Holy Joe. In fact, I was no better than a scallywag. As a drug addict, my life was in turmoil. That was all I did 24 hours a day, seven days a week. My days were full of dander and shenanigan.

Yes, I humbled myself for help at the Opium Treatment Centre on St John’s Island in 1973. But it was not much of a help. I went in and out of the centre no less than four times. However, it was here that I encountered a few Bible college students and a pastor who helped me see the light. Although I stumbled several times and gave in to my Achilles’ heel, I finally ended up doing God’s work in the fourth world mission field.

The Far Eastern Bible College has churned out well-equipped and properly armoured Christian soldiers for their respective battles in life. I myself have been moulded to be quite well-versed and fully informed in every aspect of the Bible—the Sword of the Spirit—that needs to be wielded in the mission field where danger awaits.

I consider it an honour to have spent three years (1980-1983) of my life in FEBC to study God's Word. Since then, God has really lifted me up to greater heights in fulfilling His purpose in my life.

In FEBC I received a vision to start a mission. I wanted to be used by God to help drug addicts. I started the Helping Hand. It has been 15 years since the Helping Hand first opened her doors to those who are considered bad hats in society. The Helping Hand has extended her vision and mission to as far as Cebu, Philippines, in the House of Hope. Helping Hand also has a branch in Batam, Indonesia, called *Uluran Tangan*. By God's grace and providence, we hope to acquire a permanent place for these two ministries. Both ministries are using rented property. We would like a place we could call our home. We trust the Lord to supply all our needs, not on demand, but in His own good time. God has manifested His power and love through these ministries. Many lives have been touched and transformed through our programme that is offered freely.

These halfway houses will always be a reminder of how my biblical knowledge of God's Word played a vital role in my ministry. It will never be easy for me to forget this turning point in my Christian life. True, it is never too late to mend. And God mended my life. He transformed me. His Word took root in my life and became a pedestal for me to stand on. I am grateful. The things I have learned from my studies at FEBC have helped me in my journey through life, and developed me into a man of wit. And I am not alone. So many lives have been changed by the Lord's saving grace and mercy.

FEBC started as an evening school with only three students and two teachers. Now, after 40 years it has produced hundreds of men and women who take the power of the Gospel with them to different parts of the world. We all have blossomed like a tulip's first bloom after an April shower. We have spread forth and reached out like a vine's tendrils, even to far places. And God has never departed from us in all these holy ventures. He has gathered us together in His warm and loving arms, like a mother swan her cygnets.

**CALLED FROM DARKNESS TO SALVATION
AND SERVICE**

Stephen Masila (BTh '83, MDiv '00)

Academic Dean, Bible College of East Africa, Nairobi, Kenya

In Gal 1:15-16 we read these testimonial words of the Apostle Paul, “But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother’s womb, and called me by his grace, to reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood.” These glorious words were instrumental in my divine call. I was graciously called to salvation in 1971. Before this, I had gone to church as any other churchgoer would, yet without the regenerating and redemptive work of salvation in my wicked, deceitful, depraved, sinful heart. It was not until that one Sunday morning in 1971, when after hearing the word of God during Sunday school, that by the enabling grace of God, I trusted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour. I believe that He loved me, died for me, and paid the penalty of sin for me on the cruel cross of Calvary. I can remember well the place where I sat and confessed with my mouth and believed with all my heart the Lord Jesus Christ. Ever since that morning, the Lord not only gave me eternal salvation but also joy unspeakable.

After my salvation, I fervently continued to serve the Lord in the choir and later on as a Sunday School Teacher. It was on April 29, 1976 when the Lord spoke personally to me through Gal 1:15-16. Ever since I was saved I had had a deep conviction and desire that one day I would



serve the Lord. But when and where, I did not know until that date. When I shared my conviction with my father, he graciously responded by saying, “I knew that in your life you would either be a teacher or a pastor.”

I praise the Lord He enabled me to do both. I thank the Lord for calling me out of the desperate darkness of sin into His salvation and service. Jer 1:5 tells us that Jeremiah was keenly aware that God’s purpose for his life had been determined by the Lord even before his conception in the womb. As God’s word became a reality in his life, the prophet Jeremiah understood that God knew him and had called him to proclaim His Word in a critical and challenging point in time in the history of the nation. The word “knew” refers to an intimate knowledge that stems from a personal relationship and commitment. That intimate relationship was made apparent in God’s sanctifying grace and work whereby Jeremiah was “set apart” for special service.

After obediently responding to God’s call, I studied at the Bible College of East Africa from 1976 to 1979. In 1980, the Lord opened the door for me to go to Far Eastern Bible College, Singapore, where I studied most profitably for three years. In July 1983, I returned to my country, Kenya, where I served as a pastor-teacher with Africa Church. By God’s sustaining grace, I was the principal of Africa church Fundamental Bible Institute. In 1992, I left Africa Church to join the faithful teaching faculty of the Bible College of East Africa in Nairobi. After teaching for six years, the Lord graciously granted me an opportunity to return to FEBC for further studies in 1998. In the year 2000, I graduated with an MDiv, and went back to BCEA where I am now pastoring and teaching. I praise the Lord for His providence in giving me the golden opportunity and privilege to be fully and faithfully trained in FEBC. Thank you, my mentors. God bless FEBC. God bless the lecturers of FEBC. God bless the students of FEBC.

Thank you Lord for calling me from darkness unto salvation and service in Your kingdom.

NOT BY CHANCE

Setsuko Takashima (DipTh '84)

Evangelist, Kobe, Japan



Rom 8:28 says, “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.” Exactly what the Word of God has promised, all things have worked together for good in my life.

First of all, I wish to mention my meeting up with Miss Kimiko Goto at Oncho Church. Something had happened in Suginami Church which I attended every Sunday, so I went to Oncho Church. Miss Goto was a student of Sekei Seminary and a member of Oncho Church. I am also a graduate of Seikei Seminary and was present at the graduation ceremony of Miss Goto. I believe it was not by chance that I met with Miss Goto.

I graduated from Keio University’s Correspondence Course in the Spring (March) of 1975. I had acquired some knowledge of English when I worked as a maid for an American missionary in Kobe. Since my English was poor, I wished to study English. I often prayed that I might be able to study abroad someday. I went to America in August of 1978 although I knew at that time that my wish to study in America was a prize beyond my reach.

My pastor and Miss Goto’s pastor were classmates at the Seminary.

After Miss Goto left Japan, I got extra money besides my usual income. I had vowed to God that I would offer to Miss Goto half of my

extra money. A group called “Encouraging Miss Goto” was organised, but the offering for her was so little in the earlier days. She replied my first letter to her. I could do little for her, but she was so grateful to me, and invited me to go to Singapore.

I was there from December 25, 1978 to January 8, 1979. I stayed in the FEBC. While I stayed at FEBC, I came to realise that it was very important to have friendship with the Chinese. En route, I had stayed in Hong Kong for two nights, and I felt that the Chinese people might hold the key to the future of Asia. Moreover, it turned out that FEBC is founded on Calvinistic doctrine. I thought this College was suitable for me. And I had a mystical experience when I was there. It confirmed to me that I should be there again.

After I returned to Japan, I realised that the encounter with Miss Goto was indeed God’s guidance. I studied at FEBC from January 1980 to March 1984.

After I returned from Singapore to Kobe, Japan, I started a children’s evangelism ministry. I began handing out tracts to children since January 1986, and this ministry continues on till today. My address: 209-8 Mune, Tamatsu Tekkin, Akebono-Cho 1070, Nishi-ku, Kobe 651-2134, Japan.

“SKETCH & TELL”

Lim Hai Seng (DipTh ’84)

Christian artist, Sketch & Tell, Australia



After my theological studies at FEBC, I gained an understanding of covenant theology, Calvinism, and “Come out from among them,” ie, Biblical separation from unbelievers.

I have also benefited from Rev Dr Timothy Tow’s preachings, teachings and writings which are also exemplified in his life-calling as the founder of the B-P movement in Singapore. His talk is seen in his walk!

The Lim family comprises Calvin, Poh Lin, Judith and Hai Seng.

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My calling to gospel missions: 1976-1980: Missionary on board MV Logos. 1984-1986: Youth ministry at Gereja Grace, Batu Pahat, Malaysia. 1988-1993: Full-time at Bethel B-P Church, Melbourne. Since 1994: Launched freelance missionary work as “Sketch & Tell” artist and cartoonist in Melbourne, Adelaide, and Southeast Asia.

Living next door to Monash University Clayton campus opened an opportunity to reach out with a ministry of hospitality to an international student community.

I also minister the Word of God to the “Golden Oldies” at Strabane Aged Care Home which is a gospel outreach of Ebenezer B-P Church, Melbourne.

I am a short-term missionary of Hope B-P Church, Adelaide, and Ebenezer B-P Church, Melbourne.

SWEET MEMORIES THAT CANNOT BE FORGOTTEN

Kimiko Goto (BTh '85)

Lecturer, Aletheia Theological Institute, East Java, Indonesia

When I look back at those days at FEBC, I cannot help but praise the Lord who had guided me to FEBC, and given me the wonderful opportunity to study the truth and to have fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ for several years.



I graduated from a Bible college in Japan in 1973. I had a sense of calling to be a missionary, but at that time I did not know where my mission field would be. I waited for His guidance to open a door to serve Him abroad while I worked at a certain Christian organisation in Japan. After waiting for 3½ years, I was introduced to a Taiwanese pastor who was serving in Singapore at the time. His name was Rev Tai Po Fu, and he was a good friend of Rev Timothy Tow. Rev Tai wrote to me that there were many Japanese in Singapore and that there were wonderful opportunities for me to serve them. When I read his letter, my heart was so moved that I felt the Lord calling me to serve Him in Singapore. In his letter he mentioned that he had told Rev Tow about me, and that I might be received as a student of FEBC and at the same time be allowed to serve the Japanese people through the Singapore Japanese Christian Fellowship. I praise God for His wonderful providence. He provided me a way to serve Him by way of becoming a student at FEBC. Thus FEBC became a great channel of blessing for me. I praise the Lord for Rev and Mrs Tow, and the rest of the faculty members, who kindly received me and taught me faithfully the truth while I was there. I also had wonderful opportunities to fellowship with FEBC students who had enrolled from various countries. Those days at FEBC are a sweet memory that I will never forget.

My favourite subjects at FEBC were Calvin's Institutes and Systematic Theology by Rev Tow. I have been a member of the Reformed Church in Japan since I was baptised, but had no opportunity to study Reformed theology systematically. I did not know Calvinism well when I was in Japan. In those classes, I was so excited to listen to Rev Tow, and his teaching became a great blessing for me. My eyes were opened to see the truth. Thus the Lord gave me opportunities to study Reformed theology at FEBC. It became a firm foundation not only for my ministry but also for my spiritual life.

After I had served for seven years in Singapore, He guided me to West Kalimantan, where I served as a missionary at two places for 6½ years. When I could not extend my visa there, the Lord opened a way for me to further my studies at Biblical Theological Seminary in the States for four years. I was again given an opportunity to equip myself for a new ministry in Indonesia.

I have been serving as a lecturer at Aletheia Theological Institute in East Java, Indonesia, since the end of 1997. I teach several New

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Testament subjects there. It is a wonderful opportunity for me to equip young Indonesians to be His faithful and useful servants. Also I am given opportunities to serve not only at local Indonesian churches but also at the Japanese Christian Fellowship in Surabaya which is held once a month. I hope that the Lord will continue to open a way for me to serve Him here.

May the Lord continue to bless and use FEBC to equip His people to be His useful servants.

A BASTION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Stephen Khoo (BTh '85)

Pastor, Bethel B-P Church, Melbourne, Australia

I was a student at the Far Eastern Bible College from 1981-1984. At the time when the Lord called me to give my life to serve Him full-time, I sought first to be trained theologically. I was then attending a night class which was conducted by the college. The course was on the Book of Revelation and the teacher was Rev Timothy Tow. I had a choice to study



in FEBC or in the Singapore Bible College. I thank God that I chose to study God's Word with FEBC.

FEBC is one of the very few theological schools today that faithfully and fearlessly teaches the Word of God. I had a good grounding in the fundamentals of the Faith for which I thank God and my teachers. The Bible knowledge I acquired then prepared me well for my further studies in America. One of the greatest benefits is the study of Hebrew and Greek. When I completed my studies in America, I returned to be a teacher in the college (1985-1997).

Today I thank God for every remembrance of my alma mater. May the good Lord continue to bless the college, the principal and teachers that the school will be a bastion for "the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ" in these last days.

I CAN ONLY SERVE THE LORD OR DIE

Michael Koech (BTh '87)

**Pastor, Bomet Africa Gospel Unity Church, Kenya
Principal, Bomet Bible Institute, Kenya**



One cannot think of the Far Eastern Bible College without thinking of its principal for the last 40 years, Rev Dr Timothy Tow. I came to know him when he visited Kenya in 1975 to attend an International Council of Christian Churches (ICCC) conference. He was one of the speakers and edited a daily paper for the congress. We identified with him for we all took a separatist stand against ecumenism. I was a first year student at the Bible College of East Africa then.

We later learned that Dr Tow has a Bible College in Singapore. Two of my schoolmates enrolled in 1980. Through them we learned more of FEBC and I enrolled in January 1984, and graduated in May 1987. The classroom work was challenging, and we learned many good lessons.

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These helped in unlocking many theological secrets, giving right interpretation and application of the Bible. Learning the biblical languages was also an eye opener on the origins of the Bible. As I was called to be a pastor and Bible teacher, these lessons have been very useful in the last 14 years of service.

I had been a pastor in my first church for seven years and I am completing my seventh year now as pastor of Bomet Africa Gospel Unity Church. I have also been teaching at Bomet Bible Institute since September 1989, and have been serving as its principal since 1990. Though we are a small school, our graduates have done well in their places of service. The existence of our Bible Institute is for the benefit of the church.

Besides academic work, FEBC offers an environment conducive to spiritual growth; living and sharing with students of different nationalities was a great blessing. Participation in evangelism and involvement in the different ministries of the church were both a challenge and a blessing. One thing I liked best about FEBC was the friendliness of everyone: lecturers, students, and also members of Life B-P Church, Sharon B-P Church, and others who worshipped within the premises.

Informal times were also profitable. The principal discouraged idle talk as a waste of time. *Makan* time and other occasions offered good opportunity to share our thoughts. The principal himself used these occasions to offer some titbits of wisdom that were beneficial to many of us. Before I came to FEBC I was already called to full-time Christian service and had served for a few years, but coming to FEBC reaffirmed my calling and rededication to the service. This came through both the lessons and example especially of Rev Tow. With that experience, I can only serve the Lord or die. I have also witnessed this in the conduct of other students who have come to FEBC; they are always on fire for the Lord. To those who have supported us with scholarship, and other contributions, we must say that their labour has not been in vain.

Though we are yet to cross our national boundaries with the gospel, the urge for missions is always with us. For those of us who come from outside Singapore, the food served in the FEBC kitchen is second to none. We give credit to the matron, Mrs Tow, for being a good mother to us at the college.



All these years our relationship with FEBC has continued. We keep in touch with all the events. Thus we have recommended some of our students to continue their education there. When I was at FEBC, I was for most of the time the only student from Africa. Now there are several graduates from Kenya, my country.

We love our alma mater, and we pray that the Lord will continue to uphold this school of prophets to always stand and contend for the faith once delivered to the saints, and all to the glory of His name.

“HUMILITY, HUMILITY, HUMILITY”

Frank Low (BTh '87)

Pastor, Philadelphia B-P Church, Singapore

The Lord our God be praised for raising Far Eastern Bible College through His faithful servant Rev (Dr) Timothy Tow to train men and women called to the ministry of the Word of God and to carry the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the world. This is in keeping with the Great Commission of Christ illustrated by the Apostle Paul in 2 Tim 2:2 “And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also”.

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I was one of the privileged FEBC alumni who sat at the feet of Rev Tow and his staff of faithful teachers of God's Word. By the grace of God, under their guidance and encouragement, I graduated as a student with a Bachelor of Theology in the year 1987.

As for me, it was study cum pastoral ministry. I had plenty of opportunities to apply what I was taught in class to my own life as well as in ministering to needy people in the local church. Rev Tow's Homiletics "swimming pool" was particularly helpful in driving home the message of God's Word to the hearers. It has taught me in sermon preparation how "to fish" and make the message simple and relevant using the guidelines of "Statement, Restatement, Illustration and Testimony."

Another priceless lesson I have learned and am still learning from my time in FEBC is humility. By the mercies of God, I am constantly reminded of these three words, "humility, humility, humility," in Rev Tow's classes. God hates pride. He "resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble" (1 Pet 5:5b).



Presently I am serving in Philadelphia Bible-Presbyterian Church. Out of His mercies and grace, the Lord raised Philadelphia BPC on May 14, 1989 for a witness unto Him. It is a joy and privilege for me to work together with the pastoral team in continuing to minister to the Lord's people.

Thank God for my alma mater. It is my prayer that the Lord would continue to bless Rev Timothy Tow and the faculty members of FEBC in training workers for the Word of God and for the Testimony of Jesus Christ. The harvest truly is great but the labourers are few. May we continue by God's enabling grace to declare the Gospel of Jesus Christ and "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" in these dark and evil days till Jesus comes. Amen.

I WAS RESURRECTED

Haposan Siregar (BTh '87)

Pastor, Bethany B-P Church, Medan, Indonesia

I joined FEBC in July 1980. As a foreign student, I struggled to learn the English language. By God's grace plus hard work, I was able to follow the lessons.

During my studies in FEBC, I had many unforgettable experiences. I am proud of this college for its Christian love, for teaching the whole truth of God's Word, and for its biblical separatist stand.

On February 7, 1982, the Indonesian service started at Life Church with a group of seven. By God's grace, I was elected chairman of this group. I must say that the Indonesian service at Life Church was God's way of giving me practical experience.

By the end of June 1984, a group of young people from Calvary Pandan and Galilee B-P Churches led by Rev Frank Low visited Medan (North Sumatra), Indonesia. I was asked to be their translator in preaching the Gospel. As a result of this visit many villagers were converted.

When the gospel campaign was over, something serious happened—I had a motorbike accident. My brain was seriously injured, and I was unconscious. The Indonesian doctors told the team that medically speaking, there was no hope for me to live. But the leader of our team did not give up. He contacted the doctors in Singapore. I was hospitalised at Mt Elizabeth Hospital and was in a coma for a month. By God's grace, I was resurrected. God used the doctors to heal me. Again I tasted Christian love from God's people. Knowing that I had been given a new lease of life, I rededicated my life to God.

In July 1984, with great zeal, I went back to Medan to testify of what God had done for me. The Lord blessed my ministry over there. The

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people of my city were amazed. They wondered how I could have survived such a terrible accident, and recovered with full health and strength. This was an opportunity to testify for the Lord.

After a year of service, in July 1985, I was asked to return to FEBC to complete my studies. By God's grace, realising the great need for knowledge, I returned to FEBC with gladness.

In September 1987, I graduated from FEBC and returned to my hometown in Medan with one thing in mind—to start an Indonesian B-P Church.

I started a very small school ministry in a small wooden house with eight kindergarten students and two teachers. Through the preaching and teaching of God's Word, the ministry grew in both directions. The church was established (though still unregistered), and a primary school was started with an increase in the number of students. We held a baptismal service in the church in obedience to the Great Commandment of Matt

28:19. However, the religious department of the government was not happy upon hearing this for we were not allowed to start a new denomination in Indonesia.

By God's grace and providence, in September 1992, the B-P Church in North Sumatra was registered. Rev Timothy Tow was invited to address the people with the Word of God when the Medan B-P Church was inaugurated.

Upon hearing the good news of the registration of the Medan church, the brethren at Batam who longed to have a B-P church registered, joined the movement in 1993. The churches grew.

In September 1994, the B-P Church of Indonesia was registered nationally. That means God's kingdom can be extended everywhere under the protection of the central government. Praise the Lord!

One great lesson I learned from the mouth of our principal was this: "Self help with God's help is the best help." This good saying has sunk deep into my heart. I believe and practise it. I must say that God has been using Life Church and FEBC through our principal, Rev Dr Timothy Tow, to support my ministry whenever it comes to big projects.

After the leaders' conference at Sol Elite, Bintan Island, in 1998, a group of three, namely, Dr Jeffrey Khoo, Rev Kiantoro, and myself discussed how Indonesia can be reached for Christ. The answer was a Bible college.

On August 20, 1999, by faith, the Indonesia Bible Institute opened with eight students. Now they are entering the third year of studies. Do pray that God may bless our work for the glory and honour of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

"FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS"

Colin Wong T C (BTh '87)

Asst Pastor, Life B-P Church, Singapore

I was introduced to Far Eastern Bible College in late 1982. I was pastoring a small church then, which needed a place of worship. I was told by a B-P minister to contact Pastor Tow to see whether he could offer us a place to worship God. I met him on Monday morning and showed him our church constitution. Without any hesitation, he welcomed us to use the church premises. Then he brought me around the compound and

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introduced me to the college. He also invited me to study theology at the college. In January 1983, I enrolled at the school of prophets. My four and a half years of study here have been most enjoyable and memorable. It has equipped and prepared me quite sufficiently to labour in the Lord's vineyard. I graduated in September 6, 1987.

What impressed me most at FEBC? There are three things. First and foremost, the teachers who taught me impressed me much. Many of them have been teaching the Word for years. They are men of conviction and defenders of the Christian Faith. For instance, I was extremely privileged to have sat under the feet of two world-class theologians, namely Drs John Whitcomb and John Davis of Grace Theological Seminary. Dr Davis' studies on Genesis, Exodus, and Psalm 23, and Dr Whitcomb's studies on Esther and Daniel had left indelible marks on me. They have shown me what it means to interpret the Word accurately in its proper context and to apply the truth appropriately.

Second, the teachers' ability to make God's Word simple impressed me. I always enjoyed the principal's teaching on Systematic Theology. He is one who is able to make theology simple to the students. His teaching on Calvin's Institutes has indeed made a great impact in my life. Another teacher at whose feet I enjoyed sitting was Pastor Philip Heng. He taught me Comparative Religions and Pastoral Theology. Being a pastor himself, he was able to share with us his invaluable experiences. I had learned so much from him.

Third, the commitment of the teachers impressed me deeply. All of them were pastors of different Bible-Presbyterian churches except for the visiting professors. Each of them was heavily involved in their own ministry and yet they had taken time to help train another generation of pastors and teachers and evangelists. Some of them even went the extra

mile to get to know us and help us in time of need. They truly practised what they taught in class (Jas 2:14-17; 1 John 3:17, 18).

Before I conclude my testimony, I wish to pay tribute to my beloved principal and pastor, Rev Dr Timothy Tow. He has been my mentor since 1983. Since I joined Life Church at his invitation in August 1987, he has spent countless hours with me and showed me how to be a good pastor. Though I make mistakes in my ministry, he gently chides me and shows me the way. He is patient, caring and compassionate. I thank God for this man of God whom He has raised “for such a time as this” (Esth 4:14). Amen.

SUFFICIENTLY GROUNDED IN THE FUNDAMENTAL TEACHINGS

**Cheong Chin Meng (BTh '89)
Pastor, Gospel Light B-P Church, Singapore**



I thank God for His providential guidance in leading me to study in FEBC from 1985 to 1988. Prior to my enrolment, I was worshipping and serving with Sharon B-P Church which uses the same premises as the college. Naturally, FEBC was the college for my theological training. Those were delightful days for me, attending classes and church in a place which I continue to regard as my spiritual home.

I thank God for the precious truths that I have learned during those days. I thank God for the teachers whom He has given grace to teach the Word of God and to warn of the false teachings that were endangering the Christian churches then. By the end of my four years there, I was sufficiently grounded in the fundamental teachings of the Christian faith. And I have since continued to seek to understand the Holy Scriptures even better.

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My memories are also sweetened by the fact that God led Kayoko Harata (BTh '87) and me to be joined in holy matrimony while we were in FEBC. She has been a wonderful helpmeet. Together, we have been serving the Lord in Gospel Light B-P Church which was an offshoot of Sharon Church. The spiritual training that we had received at FEBC has prepared us especially in the area of “rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Tim 2:15). The different aspects of the ministry that we are engaged in are pastoring, teaching and evangelism.

As for Kayoko, the Lord has been using her to minister to the members of Singapore Japanese Christian Fellowship. She has been ministering to the women and children groups at home meetings on weekdays.

May God continue to preserve and to bless FEBC for the training of many more labourers for the work of Christ. “Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else” (Isa 45:22).

GOOD GROUNDING IN THE WORD OF GOD

Ronny Khoo (DipTh '89)

Pastor, Tabernacle B-P Chapel, Singapore



My wife (Lean Im) and I graduated from the Far Eastern Bible College in 1989.

Prior to our graduation, in 1987, I began pastoral duties at Tabernacle B-P Chapel (launched out from Life Bible Class), assisted by a leaders' committee (my wife included), and members.

Our training at FEBC has given us a good grounding in the Word of God, both for our faith as well as for our ministry, with particular emphasis on the Biblical separation stand against the end-time apostasy; the great falling away. And we have also benefited greatly from our fellowship with, and from the personal sharings of our principal, Rev Dr Timothy Tow, Mrs Tow, and other lecturers, and fellow students.

Today, Tabernacle B-P Chapel is into her 15th year of worship and witness, and we have a session of five, with about 40 baptised members.

It is our prayer that Tabernacle B-P Chapel will continue to be a witness to the grace of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, till He comes again.

LIKE A SECOND HOME TO ME

Anne Low (DipTh '89, BTh '94)

Emmanuel Church, New Zealand

FEBC was like a second home to me. I joined the college in January 1986. In the 5½ years, I had benefited academically and had grown spiritually. I really enjoyed the lectures, prayer times, evangelism sessions, Mrs Tow's sumptuous food, fellowship with fellow students and washing the toilets.

Not everything was bright for me. I also experienced some anxieties. The thought of doing assignments and sitting for quizzes and exams frightened me. I had wondered if I could pull through each semester. The Lord knew my fears and struggles. He assured me of His presence and help through Ps 32:8. It reads "*I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.*" This verse carried me through semester after semester. Rev Tow often reminded us with this saying, "Self-help with God's help is the best help." Bearing this in mind, I learned to discipline self, to be diligent in studies and to depend on the Lord.

There was so much to learn in the classrooms. Various subjects on doctrines, languages, book studies, church history and other practical subjects were covered. The hardest subject I found was the Greek language. I had to get up at 5.30 every morning to memorise my vocab. It was sheer hard work. Apart from learning and memorising Greek, I had to cope with reading and written assignments, studying for quizzes and exams. There was no time to waste. Every minute counted!

In 1993 I was numbered among the 50 pilgrims who went on the Holy Land pilgrimage. It was indeed a thrilling learning experience for me.

My special thanks to our principal, Rev Tow, for his godly example, for his vision in world missions and his holy boldness in attempting great things for God. I read with great delight his autobiography, *Son of a Mother's Vow*. It really encouraged me.

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A word of thanks too to Elder Charlie and the Kebaktian Indonesian Service for their kind support during the last two years of my studies.

After my diploma studies in May 1989, I served for two years with New Life B-P Church as a full-time worker and as a Christian Education teacher at the New Life Kindergarten. I was also involved with the JB Sunday School.

Then in 1992, I returned to the college to take up a degree course in theology. But in December 1991, I came into contact with Maranatha B-P Church. I was the speaker at the Children's Christmas Party. Rev Colin Wong, who was then the pastor, approached me to consider serving in Maranatha after my studies. After much consideration and prayer, I agreed. So in February 1992, while still a student, I served in the Sunday School, and in the Junior and Nursery Worship. When I completed my studies in 1993, I became a full-time staff. My duties involved some administrative work and the children's ministry. I taught in the Sunday School, organised and coordinated the VBS, Children's Christmas Party and Children's programme at the church camp. My skills and confidence in children's work were further enhanced. There were many opportunities to speak at children's camps of other B-P churches. I also made every effort to attend the church prayer meetings, evangelism and other activities of the church. To me, serving God was indeed a privilege. It made me a part of the church family. Thank the Lord for a dynamic, dedicated and devoted pastor. Pastor Jack Sin, his wife Angie, the church session and other church members had encouraged and supported me in the Lord's work. Thank the Lord for a fulfilling six years of service in Maranatha.

Now, the Lord has a different plan for my life. Happily married to Tim Low, we live with our young son in New Zealand. We worship and serve God in Emmanuel Church, NZ. We endeavour to help and support the church in every way. All glory be to God! Amen.

ETERNALLY GRATEFUL AND INDEBTED

Quek Suan Yew (BTh '89)

Pastor, Calvary B-P Church (Pandan), Singapore

Ecc 3:1 says, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." The Far Eastern Bible College (FEBC) was



founded by God to mould and transform the lives of those who are called into the full-time ministry according to His season and time. By the grace of God I was one of those privileged by the Lord to be accepted into this blessed college 18 years ago.

The years of training were very difficult and made more so by the high standard of instruction and emphasis on the study of the Word of God in the original languages. Firstly, my mind had to be renewed by the proper teaching of God's Word. Many false notions have to be jettisoned before right teachings could find their anchor in my mind. I thank God for the right doctrines I received in FEBC. Secondly, my heart was warmed by the strong unapologetic stand FEBC takes on the inspired Word of God. The Word of God was not taught to tickle the mind but with the purpose of transforming my very soul. Black was taught as black! There was no flinching. Thirdly, my spiritual life with God was stretched and tested. A complete and total dependence upon Him became the only way to find solace and strength in the midst of many assignments and examinations. This precious lesson of looking up to Jesus Christ alone to supply all my needs is a lesson that I hope to cherish for the rest of my life.

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I am eternally grateful and indebted to our gracious God for the founding of FEBC. He has used it to transform my life. I dare not imagine what it would be like without her. My prayer for FEBC is that the Lord will continue to keep, protect, and bless His college. May my alma mater remain faithful to Jesus Christ, earnestly contending for the faith once delivered unto the saints. And now this same faith has been passed down to us in these last days.

Dear FEBC, “The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace (Num 6:24-26).” Amen.

HE OPENED MY SPIRITUAL EYES

Roska Sihombing (DipTh '89)

Church and kindergarten ministry, Batam and Medan, Indonesia



Two months after I decided to serve Him full-time, I flew over to Singapore on September 15, 1983. God led my footsteps to Far Eastern Bible College.

I entered FEBC with joyful anticipation and a desire to do my best to study His Word. However, after nearly a year of studying, I began to dislike the strange teaching of the college on Biblical separation. The teaching sounded so alien to me. I had not heard about this in Indonesia before. I just could not understand why we must separate ourselves from other Christians or denominations, such as the charismatic and the liberal churches. I myself believed all churches were good and taught good things from the Bible. If we are to separate ourselves from other Christians and Churches, where is the love of Christ that unites all Christians as found in John 17? I thank God that slowly He opened my spiritual eyes to perceive the truth and comprehend the doctrine of separation. Truth is truth and cannot be

compromised with untruth. This was one thing I really gained from FEBC.

Since I began my ministry in Batam, I put this doctrine of Biblical separation into practice, and I could feel the peace of God in my heart, the heavenly joy of service and the power of preaching the Gospel. Indeed FEBC has a very strong and solid teaching of the Word of God.

Another practical lesson I had learned during my studies in FEBC was God's moulding hand in my life to prepare and equip me for the ministry. All the difficulties such as language problems, adjustment to the life in FEBC, learning to submit myself to the law practised in FEBC, understanding the lectures, doing assignments, living with room-mates, not having enough money, learning to forgive and forget others' mistakes, etc caused me to depend upon the Lord, to surrender totally to Him and to walk with an obedient heart.

In addition, this one thing I must testify: Rev Timothy Tow, the principal of FEBC and Mrs Ivy Tow are very powerful, living examples for me. Their simple and humble lives have made me humble and lowly. Though a Principal (Rektor) or a Reverend (Pendeta) or a Pastor's wife (Ibu Pendeta), they sweep the floor and cook for students. Have I seen this in Medan? Seldom, or almost never! My Rector sweeps the floor, how can I not be humble? They teach me to be a humble person. Indeed we are called to be servants of a humble God, even our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now I can say how thankful I am to the Lord for bringing me to FEBC for it is in this college that I received a good foundation of the truth of God's Word. I thank God for the many spiritual lessons I received from my principal, matron, lecturers, brothers and sisters in Christ during my years of training in FEBC. All glory to God, and my gratitude to my alma mater. Amen.

A TESTING GROUND

David Wong Wee Tet (BTh '89)
Pastor, Kulai B-P Fellowship, Malaysia

Learning is a growing process. We must always be good students in all aspects. There are many lessons and things that I had learned while training in FEBC. Some people, even pastors, are negative towards theological and language studies in seminaries and colleges. However, I

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personally found my studies at FEBC to be more than mere academic study and classroom learning. I learned many practical lessons that greatly benefited my life and ministry.

Bible college is a testing ground for the servants of the Lord. Students have to go through the test of handling stress in their studies and in the completion of assignments. But many fail in handling criticisms. They stumble and feel hurt because of criticisms. It affects their studies and some even quit, leaving

behind a lot of bitterness and unkind remarks. I learned from Rev Goh Seng Fong concerning unreasonable criticisms (sometimes it is a public humiliation, and other times unjust accusation) that we should take them as a thorn the Lord has put in our flesh to make us humble. Never allow criticisms to lead us away from the Lord.

When we want to give our best, the best of what should we give? The Lord demands the best of our time and our youth, our talents and our substance. The common thinking among Bible college students is that since they have consecrated themselves to full-time ministry, they have given their best and their all. People praise them for giving their youth and strength to the Lord. In actual fact, the Lord has not received all the glory and honour, nor has He received the best from those who claim to be His servants. We always seek the easy way out to perform our duties or to finish our assignments. However, the Lord taught me through the chapel hours and personal devotions, and even through some fine examples of lecturers and fellow students, this precious lesson of giving our best to Him. If our Lord deserves the best, how can we give Him the leftovers?

FEBC is located within Life B-P Church's compound. These two bodies are closely knit. From time to time, well wishers "donate" used clothing and furniture to the church or college. Some of these things are in good condition. I can still remember once when the whole student body

was involved in sorting and packing used clothing for Vietnamese refugees. Word got round that students could take what they needed. The principal came by to inspect and to encourage. He picked up a T-shirt and said, “This looks new and suits me. You students need not buy new and expensive clothes. Take according to your need. Economy is the mother of prosperity.” I do desire to have brand new things, but I do not mind “used and useful” things.

Most of us who studied in the college received scholarships from churches or individuals. What we received was just enough to cover our basic expenses such as tuition, dining and transportation (foreign students had to pay a fee for their annual student pass).



It was a great challenge in college life to learn to have faith and be dependent on God’s provision. The Lord always provided. I personally experienced Ps 23:1, “The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.” There were times when the Lord blessed us with “extras” (love gifts), and we were most grateful to share. Freely we have received, freely we give.

The language courses offered by FEBC were Biblical Hebrew and Greek, and English. The learning of Hebrew and Greek introduced me to the language tools, and gave me a better understanding of more technical commentaries. Thank God for sending English teachers to help us with our English. Students like me who took English as a second language had to struggle in order to read and write correctly. The English class was more than just teaching foreign students to master English. I was taught how to analyse English sentences, and express my thoughts by using the right words. These have benefited me till today. The phonetics class taught by the principal himself gave me confidence in articulation especially in preaching.

Thank God for the training I have received from FEBC, and for making me a servant for the glory of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

ALL OF HIS GRACE AND MERCY

Lional Joseph (DipTh '90)

Pastor, Zion B-P Church, Coimbatore, India

I praise and thank the Lord and I say “Amen” to the word of the Psalmist, “Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever” (Ps 23:6). All of His grace and mercy.

Some of you may not know much about me. So let me explain that I am 52 years old in the year 2002. My wife’s name is Mrs Mary Lional, a housewife, and I have twin sons, Mr L Sudhakar, 23 years old, who is in his final year in the MA in Sociology course at Annamalai University, and the other, Mr L Prabhakar, who is in his final year in the Bachelor of Occupational Therapy at Rajah Muthiah Medical College, Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu.

I accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour on October 31, 1983 while I was working in Singapore. I was strongly inspired by the teaching of John Calvin and the Reformed Faith. I became a member of Zion B-P Church in Singapore. I became gradually aware that God wanted me for His full-time service. The session of Zion B-P Church, Singapore, decided to support me. I spent three and a half years of full-time studies at the Far Eastern Bible College, and completed the DipTh programme in December 1989. At FEBC, I was grounded in the Reformed Faith. At the same time, I served as a preacher and evangelist at the Zion Tamil Service of Zion B-P Church, Singapore.

The happiest moment of my life was when Zion B-P Church, Singapore, decided to send me as a missionary to Coimbatore where I grew up. Now I have the privilege of shepherding God’s flock in Coimbatore which is a daughter church of Zion B-P Church, Singapore. I was ordained on August 31, 1993 as pastor of Zion B-P Church, Coimbatore. I dedicated myself to the ministries that the Lord has given me as a faithful servant of God to teach the doctrines and distinctives of the Bible-Presbyterian Church against the spirit of error found in the Charismatic and Pentecostal churches, and among the Hindu activists here in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, South India.

We have two mission posts within Coimbatore, and two in Chennai. The Lord also enabled us to establish a Bible-Presbyterian Public Charitable Trust to extend social help to the poor and needy.

God has placed His hand upon my life. God has taught me from His Word and given me understanding of what it means to serve Him as a minister of the Word of God. I got that knowledge, understanding, and confidence from my theological training at the Far Eastern Bible College, Singapore. I know that there is still much that I need to learn. So I continue to study on my own through the guidance of my senior pastor, Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa of Zion B-P Church, Singapore. I am greatly indebted to all that Zion B-P Church and FEBC have done.



At this happiest moment of FEBC's 40th anniversary, I congratulate FEBC and convey my best wishes to the faculty and students past and present. May the Lord Almighty bless the faculty members and students for the extension of His kingdom and His glory.

“BUY THE TRUTH AND SELL IT NOT”

Lee Kim Shong (DipTh '90)

Pastor, Calvary Jaya B-P Fellowship, Malaysia



A man would praise the Lord for all His goodness. It has been 12 years since I left my alma mater to serve in Calvary Jaya B-P Fellowship. How time flies!

I thank God for raising Far Eastern Bible College for His glorious purpose. It is a college that helps the students to have a good understanding of the Word of God. Before coming to the college, I was quite ignorant of Biblical and Systematic Theology. Through the four years of orderly teaching, I was brought to a better understanding of the truth as revealed in the Bible. I also realised the deficiencies in my ministry previously. A proper

understanding of theology would certainly bring a man to think soberly and honestly of himself. It is encouraging to know that many believers in Singapore are taking up the night classes in FEBC. May the Lord help these zealous believers to continue in the study of theology with whatever time they might have. “Buy the truth and sell it not” so says the book of Proverbs.

The principal of FEBC, Rev Dr Timothy Tow, is a hospitable man. He always welcomes visitors to stay at the college and invites them to share the food at our dining club. Visitors to our alma mater find Christian warmth in the college. Hospitality is a Christian virtue. Such a godly example also left a deep impression in my life. In my ministry, I try to refresh those who are weary in their journey whenever there is an opportunity. To a weary traveller in life, even a cup of cold water is very much appreciated.

I also thank God for the help I received from fellow students in the college. Without their ministry of help, life would have been quite difficult. Some helped in physical ways, some provided financial support, and others gave moral support. “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron’s beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore” (Ps 133).

Finally, I want to thank God for the lecturers and staff of the college who had ministered to me for four years; not forgetting also Calvary B-P Church in Singapore which had supported me. May the Lord reward all of you for your help and kindness. As He has used you to be a channel of His grace, may He use me as a channel of blessing also. To God be the glory!

GOD IS FAITHFUL

Nirand Tamee (DipTh ’91)

Pastor, Life B-P Church, Chiang Mai, Thailand

I was born into a Christian family. My father was the first in the family to believe in Jesus Christ and he brought all his siblings to know Christ too. I had the opportunity to attend Sunday school every week when I furthered my studies in the city. However, I became very friendly with unbelievers and did many things that were displeasing to God. My parents were very sad when they learned about my backsliding. They both prayed for me every night.

One day, I fell seriously ill and was close to death due to excessive drinking. But the Lord showed His mercy and grace to me by sending a Bible college student to visit and preach to me. Since that day, I knew I had sinned against God. I decided to return to Him.

Although I had sinned against God, He still loves me and is gracious to me, providing me with the chance to repent. I confessed my sins to God and asked for His forgiveness. I returned to my parents and both of them were very happy because their lost son had repented and returned home.

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Not long after that, I had the opportunity to serve as a Sunday school teacher. But I felt inadequate in Bible knowledge and desired to study the Bible at a Bible college. Thank God, He prepared a team of Singaporeans to visit Thailand. The leader, Rev Anthony Tan, recommended me to study at the Far Eastern Bible College in Singapore.

After completing a term in FEBC, I had to return to Thailand because my mission director had to return to America for furlough. I had to assist Jess Lim (BTh '84), an FEBC graduate and a missionary. Little did I know that God had prepared a life-partner for me in Jess. We were married in 1987 and I had the opportunity to resume my studies at FEBC.

After graduation, my wife and I, together with our two children, returned to serve God in Thailand. On June 2, 1991, we started Life Bible-Presbyterian Church in Chiang Mai (Life BPCCM). There were only the four of us, ie, my family.

Thank God for blessing Life BPCCM with increase—from four to six to eight ... until the place of worship lacked space. We started a building fund for the purchase of a property to build a church. With the help of Life B-P Church in Singapore, our mother church, we managed to purchase a beautiful property in 1999. God has been blessing Life BPCCM with fruits for baptism every year. God is faithful. Glory to Him in the highest!

TEN LESSONS

Jess Tamee (nee Lim) (BTh '84)

Pastor's wife, Life B-P Church, Chiang Mai, Thailand

I learned the following 10 lessons at FEBC mostly from my principal, Rev Dr Timothy Tow:

- (1) Do not play the fool with God. If one is not called by God, one should not enter the full-time ministry.
- (2) We must be focussed to tell others about Jesus. If we do not evangelise, we fossilise.
- (3) The course on “The Sevenfold Will of God” is a must for everyone. We must understand God's directive, cooperative, punitive, preceptive, permissive, desiderative and decretive will. We need to do and be found in His will.



(4) Every church should decentralise. Be careful not to allow a movement to become a machine that finally ends up as a monument.

(5) “Godliness with contentment is great gain.” Do not complain about “manna, manna, manna every day” (or “chicken, chicken, chicken every meal”). If a student thinks only about his stomach, he will not last long in the Lord’s vineyard.

(6) “Economy is the mother of prosperity.” Be careful how you use God’s money.

(7) One must not forget to preach Christ in any sermon. Draw a cross on your sermon script.

(8) Little children are like rough gems that need polishing (Turners).

(9) Who can forget the banana skin story? Although God is sovereign, man is personally responsible for his own sinful actions.

(10) “Self help with God’s help is the best help.”

The all-round training at FEBC will prepare you to work anywhere in the Lord’s vineyard, but remember the three rules for success: humility, humility and humility. God bless FEBC!

I CHERISH THE MEMORY

**Charles Seet (BTh '90, MDiv '97)
Asst pastor, Life B-P Church, Singapore**

All praise and thanks be to God, who has given FEBC 40 years of fruitful service. I cherish the memory of my years of study at this school of prophets (1986-1990) and testify that the training I received has equipped me well to serve the Lord as a missionary and a lecturer both in

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the Philippines and in Singapore, as well in my present ministry as an assistant pastor at Life B-P Church.

I have personally benefited much from the comprehensive training in the Biblical languages, the daily morning chapel devotions, the interaction with students from many parts of the world, the disciplined dormitory life, and most of all, the example and dedication of the lecturers and principal, Rev Dr Timothy Tow. All these add up to make a full-orbed curriculum that prepares Bible students well for the ministry.



It is my prayer that the college will continue to be used by God to equip many more of God's people for the ministry of extending His kingdom and defending the faith until Jesus comes!

SOLID AND SOUND TEACHING

Philip J S Heng (DipTh '92, BRE '97)

Founder, Life Kindergarten and Liberty Gospel Church, Kenya

Years of training at FEBC have really equipped me for my Kenyan ministries: Life Kindergarten and Liberty Gospel Church. I first enrolled as a student in 1988 at the age of 42. To be very frank, I have to admit that after a break of 25 years from studies, I had to struggle to cope with the lectures as I was a very slow learner. Thank God for the older students like Charles Seet and Ronny Khoo who gave me much encouragement and help.

My favourite subjects were Homiletics, Calvin's Institutes, and Systematic Theology which were taught by our principal, Rev Timothy Tow. The doctrines taught in FEBC were very solid and sound which enabled me to defend my faith in Jesus Christ. As for my preaching skill, I learned a lot from the homiletic classes. By God's grace I graduated with a Bachelor of Religious Education in 1997.

If not for the solid and sound teaching received at FEBC, I would have failed in my ministries in Kenya. Life Kindergarten, which was built in September 1998, has been greatly blessed by our almighty God. In



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1999, we had only 68 children. Then in the year 2000, the numbers doubled to 136. In 2001, the Lord blessed us with 180 children. We use the King James Bible.

My wife Olga has a Certificate in Religious Knowledge from FEBC. She runs the Life Kindergarten as an administrator. She is also the treasurer of Life Kindergarten and Liberty Gospel Church.

Thanks be to God for Far Eastern Bible College which has become a channel of blessing to many servants of God who are called to serve Him in various countries around the world.

THE BEST BIBLE COLLEGE IN THE WORLD

Im Seong Ho (BTh '92, MRE '98)

**Port Chaplain and Director, Korea International Seamen's Mission,
Inchon, Korea**



Praise be to our Most High God for graciously sending me to FEBC to study theology and also to bless me with abundant spiritual blessings. Oh what a great joy I have in my heart for the opportunity I had received in FEBC to study the truth of God's Word. May He be merciful to me that I may be faithful to His Word. May the truth of His Word continue to transform my life to walk in the path of humility before the Lord, a high virtue of spiritual life that I had learned in FEBC. May the Lord of all blessings be praised.

I always remember FEBC as my spiritual home. I am greatly privileged and blessed to have Rev Timothy Tow as my teacher. Mrs Ivy Tow not only assisted him in all his ministries but also played a very important role in the well-being of the students. My life has been very blessed by the ministries of Rev and Mrs Tow. I have no reason to change my mind about what I had said about FEBC that it is the best Bible College in the world.

My wife and I are happily serving the Lord since our marriage on November 15, 1997. While I was serving in Mokpo Jaeil Presbyterian Church, I received a call to serve with the Seamen's Mission in Inchon. They needed help urgently. So in February 1998, I moved to Inchon together with my wife. I have been regularly visiting ships that come to this port to preach to the sailors. People from 120 nations come here: Indians, Chinese, Filipinos, Greeks, Turks, and many others too. I also serve among the Korean sailors.

As a gateway to Seoul, Inchon is the most important port in Korea. Annually more than 6,000 ocean going vessels, and around 200,000 seafarers from various countries visit the port of Inchon. Around 700 seamen visit our centre weekly. While the shops and clubs near the port rush to make a profit out of the sailors, we care for their physical and spiritual well-being. Many seafarers would spend their money in those clubs which spoil them with alcohol and immoral pleasures. Therefore, it is very important that the pure love of Jesus Christ be declared to them.

The great history of evangelism in Korea began on April 5, 1885, when pastors Underwood and Apenzeller set foot on Inchon harbour. Since that time, the Korean church has experienced splendid progress and achievements in the history of world missions. The Korean church went through lots of difficulties and severe times of persecution. There were a lot of blood and tears all the way until recently. At last God's will to use the Korean Church for the evangelism of the world has been achieved in an unparalleled manner in the history of world missions. Korea International Seamen's Mission has been working among seamen at Inchon port since 1974. Inchon Seamen's Mission offers various weekly programmes. Every afternoon our staff and volunteers go onboard to meet seamen for evangelism, counselling, fellowship, etc.

I teach the Bible regularly on Mondays, Thursdays and Sundays. I am Port Chaplain and Director of KISM in Inchon. I am also in charge of an English Service held on Sundays and a Chinese Service held on Tuesdays for the sailors. We have an average attendance of 80 people. Besides these, every morning (10 am) and afternoon (3 pm) we visit vessels coming to Inchon to witness for our Lord. I believe the Lord will bless us in this ministry for His glory. Pray for us, brethren!

ARISE AND SHINE

Jeong Un Gyo (BTh '92)

Student, Dallas Theological Seminary, USA



As I reflect on my school days at FEBC, many vivid pictures pop up in my mind. How can I forget Mrs Tow's sumptuous food, and her distinctively dynamic voice? I smile when I recall many weekends with fellow Korean students at Pasir Panjang market to make *kimchi* at a lower cost under our team leader, Captain Im Seong Ho (We called him "Captain" then). Her thought of making *kimchi* for students was an expression of love and care for the international students, especially Korean.

I thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship of the many students who joined FEBC from other countries. Getting to know and trying to understand them was a great cross-cultural experience for me. Even though my wife and I were staying in a small room, we were happy, enjoying the peaceful environment surrounded by palm trees and coconut trees. I have many fond memories.

I really thank God for my training experience at FEBC for two reasons. First, I learned to love and treasure His Word with all my heart. I have been constantly seeking to understand the Bible at a deeper level so that I might be able to touch lives with the Scriptures. I really thank God that I learned to treasure the Bible as the very Word of God.

Second, in hindsight, I see that God had put me in a wonderful multicultural setting at FEBC to cultivate a caring heart for missions. It challenged me to see God's kingdom from a global perspective, to contribute something for the Lord not only at a local church but also to embrace all nations in my heart.

It is my prayer that FEBC would continue to train and equip her students to love the Lord, His Word and His people so that they might take the challenge of reaching out to the world. Arise and shine.

IT WAS GOD’S APPOINTMENT

**Prabhudas Koshy (BTh ‘92, MDiv ‘94)
Pastor, Gethsemane B-P Church, Singapore**



“Give ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth ... Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done” (Ps 78:1-4).

Without a doubt, it was God’s appointment that I should come to FEBC; and I thank God that I did not miss that appointment. It was God’s school for me that I might learn the sound doctrines of His Word and

be thoroughly trained in the preaching and pastoral ministry of the church. There I was trained in the ways that I should go, which are according to His most blessed will.

In July 1987, I came to FEBC from Kerala, India. I was 21 years old. I came with a vision to study with all my ability, and to learn all that I can. This desire of mine to study God’s Word was greatly stirred up when I sat at the feet of FEBC lecturers who were passionate about teaching His truth to the students. My greatest gain was the study of Systematic Theology and Calvin’s Institute under Rev Dr Timothy Tow. I was absolutely enchanted by the fascinating Calvinistic, premillennial doctrines that I had learned under him. They were thoroughly scriptural, amazingly logical, and spiritually stimulating and edifying. I am glad that the Lord led me to FEBC.

While I was a student in FEBC, there were many controversies both in the college and in the church. The issues included hermeneutics, charismatic, neo-evangelicalism, and hyper-Calvinism. It was not very

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pleasant to be in the midst of controversies. Nevertheless, they provided me with opportunities to sharpen my perception of the teaching of God's Word on those issues. Those controversies also taught me the importance of having a fearless spirit in defending the truth which we love with all our hearts. "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God" (2 Tim 1:7-8).

Being situated in the compound of Life B-P Church, FEBC provided me with an excellent exposure to the ministries of the church. While I was a student, I attended Sharon B-P Church which worships in Life B-P Church premises on Sunday afternoons. Rev Peter Chua and other leaders of Sharon were very kind to me and provided me with an opportunity to teach the Word to a group of youths. There were also plenty of opportunities in my later years of study to preach in fellowships and churches in the B-P denomination. Those opportunities enabled me to understand the needs, demands and struggles of a pastoral ministry. My preparation for a pastoral ministry was further enhanced by the fact that almost all the lecturers of FEBC were pastors in various churches. Their sharing of pastoral experiences and insights were extremely valuable.

The international student body of FEBC is a unique blessing to all those who sincerely seek a ministerial training. It enhanced my vision of the Gospel work around the world. It broadened my horizons in the pastoral ministry, from a local church to the far-flung corners of the world. I thank God for good friendships that I had made through FEBC. Through some of them, I am now able to extend the missions of my church to the ends of the earth.

Christian graces such as love, humility, endurance and godliness were promoted in the classroom and in the exemplary lives of the lecturers. A servant-spirit was always encouraged in the school. I have no hesitation to say that in the life of the principal, we have a fine example of how these Christian virtues are manifest. He ate, lived and served side by side with the students. As Jesus trained His disciples, so Rev Timothy Tow trained his students.

Rev Tow always showed a sincere interest in the needs of his students. He played an important role in my ministry. It was through Rev Tow that the Lord led me to Gethsemane B-P Church. Gethsemane was

then a mission outreach of Grace B-P Church. In 1991, Rev Tow and Rev Tan Eng Boo (pastor of Grace B-P Church, a graduate of FEBC) encouraged me to minister to Gethsemane. I thank God for the encouragement and support both of them have lavished upon me in my pastoral ministry. Gethsemane was a very small group of believers. There were just about 10 people. By the grace of God, it has grown to a church of more than 100 worshippers (including 30 children). My wife, Carolyn, who is also an FEBC graduate, and I have been serving in Gethsemane BPC for the past 10 years.

In 1991, Rev Tow invited me to teach the undergraduates of FEBC while I was studying for the MDiv. I thank God for His grace in enabling me to continue lecturing in FEBC till this day. Now, as I serve as a lecturer, I dedicate myself to the Lord once again, to be faithful to His Word and to give my uttermost to the good work He had begun in FEBC. May Jesus Christ, our blessed Saviour be praised.

CO-LABOURING WITH MY HUSBAND FOR THE LORD

Carolyn Koshy (DipTh '92)

Pastor's wife, Gethsemane B-P Church, Singapore

In the year 1989, I felt the Lord's call into ministry as I listened to the messages delivered by Dr S H Tow in the Bible camp of the Calvary B-P churches. The Lord moved my heart to dedicate my life to serve Him full-time at the end of the camp. I joined FEBC, and thank God for the three years of blessed teaching of His Word that I had received. Rev Timothy Tow and his fellow lecturers were devoted men of God who love the Word and also the students. My heart was firmly grounded in the sound doctrines of His Word. I also fondly remember Mrs Tow's cooking and the advice she gave when I was assigned to help her to keep the storeroom.

While I was in FEBC, the Lord led me to meet Prabhudas Koshy whom I married in 1991. Since then we have been serving the Lord together in Gethsemane B-P Church. From the beginning I was serving in the children's ministry. Apart from the Sunday school for children, the Lord helped us to set up a children's ministry on Saturday. From a small group of three to five children, it has grown to about 30 children today. Along the way the Lord also brought members of the church to serve and

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take leadership in the Saturday ministry. At present, I concentrate on the Junior Worship and Catechism classes for the children on the Lord's day.

I am a homemaker; and do not work as a staff of the church. I believe that presently my high-calling is to give motherly care to my three young children, and be available to assist my husband who is the pastor of Gethsemane B-P Church. By the grace of God, I co-labour with my husband in the ministries of the church. I write syllabi, under the guidance of my husband, for the children's programmes of Gethsemane BPC. I find it very challenging and rewarding. How I thank God that FEBC has equipped me for the children's ministry! I also accompany my husband on his pastoral visitations to homes and hospitals, evangelism and other fellowship activities of the church regularly. We receive church members and friends into our home for fellowship, evangelism, counselling and teaching. From time to time I help the choirs in the church by making choir-gowns for the members. The Lord also enables me to serve in the editorial team of the *Bible Witness* magazine published by Gethsemane BPC. These things keep me very busy, and I thank the Lord for His strength and mercy that are abundantly given to my family and me as we serve Him together.

I pray that God will preserve FEBC to continue to prepare faithful men and women for the Lord's work. All glory be to His great name!

A THREE-FOLD BENEFIT

Pang Kok Hiong (BTh '92)
Pastor, Chinese Christian Church of Saipan

Thank God for blessing Far Eastern Bible College with 40 years of fruitful ministry in training pastors and missionaries for the Lord's vineyard. I am grateful and indebted as I count the many blessings received from my alma mater when I was a student and trainee.

In response to the call of God to serve Him in the mission field, I studied in FEBC from July 1986 to November 1989 as a full-time BTh student to prepare and equip myself. The training in FEBC has greatly impacted the ministries the Lord has entrusted to me so far. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). Let me share briefly the threefold benefit I have received from FEBC.

Firstly, FEBC showed me the Way of Jesus. The Way of Jesus is to be a fisher of men. Our founding pastors have displayed the zeal in soul winning, foreign missions and church planting. A Christian who neglects the Great Commission commits the sin of omission (Jas 4:17). The Way of Jesus is also to understand Biblical separation in the fullest sense. Thank God for the way Rev Timothy Tow, our principal, and the lecturers walk in the path of faithfulness and holiness to God. I am well instructed and forewarned of the evils and dangers of many false “isms” making inroads into many mainstream Churches and denominations. FEBC training had grounded me solidly not to follow the ecumenical crowd when I entered the ministry. FEBC has made me a fundamentalist and separatist in the way I live my life for my Lord.



Secondly, FEBC taught me the Truth of Christ. Thank God for all the doctrines and truths learnt which have put me in good standing for my last 13 years of service for my Lord. It is not just knowing the facts but also knowing how and when to minister to the people under my care that are important. Yea, “ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free.” Thank God for the clear teachings received from FEBC. The Bible-Presbyterians make a very clear stand on the Bible, the doctrine of Christ, doctrine of the Holy Spirit

(against many wrong teachings among the charismatics), doctrine of salvation, and the doctrine of the church and of the last days.

Thirdly, FEBC prospered my life in Christ. The 3½ years of live-in full-time studies moulded my Christian character to be a servant of the Almighty. Dormitory living provided students with opportunities to interact with different people from all walks of life from more than 17 countries. Many a time we encountered diverse inter-personality difficulties among ourselves and even with the lecturers. We were expected to live lives worthy of one who has been called to the full-time

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ministry. And through all these multi-racial relationships, we learned to be humble, gracious, and tolerant towards one another as we live together on the same campus.

For this joyous occasion of FEBC's 40th Anniversary, on behalf of the Chinese Christian Church of Saipan, Chinese Christian Church of Jordan, and the many witnesses scattered throughout China, I wish to send our heartiest congratulations to my alma mater for the blessed ways she has nurtured me! Amen.

GOD HAS BEEN GOOD TO ME

Wee Eng Moh (BTh '92)

Pastor, Berith B-P Church, Singapore

The time (1984-1990) I spent in my alma mater, FEBC, was one of the most profitable periods of my life. It was in this college that I spent about six years (both full-time and part-time) in pursuit of theological training.

Prior to FEBC, I was worshipping in a non-separatist, independent brethren church. I was then serving as a lay-leader and Sunday School teacher for many years. Despite my leadership position, I hardly knew anything about liberalism, modernism, charismatism and ecumenism that were invading the churches. Words like "doctrinal compromise," "apostasy," "heresy," "falling away," "biblical separation," "World Council of Churches," and "Calvinism" were foreign to me. I was never taught the doctrines of the Bible in the light of fundamental Christianity.

I thank God for leading me to enrol in FEBC to prepare myself for the ministry. In the initial years, I was studying part-time as I had to support my family. In the morning, I would go to Bible College, then report to my office in the afternoon. In the evenings, I had to work hard to complete my assignments and also prepare for the lessons and quizzes. Those were really tough times. Now I look back with a thankful heart for the grace of God that has seen me through those difficult days.

Returning to "school" at the age of 37 was not easy for me. My mind was not as keen as that of the younger students. I took Greek as one of my subjects. Studying this New Testament language added to my burdens, as there were many new words to memorise. It was a long and hard struggle

for me but God is gracious and faithfully helped me to go through my Greek courses.

In view of my “ecumenical” background, I had much to learn from the Word of God. The more I studied the Bible and theology, the more I became aware of my inadequacy and lack of knowledge. Thank God that through the training in FEBC, I have been able to equip myself for His service.



It was in FEBC that I learned many spiritual lessons. I began to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. As I interacted with the lecturers and students, the Lord taught me lessons on humility and patience. It is easy to pray for a spirit of meekness and forbearance, but the Lord prepares us for the ministry by allowing trying circumstances to mould our lives. We must learn how to endure hardness and be good soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ (2 Tim 2:3). We must learn to be steadfast and unmoveable even in the midst of trials and temptations (1 Cor 15:58).

Today, I thank God for calling me into the ministry. There were hard times, problems and disappointments during my years of service. But there were also times of rejoicing, encouragement and countless blessings. Indeed, God has been good to me.

I am now pastoring Berith B-P Church. My wife, Helen, is with me, serving the Lord as a Sunday school teacher. It is our joy and privilege to be in this ministry God has given us. May the Lord find us faithful as we labour on till He returns. Amen.

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“A SCHOOL OF PROPHETS”

Joshua Z Wonsia (BTh ‘92)

Church planting ministry, Liberia and Ivory Coast, West Africa

Thanks to the Lord, and Mrs Ivy Tow, Greek lecturer and matron of the college, whose kindness and concern for people was instrumental in leading my wife and me to FEBC. Thanks to the Lord for many kind Singaporean Christians who supported us especially the Sembawang Bible-Presbyterian Church through Rev Dr Bob Phee.

It was in 1987 while serving as a school teacher at the Liberian Soul Clinic Mission in Monrovia that the Lord woke me up again to His call to full-time service. I had earlier played down this call for years. Rev Horald G Blue, an American missionary, before retiring made several visits to the Mission. What puzzled me was not so much my appointment as preacher among other more qualified colleagues, but the level of approval that was accorded me by everyone. I realised that people loved to hear me preach. Some were beginning to call me pastor. As I prayed about this whole thing, the Lord gradually gave me confidence to understand and to accept this as His will for my life: to be a preacher of the Gospel. As this conviction deepened, confirmations followed.

In September that year I was accepted by Shelton College in New Jersey, USA. While at Shelton, some likeminded students and myself prayed together fervently for guidance to a theological institution that would equip us for full-time service. Rev Dr and Mrs Timothy Tow led a delegation to the International Council of Christian Churches (ICCC)



conference in Florida, USA, in June 1988. Mrs Tow met me, and gave me some gifts which included a book mark. On it I found the address of FEBC and made inquiries.

Well, on August 2 that year, I arrived on the campus of FEBC ready to study. My wife, Helen, and two of my children, Marvie and Hannah, joined me in February the following year. The entire FEBC/Life B-P Church family together with all other B-P churches in Singapore warmly accepted us and encouraged us throughout our stay.

Rev Dr Timothy Tow rightly calls FEBC “a school of prophets.” This is not because we are in the business of predicting the future. No! Rather we were guided by Spirit-filled lectures to learn to accurately interpret the written Word of God with total humility. We were taught to diligently study and pass on what the Prophet of prophets, the Lord Jesus Himself, had revealed to faithful men through His Word. FEBC fulfils Paul’s injunction to Timothy, “And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also” (2 Tim 2:2). Our training at FEBC changed our lives, toughened us doctrinally, and sharpened us to do the work of harvesting in the Lord’s vineyard.

Immediately after our graduation in 1992, I with a Bachelor of Theology, and my wife with a Certificate of Religious Knowledge, we were led by the Lord to West Africa where we are now engaged in a cross-border church planting ministry between Liberia (with six preaching points) and the Ivory Coast (with 11 preaching points). The Grace B-P Christian (Elementary and Junior High) School established by us in 1993 has continued to be instrumental in our evangelistic efforts. A fundamental Bible school for our ever increasing number of leaders here is high on our prayer list. Brethren, do pray with us.

CONVERTED TO THE REFORMED FAITH

Geoffrey Indiazzi Lidodo (BTh '93)
Lecturer, Bible College of East Africa, Kenya

There is value in history, and remembrance is a mark of respect. I count joining FEBC for my studies as a high point in my life. I went to FEBC in 1989. It was my first time overseas.

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During the course of my studies, I faced some challenges and temptations. Greek and Hebrew languages were very new subjects for me. It was quite difficult for me to adjust to my studies. But I thank God for Rev Charles Seet who made time to come and teach me Greek, and also for sharing with me his lecture notes.

Another test that I faced was when my father died in 1992, and I was not able to travel back home to attend his funeral. I was very depressed. Despite all these trying circumstances, I thank God for His sustaining grace and faithfulness. By reading His Word in 1 Pet 5:6-11, I was able to conquer these trying moments.

My studies in FEBC have shaped and strengthened my theological thinking. I was doctrinally converted to the Reformed Faith. I began to have a clear understanding of the fundamental doctrine of separation as taught in the OT and NT. I also came to understand better what Charismaticism, Modernism, Liberalism, Romanism, and Neo-evangelicalism were all about. They attack the true teaching of the Word of God.



With this awareness, I now have the confidence to face the challenges in my teaching and preaching ministries. Therefore, as teachers and preachers of the inspired Word of God, we need to have the spirit of “holding forth the word of life” (Phil 2:16), and “earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints” (Jude 3).

I indeed praise the Lord God for leading me to study in a Bible-believing and Bible-defending training college. I thank God for the founding principal, Rev Dr Timothy Tow, and his wife Ivy Tow for their counsel, encouragement, and support during my studies at FEBC.

I graduated (in absentia) from FEBC in 1993, and am ministering as a lecturer/pastor at BCEA, Nairobi, and Berith Life Centre in my hometown, Kakamega, Kenya. The latter is a ministry started by Rev Wee Eng Moh and the session members of Berith B-P Church, Singapore. It is registered with the government of Kenya.

Do pray for us as a family and all the ministries we are involved in. God bless you all. Amen.

SUCH A GOOD TREE

Andrew Kam (DipTh '94)

Pastor, Yangon B-P Church and Orphanage, Myanmar

My name is Andrew Kam, the third son of U Gin Za Thang among seven children. The most unforgettable and the deepest words from my parents were their affectionate, “My dear.” Yes, every child gets shelter and is dependant upon his parents. When I was young, I was living happily under my parent’s protective wings of love. I expected only happy days ahead, living together with my parents and brothers and sisters.

Then there came an unexpected cloud of darkness that overshadowed my family. I groped in this thick dark cloud like a blind man in search of a better life. Every member of my family had to struggle individually for his life. The love of parents also vanished in the darkness. I walked along the road of uncertainty with tears not knowing whether to go forward or to withdraw. I could not do anything but to sit and weep. What hope was there for an orphan? Although those orphans who were poor and needy just like me had a compassionate heart towards me, they were not able to care for my needs. Yes, as the thirsty deer longs for pure

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and cold water, and the traveller who is walking under the heat of the sun longs for some shade, orphans who have lost the warmth of love of their parents will long for it.

Our gracious God delivered me from adversity. I had the opportunity to continue my schooling. I praise God for this great opportunity, admitting and believing that it came only from Him.

It is only natural that a man should desire to go forward, growing, developing and maturing. I was determined to pursue success in life. As a young man I walked 200 miles in four or five days through the thick jungle with thorns and briars, going up and down the mountains, to earn a living. I worked for money. Greed burned in me like fire until I was put in jail, losing all that I had acquired. I was imprisoned three times. This became the second great loss in my life. I was much distressed because of this loss. I often thought of committing suicide. I was afraid of the world. I hated the world and myself.

When I was in such a miserable condition, God by His grace shone a radiant light into my life. It was a most blessed day. I encountered a man whom I had never seen before. He is a devoted Christian and a faithful servant of Christ with a heart of sincerity. He is Rev Dr Timothy Tow, the principal of FEBC in Singapore, and author of many books. I told him about my desire to study at FEBC, but he sent me away without any definite promise. He just told me to pray and wait. Although I was not assured of admission into the college, I was hopeful. I went to FEBC to

see Rev Tow after four days. He told me that he would admit me into his college and I could start my study the next day. Now FEBC is my mother. FEBC was the starting point of my happiness. For me, this joy cannot be purchased with gold or money. I was so filled with an inexpressible joy. On the other hand, my heart was heavy because the studies would be in English. But I have confidence in God that with Him all things are possible.

I met international students when I first came to the college. It was a happy day indeed but I faced a language difficulty. When my friends spoke and laughed, I could not. This difficulty caused me to pray and work hard. I am so thankful to God who brought me to FEBC and also grateful to Rev Dr Timothy Tow for admitting me into his college. I have a deep respect for him, and for his compassionate and sincere attitude towards me. I always pray for him.

It was a great help and lesson for me to experience the faith and example of Rev Dr Timothy Tow. I studied hard and prayed earnestly. Through God's enablement, I could speak and laugh with my friends after one full year. This became a joy for me which transcended all understanding. I still remember FEBC fondly. I call it "the second heavenly place."



After 3½ years in FEBC, I returned to Myanmar to start my orphanage ministry. On August 1, 1994, Yangon B-P Church was founded. Through prayer and evangelism, the Lord blessed the church and caused it to grow. We give priority to soul-winning. When hardships came they were met by the help and prayer of Rev Dr Timothy Tow. I am blessed through the kindness of Rev Tow. The churches that were added

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to the Yangon B-P church in Myanmar are Tuikhal Grace B-P Church (October 15, 1995), Nankateih Immanuel B-P Church (April 20, 1996), and Khampat B-P Church (August 7, 1997).

The children's education programme established by Tuikhal Grace B-P Church was also a great achievement. The soul-winning efforts of Yangon B-P Church led to the conversion of pure Burmese who were staunch Buddhists. This led to the formation of Kong Tha Hla Paung B-P Church and Shwee Pi Tha B-P Church.

When I recall the blessings of God I always remember the mercies of FEBC. I am so thankful to Rev Dr Timothy Tow.

Let me conclude my testimony by quoting Matt 12:33, "Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit." FEBC is such a good tree.

ALMOST MISSION IMPOSSIBLE!

Jonathan Lee Young Lyoung (BTh '94)

Missionary and Pastor, Hope B-P Church, Phnom Penh, Cambodia



I arrived in Singapore to study the Word of God in November 1989. Without a doubt, I think it was God's providence that had led me to attend FEBC in Singapore in my youth. I had searched all around for the "truth," but there was no one to guide me to Christ. At that time, I had heard of a country named Singapore, but did not have the slightest idea where it was. God had brought such a person as me to Singapore, a beautiful and clean country, to study His Word. Indeed, He had led me to a church that is faithful to the great commission, so that I might be sent out to spread the Gospel later on.

When I arrived at FEBC, there were no students around since the vacation had already started. On the next day I was asked to see Rev Timothy Tow who simply asked me a few questions, handed me a Christian book in English, and told me to write a book review. I could not sleep. For me it was hard enough to read English; to read a whole book and to write a paper in English was almost mission impossible! I spent the entire night reading the book and checking the dictionary. I finished

reading and wrote a paper finally. I brought it back to Rev Tow, who right away gave me yet another book with the same exact assignment! So I did it again, without getting any sleep. I read the book all day and night and wrote a review. When I handed it in to Rev Tow, the same thing happened again. I was assigned to read Christian books in English and write reviews on them till the day the new semester began.

The most difficult part in attending FEBC was the new language. It was hard enough to use basic English for daily living, but to receive FEBC training in English was beyond me. I went to school, prayed during the day, and studied at night. I prayed countless times for God to help me finish my studies in due course. The workload was mountainous at times; I had to take six quizzes a day. Studying Greek was even more challenging. I had to memorise words everywhere I went—in the train, bathroom, practically anywhere. When I went on a pilgrimage to Israel with Life church members, I was memorising Greek in the airplane, as well as in Israel.

My wife and I were very poor during the time when I was in the college. Once I almost dropped out of school because we could not pay the \$100 dormitory fee. I was not eligible for a scholarship like the students from third world countries because most Korean students were quite well off. Our living condition was thus worse than anyone else. Our only choice was to pray and ask our heavenly Father for help whenever we faced financial difficulties. Finally, our faithful God opened up a position for me to serve as an evangelist at a local Korean church in Singapore. Thank God that with this I became eligible for a service-based scholarship.

In FEBC, I was the official driver of the college van. I drove all over Singapore with Rev Tow. I was there when Rev Tow or any student was sick, and there were the airport pick-ups too. On Tuesdays at 6:30 am and Friday afternoons I went shopping for groceries for the college with Mrs Tow. On Wednesdays, I had to drive a team of FEBC students for evangelism.

During the vacations, I would stay behind to clean the school by myself. I even cleaned the bathroom for a year. My work did not stop there. After Wednesday services at the Korean church, I had to drive church members home, and again on Saturdays at 4 am when the all-night Friday prayer meeting was over. My job as a driver did not cease on

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Sundays. I had to drop church members off at 9:30 pm after the evening worship. At times, I picked up cabbages at the Pasir Panjang market to make *kimchi* for other FEBC students. Though things were very tough during those days, I realised that they were necessary training for me from God. As I drive along the Phnom Penh roads with the unruly traffic and countless potholes, my heart is often led to thank God for preparing me well for my ministry now.

Furthermore, I am grateful for the opportunities He gave me to visit numerous mission fields with Rev Tow during my four years at FEBC. It was certainly God's provision that I met and followed the mission-focused Rev Tow. Since I did not know much about missions, I was able to experience and learn a lot from Rev Tow's kind instruction during such trips. Most importantly, I was able to learn and emulate his sincere passion for missions.

One memorable time was when Rev Tow and I went to Korea for a revival meeting with our alumnus and pastor, Im Seong Ho. The young adults in Korea were deeply challenged with a vision for His kingdom when Rev Tow spoke. Again, his sermon touched many visitors at the Hope B-P Church dedication service. From Rev Tow, I realised the importance of preaching the Word of the living God. From these numerous experiences, I learned humility, love, dedication and service firsthand. I grasped the importance of loving God first of all, and then my neighbours as myself. Herein lies the rule for both missions and evangelism.

Right now, I am ministering the Word of God to the poorest people in the slums of one of the poorest countries in the world, Cambodia. In spite of endless threats from diseases, death, hunger, pain, ignorance, kidnappings and beatings, I am able to endure and share the gospel because of the most difficult training I received in FEBC. God had disciplined me harshly back then so that I might be used for His work in Cambodia. There are many great teachers in the world. But rarely do we find mentors who will instruct us with the truth and point us to the right direction in life. I came to know God more through Rev Tow, and further truth from the Bible through the sincere and faithful lecturers of the FEBC. I thank God for such an opportunity to meet such great mentors in life. They were passionate people who wanted to teach us as much as possible about the truth, and people who tried to live according to the

instructions of the Bible. Because of lecturers like them, I was able to learn the truth with joy.



As specially trained soldiers are able to save lives and nations in great danger at times of war, so can we as trained soldiers of God in His great work. It is important to continue to receive His discipline so that we can do much more in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with countless people who need to hear His name. Our Saviour and Lord laid down His precious life for all of us. If we, in response, participate in the Great Commission with the readiness to lay down our life, His kingdom will surely be further expanded.

I thank the lecturers at FEBC in the name of our God for training a slow-to-learn person as I am. Finally, I give all the glory to the mighty God for using a lowly person like me for His work in Cambodia. With everything I have, I bless His mighty name.

FROM ARMINIANISM TO CALVINISM

George Skariah (BTh '94, MDiv '96)

Lecturer, Jubilee Memorial Bible College, India

By now it has been more than 11 years since I joined Far Eastern Bible College from India, Kerala, in June 1990. I had the privilege of spending six years at FEBC—from 1990-96. My training in my alma mater began with the BTh and then the MDiv. During the period of my MDiv studies the Lord opened a door for me to bring my wife, Bessy, to FEBC and she joined the MRE programme. Those six years had been a period of transformation in my life.

First of all, there was an academic transformation. Six years of training made me think analytically. My studies helped me to be exegetically skilful and theologically sound. The training enabled me to understand that Calvin's teachings are scriptural. As a result I was converted from Arminianism to Calvinism. I was also exposed to the right method of biblical interpretation against the fallacious and subtle interpretations of the day. I was alerted to the various dangerous movements and false teachings that have been creeping into the Church of Jesus Christ. FEBC taught me the importance of not only declaring the Word but also defending it. I was challenged to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." I also came to know that the battle for the Bible is a very real battle. My training at FEBC led me to have a passion for the King James Bible because I believe it is the preserved Word of God for the Church today. I have great joy in using the KJV in my personal study and ministry.

Secondly, FEBC training contributed very much to my character transformation. I learned that honesty, truthfulness, and humility are essential in the life of a minister of God. When I joined FEBC I was struggling in some of these areas. During my training, I was broken into pieces, and later came out willing to do anything, anywhere, at anytime for the glory of God. Today I treasure the precious lessons I have learned in this regard from the life of my beloved principal, Rev Timothy Tow, and other faculty members.

Thirdly, during the time of my training at FEBC, I was spiritually transformed. I was able to understand the immeasurable love of God that was shown on Calvary's Cross for a wretched sinner like me. In return I

am determined to love Him more than anything else in my life. The Word has become central in my spiritual and ministerial life.



At present, Bessy and I are serving at Jubilee Memorial Bible College, Chennai, India. Jubilee is a small institution of about 60-70 students, but a growing institution and creating an impact in the theological and ministerial circles in India. Jubilee seeks to disciple disciples after the pattern of the Master Disciple, Jesus Christ. Our vision is to disciple a new generation of men and women who would not only excel in academics, but also grow as worthy ministers of the gospel of Jesus Christ with Christian character. We are privileged to be part of this great task for the needy land of India. The Lord has blessed us with two children—Abigail and Nathanael. Please pray for us.

WE MUST NOT SACRIFICE TRUTH

George Lim (MRE '96)

Pastor, Macedonia B-P Church, Singapore

I thank God that in 1989, my dear wife and I enrolled ourselves at FEBC to prepare ourselves to serve Him. I believe FEBC is one of the

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few Bible colleges in this region to take a firm biblical separatist stand against all forms of apostasy. I enjoyed studying almost every subject that I took and gained precious knowledge from my studies. The lecturers were lenient and very encouraging though I had come from a Chinese-speaking church and my English was not very sufficient. I am grateful to all my lecturers who were faithful and diligent.



By God's guidance, I have been serving Him in Macedonia B-P Church since 1992. All these years of pastoring the church, the phrase which I learned at FEBC, "Humility, Humility and Humility" is still very useful especially when I encounter personal problems

with others. The second thing I keep in my heart is that truth and love are two parallel lines. We must respect and love one another but we must not sacrifice truth in the name of love. In this day of religious compromise, it is quite tempting for God's servants to take the easy way out by compromising. However, I firmly believe that God is able to keep and help those who take a stand for truth.

May God grant love, wisdom and courage to every lecturer at FEBC and may the students who graduate from FEBC become faithful servants of God, serving Him in many parts of the world.

PUT KNOWLEDGE TO ACTION AND GOOD USE

Lim Lay Lee (CertBS '92)

Pastor's wife, Macedonia B-P Church, Singapore

On the occasion of the 40th anniversary of my alma mater, I would like to thank God for using FEBC to train labourers for the Lord's business. It was through studying in FEBC that I came to know of our principal, Rev Timothy Tow, from whom I benefited much.

Personally, I think he is a man of courage, diligence and far-sightedness to have started a Bible College. He was not deterred by its humble beginning—a "college" which started with not even five students.

At one point when he was left with one student, he continued to train the only student that he had. He sees the potential and value of teaching the knowledge of God to others. Praise the Lord! God has used him to teach theology to students at the college for 40 years.

During one of his lessons, I heard him say that if we Christians have the ability, it would be very good to set up Christian primary and secondary schools. Though it might be just a casual comment I fully agree with it and have kept it in my heart. I think Christian influence can play an important role in the world especially in the field of education. This conviction has helped me to take on the responsibility of running two student care centres.

When my husband, George, told Rev Tow about our desire to start a student care centre in Simei with the intention of reaching out to primary school children, he remarked that it was a clever idea and he went up to his room to fetch \$2000 to donate to the building of the centre. It has been more than five years, and about 300 students have heard the name of Christ through our two student care centres.

Our principal is not a rigid person. He said that we must be wise in doing the Lord's business. I agree with him. I think that to serve God, we must seek to have the knowledge of God through His Word. However, if we do not put our knowledge into action and good use, our knowledge may just accumulate and puff us up.

WE WERE IN GOD'S ARMY CAMP

Lim Jit Thye (BTh '96)

Pastor, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Muar, Malaysia

I like to thank God for His mercy and grace because it is by His guidance that my wife (Ann) and I had the opportunity to study at Far Eastern Bible College. It was not a coincidence. It was God leading us in a very special way to learn under the godly men and women. God through them built us up and equipped us for His ministry.

I still remember that we enrolled to study in FEBC in July 1990. First thing we discovered was that we had to follow the rules and regulations just like in an army camp. Yes! We were in God's army camp. We did things together, ate together, studied together, sang together, learned together, prayed together, played together, cleaned together,

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laughed together, cried together, evangelised together. FEBC built us up not only in terms of Bible knowledge and spiritual life but also team spirit. This will really help us in our future ministry. In God's vineyard it is never a one-man show. God's chosen people ought to work together hand in hand and side by side. We cannot look down on anyone or be against one another; that is not the way to build up the kingdom of God. The team spirit was more obvious during kitchen duties. Mrs Ivy Tow was just like a commander. Her wish was our command: one voice, one vision, one way, one destination, and no negotiations. I think this is team spirit: when the whole group completed the work nicely and in a good manner.

I thank God for our principal, Rev Timothy Tow. He was our role model. He displayed kindness in his knowledge. He was never selfish in his teaching. He not only taught us faithfully but also showed it in his personal life. One will not regret to be in his class and I like to put it this way: I enjoyed myself in his class and learned much from his personal life. I am happy to say that he gave me a good grounding in theology. When I was his student, he had already taught Systematic Theology for more than 40 years. He is very experienced and his teaching skill is tremendous. Oftentimes in class or in examination he would spring a surprise. For example, he would teach halfway and then say, "Please sign your name in the bookroom and get a free book." Insofar as exams were concerned, we could never spot his questions. We had to study everything.



Now I am serving at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Muar, Johor, Malaysia. Recently this Church celebrated her 90th anniversary. This is a Hokkien and Mandarin Church. They have two preaching stations, which are at Bukit Pasir and Pagoh. There is a Mandarin primary school built by them. Every Monday morning during the school assembly I have an opportunity to tell a Bible story to 1,600 students. Please pray for us that we may accomplish the work that He has given us.

A LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE

**Lazum Lone Wah (BTh '96) and Kim Jae Eun (BTh '96)
First Burmese Baptist Church, San Francisco, USA**



From 1991 to 1995, Jae Eun and I were very privileged to be students at FEBC. This school has transformed us to become students of the Bible as well as servants of God. It moulded us not only in terms of head knowledge, but also our spiritual character. Learning under the godly men and women was a life-changing experience. Our passion to study God's word led us to further our studies in the United

States. We appreciate the fact that without the training of FEBC, it would have been impossible for us to achieve our goals. I graduated with a Master of Arts in Biblical Studies from Temple Baptist Seminary, Tennessee. My wife earned her Master of Arts in Christian Education from Golden Gate Baptist Seminary, California. We are indebted to FEBC for all our successes. We have no doubt that FEBC is the place where God can best prepare His servants. Above all, it was the place where I met my wife. We had a vision to live our lives together to prepare for His ministry. Yes, the blessing from FEBC has never ceased, and it continues to overflow in both our lives and ministry.

God has blessed us incredibly in building our lives and ministry together. Currently we are serving at the First Burmese Baptist Church in San Francisco (www.fbbscf.org). Every Friday night, we lead the Bible study and prayer meeting. We are also involved in other regular church activities like leading the praise team, Sunday preaching, Bible study classes, Junior Fellowship, Young Adult Fellowship and music ministry. Last year, we started to help a new house worship group, "East Bay Fellowship," for two weeks per month in their Sunday worship and Sunday school programme. Although we are getting busier, it gives us great pleasure to serve Him and His people. We are encouraged by the fruits of these ministries, knowing that God is using us. So please pray for

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us that we might be useful in His ministry and serve Him and His people humbly and willingly according to His will.

May God bless FEBC and His men and women who are a part of it. May you have many more years to be faithful and be a great witness for His gospel till He comes again. Our address: 9 Northcrest Drive, South San Francisco, California 94080, USA.

THE SOLEMN CALLING OF THE LORD

Jack Sin (MDiv '96)

Pastor, Maranatha B-P Church, Singapore



It is with great delight and gratitude that this testimony is written to the glory of God. Thank the Lord for raising a reformed and fundamental institution in FEBC all these 40 years in this decadent age when many seminaries and Bible schools in the West (as well as the East) have capitulated to the strong influences of compromising liberal scholarship.

Before I came to FEBC, upon graduation from the National University of Singapore, I was led of the Lord to work in a statutory board and then in the human resource line though burdened in my heart for the full-time ministry in mid-1987. I spent five years working and waiting upon Him. In 1992, I was convicted again of the solemn calling of the Lord and affirmed also by godly men. Before deciding to leave my secular career, I spent three weeks in the UK with my beloved wife, Angelina, for a time of prayerful contemplation and heart searching. When we returned, we were thoroughly convinced by the Holy Spirit. I resigned from my work, and enrolled in FEBC in July 1992. After having not studied for five years it was initially difficult getting back to school but the Lord was gracious to me.

The three years of studies in FEBC have been edifying and profitable. The enlightening classroom lectures, the practical ministry (including evangelism on Wednesday afternoon and the washing of five fish ponds weekly with another student) as well as the interaction with students from various backgrounds and nationalities during meal times have been beneficial for me. As an ex-deacon of Life Church, I was able to understudy the pastor in the session and to serve in the combined fellowships as its coordinator. These have proved to be invaluable in my ministerial training.

The Lord later directed me to serve at Maranatha B-P Church during my second year as a student. The pro tem committee asked me in early 1994 to consider co-labouring with them as their pastor. These years of learning and serving have collectively prepared and equipped me for the full-time pastoral ministry upon graduation. My theological training in FEBC has also prepared me for postgraduate studies in the US during my recent sabbatical to further equip myself (and my wife as well) for the ministry. I am grateful to the principal, Rev Timothy Tow, the board of directors and the faculty for the opportunity to study and now teach in FEBC. May the Lord continue to preserve and keep this institution pure and free from the spiritual contamination of heretical beliefs, secular psychology, new age, cultic and occultic influences in these darkening days of apostasy and spiritual confusion.

Presently I thank God for the joy and privilege of serving him in Maranatha B-P Church as well as teaching in FEBC. God has been gracious and faithful to Maranatha and has richly blessed and prospered the ministry over the past 11 years with a growing congregation and a mission station in Chiang Mai manned by our Maranatha missionaries and FEBC alumni, Robert and Chadarat Peh, who have been reaching out to the Red Lahu tribe not only in the city, but also in the villages and in the mountains. May only the name of the Lord be magnified and glorified, and may we redouble our efforts in the faithful propagation of the unadulterated gospel and the vigilant defence of the most holy faith in these last perilous days (2 Thess 2:15).

Grateful Contemplations

*It all began with a man called Timothy,
Who was chosen by God from eternity.
He cherished a burden, dream and vision,*

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To start a Bible college as a fulfilling mission.

*FEBC was the outcome,
All sincere aspirants are welcome.
Prayers, blood and tears were in process,
To birth a reformed, premillennial school with success.*

*Students came from the Far East to the college,
In search of truth, wisdom and knowledge.
Ploughing through with assignments, quizzes and tests,
They struggled with godly zest.*

*2 Tim 2:2 was practised in this hall,
Sound Calvinistic teaching and training for all.
Reformed doctrine and scriptural separation,
Defending the doctrine of biblical creation and preservation.*

*The kitchen was in the culinary care of Ivy,
The delectable food to many an envy.
The hottest place is the library,
and then the bed for many a weary.*

*In the morning we have the chapel hour,
To receive the Word and Holy Ghost power.
Then fellowship over lunch and dinner,
Those in FEBC will not be thinner.*

*Evangelism is on every Wednesday,
Cleaning up duties, O blessed Friday.
Corporate prayer on Thursday,
Testimony time on Monday.*

*Who are those who will stand in the gap?
The Lord called all ye Gideon men who lapped.
The battle for the truth may seem so long,
Be in the thick of it and be thou strong!*

Forty years have passed since FEBC started,

*The mighty hand of God indeed has guided,
We started with humble ambition,
Jehovah has blessed with great fruition.*

*While our hearts are gladdened in this celebration,
We plead God to keep our generation.
That only Your name will ever be praised,
In this school that Thou has raised.*

TRUE-TO-LIFE EXPERIENCES IN THE FEBC KITCHEN

**Manuela D Fernadez-Heng (BRE '97)
Life B-P Church, Singapore**



On December 27, 1991, I left the Philippines to study at the Far Eastern Bible College in Singapore. It was raining on the day I arrived at FEBC. I felt homesick. I went to the parsonage to meet the principal. I felt uneasy and worried. I had mixed feelings. I felt like I was not so ready to enter the Bible college. When I met Rev Dr Timothy Tow, I heaved a sigh of relief. I was glad. I was touched by his fatherly look and words. He gave me some of his books, prayed and encouraged me.

I was glad to have been given an opportunity to assist the matron, Mrs Ivy Tow, to prepare the students' meals. I enjoy cooking and serving people. Serving in the kitchen helped me in many ways. It improved my cooking skills. It allowed me to cultivate emotional maturity and mental strength. It helped me to forget my sad moments (but cutting onions brought tears). Everything must be done quickly. There was no chance to daydream. I must do all things, whether eating, drinking or cooking, to the glory of God (1 Cor 10:31). My patience was exercised and my faith strengthened (Jas 1:4). There were lots of true-to-life experiences in the FEBC kitchen. Cooking is hard work but a lot of fun nonetheless.

By God's grace, after 4½ years of studies, I finally earned my Bachelor of Religious Education degree in June 1997. In October the

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same year I got married to Johnny Heng. Now we have a three-year-old daughter named Natalia.

I thank and praise God for the spiritual benefits I had gained from FEBC through the teaching and guidance of my lecturers who taught me sound doctrines. Not forgetting the “pots and pans,” for they also were the instruments God used to mould me at FEBC. To God be the glory!

A VERY SPECIAL PRIVILEGE

**Amos Go Za Sum (CertBS '97)
Preacher, Myanmar**



I am an alumnus of FEBC. By a very special privilege I studied for 1½ years (1996-1997) at FEBC with full support. I really enjoyed my academic year. There were over 100 students from nearly 20 nations studying at FEBC. All the lecturers are skilful in teaching. Everything was new to me in FEBC.

I would like to share some characteristics about our principal—Rev Dr Timothy Tow. He has no special house for himself, and lives in the college. He has no special meals and eats together with the students. He always says good words, eg, “Do some good thing for the Lord every day.” He is a practical leader. His living style is in accordance to the Bible. He is old in age but still young in spirit. These are the most interesting things I have learned about Rev Tow who supports me spiritually till today.

I really enjoyed my FEBC years. I ate like I never ate before. I learned things which I had never known before. I got up every morning at six o'clock and prepared myself for breakfast and the morning devotion. I

never missed the morning devotions because they helped my spiritual growth. I collected many good words from the different sermons. One thing I will never forget is the lunch bell. When the lunch bell rang, all students would stand in line for their food. After prayer, we ate the delicious food joyfully. I dare say all Myanmar students put on weight in FEBC because of the good food.

I will never forget the scoldings we received from Mrs Tow. She really loves the students, and she is a good “mother” for our college. She is also a practical leader.

While studying in FEBC, I became more burdened for my poor country. So, as soon as I arrived back home, by faith I started a new B-P church with my family. At the same time, the Lord gave me a vision to start a school for children. The Lord answered my prayers, and now I am pastoring two small B-P churches in Myanmar. Actually the two B-P churches were born of Life Church. The members regularly pray for me. Now I am zealously labouring for the Lord’s ministry. I have benefited much from my studies at FEBC.

MY PLAN DIFFERS FROM HIS DIRECTION

Moses Hahn Sung Ho (MDiv '97)
Missionary, Komongsom, Cambodia



My plan differs from His direction (Prov 16:9). There was a church in a rural village near my home. I was seven years old when I knew Jesus as Saviour. I remember I was zealous for my Jesus, and brought my friends to the church. I was happy to hear the ringing of the church bell, to sing songs, and to listen to Bible stories.

This Christian life lasted only one year. My family was not Christian, and moved to Pusan where there was no church nearby. I forgot Jesus completely until 1983 when I was 25 and met Eun Sil (MRE '97) who is now my wife. I did not even remember that I had believed in Jesus before.

During my days in university, I enjoyed reading and wanted to find the truth of life. So I read many kinds of books except the Bible, and

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concluded there was an absolute goodness in the world, but not known to me.

When the time came for me to get married, I realised that before I could marry Eun Sil, her mother had one condition. I had to be a Christian. But I was not sincere. I was like the unbelievers, indulging in the world. I was not satisfied with my job, and changed jobs again and again, from finance department to airline steward, to tour guide. My goal was to be rich, and enjoy the rest of my days. So I moved to Saipan and started a business to achieve my dream. It failed eventually. I broke down, and my dream came to an end.

During this time of struggle, I came to trust in my Saviour, and decided to be a missionary. God sent a woman, Mrs Sim, from Singapore to Saipan. She introduced FEBC to me. I decided to go to FEBC before going to China.

FEBC was a wonderful place for me to be trained as a missionary. It was fundamental in theology, the lectures were in English, and the church that was linked to it was mission-minded. I felt that it was the school prepared just for me and my family.

After completing the course in FEBC, I knocked on the door of China, but there was no answer. I was embarrassed. I studied the Bible, and Chinese as well. What was wrong? I waited, and then Jimmy Rim came from Cambodia.



When Jimmy Rim reported about the harvest field in Cambodia, I answered immediately, "I will go!" In August, 1997, I went to Cambodia, with Life B-P Church's support and found that it was the field God has prepared for me. God opened many doors around Komponentsom. He also

opened the northern door of Pailin in 2000, and western door of Kokong in 2001.

There are now over 30 students studying at Komponsom Bible School (KBS), and five in FEBC. Bible school buildings are being erected now. With our students, we are looking after the seven churches, and two outreaches.

Looking back at my life, even though I backslided, God moulded me for His ministry. As a simple boy, I knew His love; as an unbeliever, I knew the seriousness of sin; as a nominal Christian, I knew His chastisement. Through this pilgrimage, I witnessed the truth of the Bible. From the wilderness of Saipan He led me to the life at FEBC, I was taught Scripture, English, and ministry. It is by His grace that this sinner can be a worker for Him. Truly, Cambodia remains a golden opportunity for missions and evangelism. We would like to finish God's work and see Jesus our Saviour face to face.

A DREAM COME TRUE

Lazer Sam Lovelyson (DipTh '97, BRE '99)

Preacher, Gospel Light Mission, Nagercoil, South India



I praise and thank the Lord for the wonderful privilege that the Lord had given to me by His grace to study at FEBC, and to serve Him during the weekends together with the Gospel Lighters. It was really a dream come true. It was God's plan. He guided me to the right place, FEBC, where I could be equipped.

I was treated very special in FEBC. I am an insulin-dependent diabetic and must monitor my blood sugar and inject the correct amount of insulin into my body before every meal. So I needed lots of privacy to do this. By God's grace, FEBC provided me freely a separate room and facilities for my study and stay. And whenever I needed a medical checkup, FEBC recommended me to special doctors. I cannot forget especially the kindness of Dr Ang Beng Chong for the free checkup and laser treatment of my retinopathy (eye problem).

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Studying at FEBC was quite a struggle, but by His grace, I was able to complete all the subjects. Thanks be to God. My studies have helped me immensely. Praise the Lord for all the wonderful lecturers, fellow students and friends in FEBC.

I am very grateful to the principal, Rev Dr Timothy Tow, for granting me permission to translate one of his books titled *Coming World Events Unveiled* into Tamil for graduation. And my sincere thanks to Mrs Tow, “the college mom,” for all her help and delicious food. And also my thanks, from the bottom of my heart, to Rev Cheong Chin Meng and Gospel Light B-P Church for supporting me in my studies at FEBC.

Now I am linked with Gospel Light B-P Church and pioneering a work for our Lord in a place called Nagercoil in South India. Please remember me, and the work here in India in your prayers.

NO TEARS NO SUCCESS

Phoa Ang Liang (BTh '97)

Children’s ministry, Calvary B-P Church, Batam, Indonesia

First of all, praise be to the Lord for calling me to be His fulltime servant. I studied at FEBC from July 1993 to May 1997. Thank God for giving me strength and wisdom to study. Life in FEBC was very tough both academically and spiritually. It was like traveling in a stormy ocean that finally leads to a calm sea. If Jesus is our Captain, we will safely reach our destination.

My experience in FEBC can be summed up as “No prayer no results,” “no faith no graduation,” “no tears no success.” Chapel hour, church service, and prayer meeting have been a great blessing to my spiritual life and academic training. Rev Tow has always reminded us, “If we honour God, God will honour us;” “Put God first and He will put us first.” When I faced difficulty in my studies or spiritual life, I always remembered to look up to God and not myself. During the four years at FEBC, I have experienced wonderful fellowship with my sisters in Christ. We prayed together, we laughed together, we cried together, we studied together, we finished our course together. As the Word of God in Rom 12:15 says, “Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.” Until now we still remember and pray for one another.



Serving God while I was a student in FEBC has equipped me for my ministry now. Thank God for the opportunity of serving Him in the Indonesian Service and in the Malaysian Royal Navy in Woodlands. Now I am a fulltime worker in Batam, serving at Calvary B-P Church with Rev Kiantoro Lie (BTh '92, MRE '98)

and Ev Samson Hutagalung (BTh '99, MDiv '01), helping out in the children's ministry, outreach stations, and Bible Training Centre. Thank God for the academic studies that prepared me for the teaching, preaching, translating, and other practical ministries.

I have two children now, a girl who is 3½ years old (Hana Adytia), and a baby boy (Martin Adytia) born on February 5, 2002. Thank God for giving me a happy family. As Ps 107:1 says, "O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endureth forever." God has never forsaken me during these five years of ministry.

Finally, the Word of God is our encouragement. "Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus ... endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" (2 Tim 2:1, 3). "Let us serve the Lord for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever." Praise the Lord for my alma mater, and my dear lecturers. O God, uphold FEBC and make her a channel of blessing. Amen.

GOD HAS BEEN GOOD TO ME

Ho Heng Sau (BTh '98)

Missionary of Life B-P Church to Saipan



God has been good to me. I remember the first semester of my studies in the college, my mother objected to my staying in the dormitory. Staying in the dormitory was required of every single student. Matron encouraged me by telling me to pray. Many who knew about this also prayed for me. I thank God for the love and concern that the faculty and student body have shown to me then. By the grace of God,

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during the second semester, my mother allowed me to stay in the college. God is wonderful.

The semester that I found most challenging and difficult was when I was chosen to be the proctoress. I remember the many tears shed. It was so tough even to get things done by would-be “ministers.” Many prayers were also uttered. That semester was difficult also because I had to study Elementary Greek. However, I thank God for some FEBC sisters whom God had sent to encourage me. We often gathered together to pray when things were not well.

Although I grew up spiritually in Life Bible Class (LBC), one of the fellowship groups in Life B-P Church, I was not very convinced about Biblical separation. However, God is gracious to teach me through many lecturers the importance of holding forth this doctrine of Biblical separation. I must also take this opportunity to thank LBC for the many precious lessons and doctrines of the Bible that I have learned during its meetings. These have helped me a great deal in my studies at FEBC.

I have fond memories of sports time in FEBC. However, many of the students were so immersed in their studies that they did not participate in the games. However, there were a few of us who would keep ourselves fit so that we might study with a healthy body. During the exam period, I was tempted to give up this time for study. But I love to exercise. Hence two of us would continue to play badminton while others rushed to finish their assignments or prepare for their exams. It is by the mercies of God that we managed to cope with our studies.

Presently, I am serving in the Chinese Church of Saipan. Every Monday, before the prayer meeting, I would share God’s Word or lead in a simple Bible study. From Tuesday to Friday, I teach the new seekers’ class. When Rev Pang is absent, I would lead in the Bible studies, and counsel the sisters in church. I also drive the van to ferry the brethren to and from church. On Sunday, I teach the children in the Sunday school. I also send off members to the airport usually at 1.30 in the morning, and run errands like going to the bank, immigration office, and hospital. I am also in charge of getting the weekly ready for photocopying, and for duplicating cassette tapes of the sermons preached in church.

PERSEVERING THROUGH THICK AND THIN

David Koo (BRE '98)

Missionary pastor, Sihanoukville, Cambodia



It was Rev Okman Ki's introduction of FEBC's stand for the truth in the Word of God that prompted me to enrol myself as a theological student. By the grace of God, I was accepted by the principal, Rev Timothy Tow, to pursue my studies at FEBC in 1995. I am so happy and grateful to our Lord Jesus Christ and to Rev Tow for granting me the opportunity to complete my theological studies. I thank God for raising up FEBC in a time when many ministers are falling away from the truth. Praise God for FEBC in defending the fundamental faith and standing true and faithful to the Word of God.

It was a trying time studying at FEBC and residing at Beulah House with my family. We had to live by faith trusting our Lord for our daily provision and for my school fees. My family was very supportive throughout my stay at FEBC. This enabled me to cope well with all the problems of life and pressure of studies. The Lord was very gracious to my family and me as we persevered through thick and thin.

Through the sound teaching of faithful lecturers, the Lord was preparing me for His vineyard. The Lord has grounded me in the most holy faith and I must remain faithful in serving Him. My studies have also strengthened my spiritual life to be diligent and zealous for our Lord's work.

Having received all the blessings from FEBC, the Lord instilled within my heart the burden to work in Cambodia as a missionary. Now as I look back over the past five years, I can see how my Lord has brought me through many difficulties and struggles in the mission field in answer to prayers.

By His providence and grace the mission centre has established 15 provincial churches. I truly thank and praise God for His faithfulness in

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sustaining the work here through many brethren and sisters in Christ mainly from Korea and Singapore. By His unfailing grace and mercy, I am able to teach and preach the Word of God faithfully to our Cambodian brethren. Moreover, the Lord was gracious to help me see the urgent need of a kindergarten to nurture the children with the Word of God at a very young age. Thank God for answering our prayers to build God's house (church, Bible school dormitory, Christian primary school, kindergarten and computer school) soon.

It is my prayer that God will continue to bless FEBC and that she will remain faithful to her calling in training godly men and women for His kingdom.

“I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS”

Siriwan Lalidaphanchai (MRE '98)
Thai ministry in Singapore

I decided to come to FEBC because, even though I was baptised, I did not know “how and why” I believed in Christ. Thank God that He gave me the opportunity to find the answers and precious salvation through the Bible-based teaching of FEBC.

After one semester (January-May 1993), I needed to go back to Thailand. I was quite active in the youth fellowship. I must admit that I needed training to help me in teaching. It took me one year to pray and

make the decision on whether to serve the Lord or not. God sent Rev James Chan and Mrs Patricia Lin to convince me of the need for theological training. I remember when I decided to return to FEBC my heart was echoing, "I have decided to follow Jesus." Praise the Lord for the peace in my soul.

It was a happy and peaceful moment when God gave me the opportunity to return to FEBC, even though it was a small (in size) college. All lecturers emphasised the need to teach God's Word according to the Bible. I enjoyed every subject that the college offered. It was like a mould making me more Christlike and to work hard for Christ. Once Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo commented on 2 Tim 2:15 which mirrored my past for I had led many youths astray. As time passed I learned so many spiritual lessons. I liked the Monday morning chapel when students testified about what the Lord had done during the past week.

In the dormitory, there were many students from different countries but we stayed together like natural sisters. Every Thursday we had prayer meeting. We would share our joys and sadness, and committed them to the Lord. We learned to care for one another. One sister even typed out her class notes for the foreign students who were weak in English. I also learned the lesson of the power of prayer from the different prayer partners I had in the different semesters.



How has training prepared and equipped me for ministry? I thank God for the training and knowledge that I have received in FEBC, especially from studying all the books in the Bible. This gave me a solid ground to serve with the Thais. God taught me many lessons especially how important it is to be well trained and well studied; to be equipped well is to be prepared for impromptu questions (2 Tim 2:15).

I was involved in the Thai ministry from 1996 until I

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graduated in May 1998. I got married to Mr Lim Chee Ming in 1999 and continued to serve full-time as a pastor's secretary till the time I left to follow my husband to China. There, I learned why God allowed me to train in Singapore. In China I was asked to teach secondary school children to communicate in English. I used the Bible verses as teaching material. Many were interested and some argued about Christianity. Hopefully, God would bless the seeds sown in their hearts.

Now I have a baby girl, Narahda Lim Ern Siang. I am still serving as a part-time worker doing the accounting and secretarial work. Thank God for allowing me to bring my child up in a church environment. By the grace of God she is doing well and I pray for wisdom to cope with serving and taking care of her. May God be glorified.

THE PLACE OF SPIRITUAL MOULDING

Sim Poh Geok (Dip '98)

Full-time worker, Calvary B-P Church (Jurong), Singapore



Thank God for the privilege of sitting at the feet of the FEBC lecturers for three years from 1995-1998. I was truly impressed by their dedication and labour of love.

As I recollect, the most profitable session was the morning chapel before the commencement of classes. This signals the importance of spirituality above academics. I was truly blessed by the many precious lessons learnt from the preaching of the Word of God from both lecturers and students.

I also enjoyed the homiletics class which was very instructive in a practical way. The students were given the opportunity to preach and evaluate one another. From here, I learnt to apply this skill in the preparation of Bible study in my present ministry. The principal, Rev Timothy Tow, is indeed wise to include the ladies for this subject.

The early morning devotions provided an opportunity for fellow students to share their trials and joys. These times of mutual encouragement resulted in special bonding and caring, and also helped students learn to exhort one another with the Word of God.

A special word of thanks to Rev Stephen Khoo (aka “Papa Khoo”) for making Church History come alive during his class. I benefited much from his lectures which were very interesting and challenging.

Thank you, FEBC, for your theological training. May you continue to equip soldiers for Christ in our never-ending spiritual warfare.

“That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God” (Col 1:10).

SEPARATED UNTO GOD

Errol D Stone (BTh '98)

Pastor, Faith Presbyterian Church, Perth, Australia

All glory unto the Lord for the 40 years of faithful and separated service of the Far Eastern Bible College unto God. It is a privilege as an alumnus to rejoice in the faithfulness of an alma mater. I had the honour of studying at FEBC, a multinational Bible College, from 1994-1997, graduating after 3½ years. As a family we endured the difficulties, and rejoiced in the provisions and blessings. I give thanks to the Lord for the difficulties that helped shape and mould and equip us for ministry. I



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enjoyed the faithful teaching, fellowship, evangelism, gospel rallies, and serving as the college chaplain for several years.

FEBC has the distinction of being a disciplined college, separated unto God (Jude 3, 4), and giving instruction in the whole counsel of His Word (Acts 20:27). FEBC stands unashamedly on the truth of God's Word and as commanded, opposes every form of false teaching. By the grace of God, hundreds of students during the previous 40 years have passed through the college. In turn they have reached thousands of people with the gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ throughout the world, as commissioned (Matt 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8).

Throughout the history of FEBC, the watchmen had to be very discerning and vigilant to prevent defection from the truth; not as the blind watchmen of Isa 56:10 who failed to warn the flock and defend the truth. Contending for the faith is not easy for there are always those who want to conform to the world and introduce the world into the church. They desire to serve those who would like their ears tickled, not enduring sound doctrine (2 Tim 4:3).

At the time of my calling into ministry, I asked several people if they knew of any Bible colleges that taught the whole counsel of God and opposed every false form of teaching. Although there are many Bible colleges, there are very few that have not succumbed to the ecumenical movement. The doctrine of Biblical separation (2 Cor 6:14-7:1), that is separation from the world, separation from unbelieving churches, separation from unbelievers in marriage and in business, is never a popular practice of obedience. It is most often despised by those who compromise the truth of God's Word. Secondary separation is an even less popular doctrine (2 Thess 3:6, 14), that is separating from those who either walk disorderly or are associated with apostasy.

Faith Presbyterian Church (Perth) was established in September 1999 and is an Australian-based multinational church. By the grace of God most of the congregation serve the Lord in some way. It is encouraging to see the church grow spiritually and steadily in number. All glory to the Lord for the overseas students from B-P churches and others who fellowship with us. Also for the overseas visitors, who encourage us each year.

By the grace of God, since the Lord allowed the commencement of the ministry of Faith Presbyterian Church (Perth), we have seen His

guidance, His provision and His blessing. I was greatly blessed by having been ordained through the Far Eastern Bible College and give all glory and honour to the Lord for being in His full-time service.

I give all glory to the Lord for a well-guarded pulpit, a reverent worship, a separated stance, a love for the truth, blessed church camps, fruitful anniversary seminars, and a caring and compassionate fellowship. I also thank God for an evangelistic spirit and for the first missionary trip as a church in July 2002 to Cambodia.

May the Lord raise up more Bible colleges and churches that are obedient and separated unto God.

WE REALLY LEARNT A LOT

Tan Swee Hwa (CertRK '98) and Ko Sek Bee (CertRK '98)
Church workers, Calvary B-P Church (Jurong),
Chinese Service, Singapore



We would like to thank God for giving us the opportunity to study in FEBC for two years. Although English is neither our first nor second language, we tried our best to understand the lectures. By God's grace, we really learnt a lot.

Thank you very much, Rev Timothy Tow, for teaching us Systematic Theology, Minor Prophets and also Homiletics. Thank you very much, Rev Koa, for giving us a clearer picture of Bible Geography and a better understanding of the life of Jesus Christ. We would also like to thank the entire faculty for sharing God's message to encourage us. Besides that, we also enjoyed ourselves very much in the morning devotion with the students from different countries. We pray that God's blessing will always be with FEBC.

We graduated in 1998 and are now serving in Calvary B-P Church (Jurong Mandarin Congregation). Now the average attendance of the adult worshippers is about 190 every Sunday, and the children's

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attendance is about 70. We thank God for His strength and grace upon us in our ministry in this church.

We believe that God is training and equipping His children all the time so that they can serve Him better. Although we do face difficulties in serving Him, His Word always reminds us: “My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me” (2 Cor 12:9).

HONEST SHARING IN THE CLASSROOM

Hannah Yeo (BTh '98, MRE '02)
Children's ministry, Singapore



This is a great privilege and opportunity for me to thank and praise God. Firstly, for leading me to the Far Eastern Bible College, and secondly, for His wonderful and gracious provision throughout my studies at the college.

Far Eastern Bible College is the place where I have spent five and a half years of my life in formal theological training. Many may wonder how I ended up at Far Eastern Bible College since I came from a Baptist background. I had originally been unable to further my studies in the secular area. When the Lord gave me a burden to serve Him and even miraculously opened the way for me to enter FEBC, it was like a second chance, and a much better alternative. This is because I would be equipped to serve the Lord of lords and King of kings in the future. When my parents who were already serving the Lord then, gave me their blessings, I was overjoyed. Before attending FEBC in 1994, I had been looking for a college, which would honour and uphold the teaching of God's Holy Word. FEBC has more than met my expectations.

Through my studies at FEBC, I have obtained a broader understanding of what it means to serve the Lord. I have learnt that knowing, practising and teaching God's truth is just part of what it means to serve God. FEBC is strong in its rallying cry against the ecumenical

movement. This has made me realise that serving God would also require the defending of God's truth. This has made me more aware and sensitive to the confusion that is present in today's Christian circles. This is something for which I am very much grateful.

FEBC's clear course outlines and Bible study notes have stood me in good stead so far in my present involvement with the children's work in a few churches. Being interested in children's work, the Christian education courses have been especially beneficial in helping me to understand the needs of children in my present outreach to them. I am also grateful for the practical aspect of service, which this college offers through interaction with students from other countries and the doing of duties. I also learned much when I stayed in the girl's dormitory together with girls from other countries, under the care of the Matron, Mrs Tow.

Apart from benefiting from the academic courses at FEBC and its practical life, I very much appreciate the honest sharing in the classroom from many of the pastors and teachers about their experiences in their service for the Lord. They have always served as good examples for me on many occasions. Rev Tow especially has three good reminders with regard to the service of the Lord that I will take with me when I graduate. Firstly, to serve the Lord, one must die to self. This is reflected in John 12:24, "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." Secondly, when one serves God, one must remember that one has "zero prospects." Thirdly, "God is always the best paymaster." May the Lord continue to strengthen and bless the teachers at Far Eastern Bible College in their endeavours to equip the student body for service in the Lord's vineyard.

IT WAS NOT AN EASY ROAD

**Samson Hutagalung (BTh '99, MDiv '01)
Preacher, Calvary B-P Church, Batam, Indonesia**

It is a great joy to recall my past experience as a student at FEBC. There were much joy and struggle during my student days at FEBC as I was being moulded and equipped for the ministry. I would like to share three of these.

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First of all, FEBC was where I learned the reformed doctrines of Bible-Presbyterianism. Rooted in the reformed faith, I know for sure that I am saved and shall never be forsaken by the Lord. Furthermore FEBC is uncompromising. Many contemporary and controversial issues were brought up by the students, and the lecturers devoted themselves to giving the best answers to the questions. FEBC is not a college that allows students to pick and choose what they want to believe. I was trained to exegete the Word of God in the original languages.

Secondly, FEBC trained me to evangelise. I am grateful to the Lord and FEBC for providing me with the opportunity of practical evangelism. Wednesday evangelism was a joyful time despite the many assignments that required our attention.

Thirdly, FEBC taught me to be thankful in everything. The Monday morning chapel hour is devoted to thanksgiving for any student who wants to testify of God's goodness. This practice is so meaningful. It reminds every student to be thankful and to look to the Lord for everything.

I marvel at the way the Lord had helped me during my studies in FEBC. Struggle after struggle had I faced both in my studies and in my character building. When I recall those years of learning, I am thankful to the Lord for His grace and mercy in helping me to complete my studies. It was not an easy road. The demands were so great, but they prepared me well for the ministry. The many struggles were not just in my studies but also in relating to fellow students from various countries and cultures.

I am just thankful to the Lord for the privilege of serving Him in the small island of Batam. I help preach in GAPPI (Gereja Alkitab Presbyterian Protestan Indonesia, or Bible-Presbyterian Protestant Church of Indonesia) in Batam, and teach at the Bible Centre which is part of the ministry of the church.



Let us continue “looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Heb 12:2). All glory be to His name. Amen.

PREACHING THE WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD

Surish (BTh '99)

**Missionary preacher, Life B-P Bible School and Church,
Sihanoukville, Cambodia**

One can never run away from the call of God for His glory and service. Several times, I did attempt to ignore the Lord's call but to no avail.

The Lord has been so gracious and merciful towards me all these years by dealing gently with me, and teaching me precious lessons through accidents. It was in the year 1993 that I was awakened from my wilful ignorance and stubbornness in trying to escape from the Lord's calling. When I met with my second accident, I awoke to the fact that life is so short and man is so frail. Immediately, being prompted by the Holy Spirit, I confided with my pastor, Rev Timothy Tow, concerning the calling of the Lord. Praise God for my beloved pastor who shared with me his own testimony of how he lost his loved ones when he himself tried to run away from the Lord's call into full-time ministry to pursue worldly fame.

By the grace of God and by His providence, I was accepted by FEBC to pursue my theological studies for four years. Thank God for making this possible and for providing for all my needs. Indeed, I truly praise God for raising godly men and women to teach, preach, and defend the truth and God's Word faithfully in FEBC. Under the leadership of godly principal and lecturers I received sound doctrines. I was deeply rooted in the Holy Word of God. During the course of my studies, I ministered in the Life Church Indonesian Kebaktian and joyfully took care of the needs of my brother in Christ, Tow Shen Min. In spite of all the struggles in theological studies and other personal areas, I praise God for His unfailing grace and strength upon me His unworthy servant through such wonderful years in FEBC.

Upon graduation, the Lord paved the way for me to be an instrument and a channel of blessing for His glory in the mission field of Cambodia under Rev David Koo. By His right hand and through many prayers of the saints back home, the Lord has sustained me for the past four years with good health. I am serving Him faithfully in Life B-P Bible School and at Life B-P Church of Sihanoukville, teaching and preaching the whole counsel of God.

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It is my constant, earnest and fervent prayer for my alma mater that the Lord will continue to produce God-fearing men who will further His Kingdom. May our Lord's name be praised forever more.

MY SPIRITUAL SAFTI

Alex N Wugu (BTh '99)

Lecturer, Bible College of East Africa, Kenya



The first lesson I learned at FEBC was humility. When I first entered the FEBC gate I saw an old man carrying a palm leaf heading for the dustbin. I was humbled when I learned later that he was Rev Dr Timothy Tow, the college principal. This spiritual virtue is what characterises all FEBC lecturers and hence most of her graduates.

One of the common phrases one will hear upon joining FEBC is, "FEBC is like a SAFTI." SAFTI stands for Singapore Armed Forces Training Institute. This is a place where young Singaporeans go through hard military training to prepare them

to defend their nation. FEBC is compared to SAFTI, only that she is a spiritual SAFTI. It is here that God used my teachers and fellow students to mould my heart and person.

The FEBC semester always starts like a stampede. The semester schedule is very tight. One has to learn how to manage time well in order to excel in one's studies as well as other extra-curricular duties. The training in FEBC is not just study, study, study. There are many other activities a student is supposed to get involved in to round up his/her training.

My earliest experience was in the FEBC kitchen, especially when I was appointed the group leader. Through this I learned how to prepare breakfast, wash dishes, and clean the kitchen at the end of the day. It was in my kitchen duty group that I met people of different cultures and attitudes. I learned patience, teamwork, and friendship. I had the same experience up in FEBC boys' dorm. Through all these experiences I learned that God was teaching me how to live in a multi-national society. Servants of God need to be sociable.

Apart from learning so much within the walls of the FEBC kitchen, I also learned much within the walls of the FEBC classrooms. I thank God for FEBC, a Bible-believing and a Bible-defending college. The principal and all the faculty members believe in the total inspiration of the Bible (2 Tim 3:16-17; Matt 5:17-18). They believe that the KJV, a product of the Preserved Text, is the pure and unchangeable Word of God. These are among the fundamental teachings I have received in FEBC. I thank God for this godly heritage. I will treasure it for the rest of my life. I count this a great privilege. It is my prayer that God will preserve FEBC from the doctrinal errors of this age, and that she will continually sound the warning bell till the Day of the Lord.

Besides the abovementioned (kitchen and classroom), there are also the chapel walls. Every FEBC day begins with personal prayer time, group prayer, then chapel hour. It is through this prayer time that I developed a daily walk with God. We (students) shared our burdens and prayed together. I was also encouraged and challenged by good messages delivered at chapel. I was also given the opportunity to preach to fellow students at the homiletic "swimming pool" on Wednesdays. I was really encouraged by the encouraging comments made by Rev Tow and fellow students after my not-so-good delivery.

I know that God has a place for me in His kingdom. My spiritual training in FEBC has stirred within me the gifts of teaching and preaching. I am going to invest these gifts in His kingdom for the rest of my life. This is the only way I can repay the goodness of God to me through FEBC. God bless FEBC, my spiritual SAFTI.

"... As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Josh 1:15).
Amen!

MY BELOVED “VIENNA WOODS”

Esther Siew-Lan Chew (BTh '00)

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At my Master's call, I counted the cost, and had no qualms about exchanging a well-paying career for full-time ministry in His vineyard (Isa 6:8). But His specific constraining directive to Far Eastern Bible College in the humid Orient caused months of tearful heart-searching (Ps 139:23-24), because of the drastic “freezer to furnace temperatures.” Miserably, with continual tears on that 24 odd hours' flight to the East, I began my FEBC race. January 1996 marked a most profound switch from a pampered lifestyle culturally, socially, mentally, and spiritually. The four years of literal, profuse sweat and tears were painful struggles against the oppressive heat, noise, pollution, mosquitoes, claustrophobic feeling, ill-health, allergic skin ailments, and inevitable poignant homesickness. But the sweet balm of my Great Shepherd (Ps 23) effectively healed and restored (2 Cor 12:9).

God graciously sustained me, opening my eyes to the lovely “nature” around the campus. The many stone tables and seats under the tall trees, swaying palms, the fish ponds, the brightly-colored birds and their daily sweet warble create a most woodsy atmosphere. How lovely it is, especially when there is a cool breeze! All the cozy, little rooms designed by our ingenious principal, Rev Timothy Tow, utilising odd spaces amidst the trees were another picturesque contribution. The newly-built room allotted to me, nostalgically reminded me of my pleasant sojourn in a pretty cottage in the Vienna Woods in Austria during my erstwhile travelling days.

Nothing happens by chance (Rom 8:28), and gradually the Lord's marvelous plan unfolded. My Divine Potter was patiently remoulding this piece of worldly clay. Each morning's invariable strong cries for His enabling ended with nightly thankfulness for His daily miracles to me. It is a mystery how He carried me through the semesters. By His abundant mercies I passed every subject, including Greek, despite the perpetual ill-health and frequent sleeping away of precious day and night hours, regardless of examinations. Being a “studyaholic,” always involved with non-biblical courses in Canada, it was challenging to study God's Word in depth, in spite of the unpalatable weather and lack of customary facilities, especially when I realised my spiritual ignorance! Writing all those

research papers, especially my thesis, were pleasurable blessings. Except, the more I learn, the less I seem to know!

Having always used the King James Bible with its beautiful English, it was gratifying to learn about defending my faith, and the imperative essentials of separation. Certainly there is still a well of biblical knowledge to dig in, despite all the precious doctrines gleaned within FEBC's venerable halls, but most importantly, my Master Teacher has taught me how to love and serve Him best with submissive obedience.

Providentially after my BTh graduation in May 2000, I returned home, and wrote three-months' Junior RPG readings, before serving three months as a volunteer at Baraka Conference Center in Israel. Presently, by my King's appointment, I am studying for my MRE, in my alma mater again, awaiting my Captain's future commission. Amen.

ALL THAT I NEEDED FOR MINISTRY

Samuel Kunjumone (BRE '00)

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I am glad to write this report to FEBC on the occasion of her 40th Anniversary. On June 21, 1993, I entered FEBC to receive theological training. I had the calling of God and joined FEBC to equip myself to fulfill the Great Commission that Jesus had entrusted to me. When I came to FEBC, I was not aware of the difficulties that I would go through during the years of my training. Thank God that FEBC gave me a vision and sound doctrinal teaching. I have learnt a lot of wonderful lessons from the college. The college totally changed my mindset concerning ministry. I can neither forget the valuable teachings of Rev Dr Timothy Tow, nor the practical lessons I learnt from Mrs Tow. FEBC moulded me and taught me all that I needed for the ministry.

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In my final year, a brother invited me to attend a prayer meeting. We were the only five people at that prayer meeting. We prayed for more souls to be added to His Kingdom. Thank God that His favour was upon us and gradually more people started attending the meeting. After the completion of my studies at FEBC, I realised the need to start a Sunday service. On August 9, 1998, we started our Sunday service. I thank God for providing me the opportunity to pastor this church. Now we have three services in three different languages (English, Tamil and Malayalam). And around 130 people are attending these services.

In short, I can say boldly that FEBC has given me a strong foundation. Thank God for my alma mater and her kindness towards me. Thank God for Rev Dr Tow and all other lecturers. May God bless you and reward you for what you have done. Amen.

HARD DOCTRINES MADE SIMPLE

Lim Poh Choo (CertBS '00)

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“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Tim 2:15). This instruction of Apostle Paul was the main reason that led me to Far Eastern Bible College in January 1999. Prior to that I had attended night classes because I wanted to know more about God and be approved of Him. Since then I have been taking day courses at FEBC. By God’s grace and providence, I have the opportunity to learn Biblical doctrines and many other topics that are needed in my service for Him. The Lord truly knows my needs!

At FEBC, I received not only the sound teachings of God’s truth but also His blessings beyond measure. The Lord indeed is merciful and gracious to me, as He has also blessed me with joy in learning. There was never a dull moment in my studies at FEBC. Praise the Lord!

I am currently serving as a teacher cum bus-leader in the children ministry—Calvary Mission to Children—an outreach to the children living in the Western part of Singapore. The training I received at FEBC

enables me to discern truth from error and this helps in the preparation of the lessons. As Biblical facts get included, the lessons become more varied and interesting. I am more confident now than before in sharing the gospel with others and in explaining to my students' parents who are confused by the many different doctrines in the churches, especially the separatist stand of our church. I am also very much strengthened in the faith because the more I learn of Him, the more I trust and believe in Him and His Word.

I am thankful to God for sending lecturers with many different gifts to help me in my studies. I thank God for their patience and love for the students and for their love in imparting their knowledge without reservation. My special thanks to the principal, Rev Dr Timothy Tow, for making hard doctrines simple enough for students like me who have no theological background so that we too might understand the deep things of God as revealed in the Scriptures. I am also very encouraged by the full-time students. I am truly blessed by God during my time at FEBC.

May the Lord continue to bless the principal, the faculty, and all those who serve in FEBC with joy in service. May He also bless His college with greater strength so that FEBC may continue to stand and to shine not only in the Far East but also in all the world till Christ returns. Amen.

WORK THAT HAS ETERNAL VALUE

Carol Lee (MDiv '00)

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In 1987, while I was a teacher in a junior college, the Lord impressed upon me Ps 45:10 and 11. And I knew then that I must be prepared to go where the Lord leads even if it means leaving the “familiar” (v10 “forget also thine own people, and thy father’s house”) and going into “unfamiliar territory.”

I began to wait on the Lord as to what He wants me to do. Move out of teaching which I am familiar with? And into what? Another secular job? Mission work in a foreign

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country? There was no conviction. Doors closed. Out of the blue, in 1989, I was offered a job transfer. Having prayed for two years, I took it as God's answer and I accepted it without hesitation. I thank God for the work that I could do for Him in my new work place in the Ministry of Education (MOE)—witnessing to my non-Christian colleagues and starting a lunch-time Bible study group.

In 1994, I was reminded of Ps 45:10-11, and once again I prayed, asked God the same questions, waited on Him, knocked on a few “doors,” but no confirmation from God. Then in 1996, I was offered a job transfer again. Once again, I accepted it as the Lord's leading.

From January 1996 to February 1997, I worked hard but the work gave me no sense of satisfaction. I felt my work meaningless. I asked myself, “Why am I working so hard pursuing earthly goals for a secular organisation?” I know God puts many of us in secular organisations for a purpose. Many of us can do God's work in these places. Yet, I knew then that the Lord has not put that restlessness in my heart for nothing.

I was soon due for promotion, which would lead to a compulsory course at NIE followed by a bond with MOE. Does the Lord want me to follow this career path and to continue in these earthly tasks which I find so meaningless and dissatisfying? Is God calling me into full-time Christian work? Work that has eternal value? I prayed and waited on Him. At the same time, I applied for a private sector job asking God to shut this door if it was His will for me to go into full-time Christian work. I went for two rounds of interviews and was waiting to be called up for a written test when the Lord convicted me that the most meaningful and satisfying work is His work, work that has eternal value. Therefore, without further waiting, I said yes to God, to going into FEBC to be trained and to serving Him full-time in whatever areas that He wants. So, in February 1997, I tendered my resignation and enrolled in FEBC. Ps 45:10-11 came back to my mind and I realised then why God gave me this text 10 years ago in 1987, and what He was accomplishing in my life during that period of waiting on Him.

I know serving God full-time is a great privilege and responsibility. As I enrolled in FEBC, my flesh inevitably was worried and asked, “How will I survive without my regular income?” “What if I fail the FEBC exams?” But God has already taught me, especially during the ten-year waiting period, that He can be trusted to provide in His own timing (Matt

6:33, 2 Tim 1:12b). I prayed then that the Lord will keep me looking to Him and going where He wants me to go.

My three years in FEBC have gone by very quickly. The more I learn, the more I realise that I do not know. Besides academic learning, the three years in FEBC were also a time of experiencing God's grace and mercy and coming to a full realisation that without God, I could do nothing. God's work has to be done in God's way, in His own perfect timing. I know I do not deserve it, yet He has chosen to bless me so bountifully. I can only praise and thank Him for all that He has done. My prayer is that God will continue to mould me that I might be fit for His continued use, and that He will keep me faithful and obedient to and trusting in Him. All glory and praise be unto our most high and loving God! Amen!

I BRAVED THE BIBLE SCHOOL

Daniel Lim Hoe Chiang (DipTh '00)

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“Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Tim 2:15). “That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works” (2 Tim 3:17).

I met the Lord while undergoing a drug rehabilitation programme in 1994 at the Helping Hand, a Christian halfway house. I remember I prayed and asked God how I could walk closely with Him. He answered by directing me to FEBC in 1997.

As a young Christian fresh from a drug rehabilitation center, I had little idea of what challenges were waiting for me at FEBC. I braved the Bible school with nothing much but a strong desire to know more about God and His Word, and to be in the company of God's people who could help me in my own walk with Him.

The first semester was not easy. I was worried about my command of English. With many papers to write, deep theological books to read, and oral presentations in class, I was in for some trouble. I shared my worries with a pastor. To my surprise, he encouraged me with these

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words: “It is the heart that matters.” It was such a comfort to hear, for deep in my heart I wanted to study to know the Lord more. I encouraged myself to do my best, not minding so much about the grade. I was content to receive a passing mark.

The training at FEBC was rigorous with long hours of reading and study, assignments and papers. I was a poor organizer and did not have good study habits. When confronted with thick theological books, I often did not know how to start and had difficulty understanding. Yet praise God, during my three-year study, I did not fail a subject and my GPA improved year after year until my graduation. Indeed it was by His grace.

Studying at FEBC is indeed a great blessing for me because there I was surrounded and taught by good and respectable lecturers who had in-depth knowledge of the Word of God and who were zealous to expound, defend and teach the Truth. They have strongly influenced me to be a servant of God.

Right after my graduation from FEBC in May 2000, I returned to serve in the House of Hope in Cebu, Philippines, until now. The strong Biblical training I had received from FEBC has indeed given me a firm foundation in God’s Word, thus helping me to stand strong in the faith, and enabling me to teach the precious truths of God’s Word to those who come to our ministry. In a drug ministry like the House of Hope, one desiring to serve must first equip himself with the Word of God and have the right perspective on important truths such as the depravity of man, God’s unconditional love and salvation in Christ. I thank and praise the Lord for using FEBC to prepare and equip me for God’s work. I thank my lecturers and principal who have impacted by life greatly.

May God’s riches blessings be upon this school and its workers, and may the Lord continue to raise up many labourers for His harvest field. To God be the glory!

THE YEARS OF PREPARATION

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I first entered the halls of my alma mater as a full-time student about four years ago. I remember well the feeling of apprehension that clouded my heart because of the six semesters ahead of me. It seemed so long

then! How could I endure six long semesters? Oh that I could finish my studies as soon as possible! At that time, I remember an advice given by a senior student, “Learn to cherish every day that you have in FEBC. It’ll soon be over before you know it!” How true indeed his words were! Today, as I look back at those years of training, it suddenly dawned on me that I have already graduated from my alma mater for more than a year! During this period, the Lord granted me the privilege to serve Him in the Chinese service of Life Church. Besides relying on the grace of God, I believe that the years of preparation in my alma mater have also, to a great extent, benefited and equipped me for the ministry among His people.



Firstly, I believe that the most important benefit I have received was the sound teaching of the Word. While it is lamentable that many colleges and seminaries overseas have or are beginning to forsake God’s Word for man’s opinions, I am glad that FEBC continues to emphasise the teaching of the Word because a sound understanding and application of the Word alone is the key to building a church that is approved of God. Hence, by faithfully teaching the Word, the college

has, in reality, given every student the right foundation to labour upon for the Lord.

With regard to the teaching of the Word, I am also much blessed by the college’s strong emphasis on the study of the original languages. Through the dedication of the lecturers, I was able to acquire a basic but much needed language foundation, especially Greek. This knowledge aids me greatly during my Bible study and message preparation as it enables me to uncover the many truths of the Scriptures which will otherwise be passed over out of ignorance.

But besides benefiting from the academic training offered in the college, I have actually benefited much from the daily duties and chores

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of college life such as helping out in the kitchen, and even washing of toilets! Though some students may not appreciate it, I feel that these duties are necessary to remind me that the life of a minister is one of servanthood. After all, even our Lord condescended to wash His disciples' feet. Can we as His unworthy servants do less?

In conclusion, I truly want to thank the Lord for the wonderful opportunity to study in a school of prophets such as FEBC. May God continue to bless this college, and to use her for His glory for many more years to come. Amen.

I STILL REMEMBER AND DREAM OF FEBC

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Praise the Lord Jesus Christ who has delivered us from sin and death by His precious blood shed on the Cross.

I still remember and dream of FEBC. I remember when I first arrived at FEBC, I could not do anything because I could not understand, write, nor speak English. I felt dumb and stupid in FEBC. Mercifully, God helped me by His grace. First of all, He gave me good roommates, Lee Byong Sang, a Korean, Wiranto Gunawan, an Indonesian, and Joshua Cheng, a Chinese American. They helped me with all their heart. If I did not have them I might have had more difficulties in my studies. Secondly, God gave me a good mind to pray in order to overcome my problems. All students had to go to bed by 11.30 pm. I had to follow this rule. But I woke up at 2:30 am during my first semester to pray and study. I am not a man who has an indomitable will. I am weak. How? That is why I say everything is by the grace of God. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him" (Jas 1:5). Lastly, God opened my ears to listen to all the lectures.

About the time when my second semester was done, I got a telephone message from my senior pastor who is now my father-in-law.

He said that he had stomach cancer. I returned home and spent one year with him. Needless to say, he is still alive because of God's grace though 75% of his stomach has been cut off.

After a year, which saw me married and ordained, I returned to FEBC. This time, a wonderful thing happened. My ears suddenly were opened to English without any effort. My grades also became so good. "But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain" (1 Cor 15:10).

The best thing that I learned from FEBC is Christian Fundamentalism. Sometimes I meet people who jeer at the Truth and the Word of God. I would stand up against them with a brave heart. I believe that if a person says he is Christian, he must be a good fundamentalist. That is my full conviction.

Nowadays, I have a new habit. From time to time, I would go to the big market to seek Korean Ginseng (the best in the world) because of Rev Tow's health. He is sadly very old. May God give him long life to serve the Lord some more! If God is willing I hope to visit FEBC someday and testify of the grace of the Lord again. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" (Ps 133:1). I would be an FEBCian forever because FEBC is my alma mater. To the Lord be all the glory.

INTELLECTUAL, SPIRITUAL, PRACTICAL

Robert Peh (BTh '00)

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All praise and thanks to our almighty God for giving me the opportunity to be trained at FEBC. It was in January 1995 that I commenced my studies there. I could still remember how Rev Timothy Tow asked me to go down for a personal interview before he finally accepted me as his student. By law, I was not qualified at all to enter the college, but by grace, God moved Rev Tow to take me in, even though I had no academic qualifications at all. This alone has made me very grateful to my alma mater.

Thank God for my alma mater, which He raised up as a banner, "for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Rev 1:9). She has conscientiously grounded me in the truth of God's Word, "built upon

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the foundation of the apostles and the prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone” (Eph 2:20), that we may not be “tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine” (Eph 4:14), in these last days of theological deception. Indeed, she has faithfully declared “all the counsel of God” (Acts 20:27), “for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ” (Eph 4:12).

In gratitude to my alma mater for imparting not only the spiritual counsel, but also the experiential training which are so essential in my service in the Lord’s vineyard, I would like to express my appreciation by a quick screening of my life as an FEBC student, recalling how my alma mater has influenced and moulded me in these three aspects: intellectual, spiritual, and practical.

(1) *The Intellectual Aspect.* A word of thanks to all my lecturers, who, having gone through the training in FEBC themselves, under the same principal and spiritual mentor, Rev Timothy Tow, who has faithfully held forth and committed unto them “the word of life” (Phil 2:16), have in turn fervently imparted it to us (2 Tim 2:2). The classroom teaching was compulsory for every student. Like Mary who sat at Jesus’ feet and heard His Word (Luke 10:39), it was indeed a great blessing to sit at the feet of God’s appointed teachers and learn from them. “Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts” (Jer 15:16). Besides the mid-term and final examinations, there were quizzes every week. Furthermore, part of the training of the mind included committing to memory the precious Word of God so that we could say like the Psalmist, “Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee” (Ps 119:11). On top of all these, there were also many reading assignments and research papers to write. Hence, I thank God for all the solid theological training received, for it really shaped my whole person, as it is often quoted, “Reading makes a full man, and writing, an exact man.”

(2) *The Spiritual Aspect.* Every morning without fail we would gather together in small groups for morning prayer before we proceeded to our morning chapel. Once a week, there was also the students’ prayer meeting, not neglecting my personal daily devotion. All these spiritual activities strengthened my faith and built up my reliance upon God. And being poor in English since I was not so educated, while others were doing their assignments, I was learning English. As a slower student, poor

in English and writing, many a time I would find myself spending many hours at my desk before lights-off, writing nothing. This caused me to literally cry to God for mercies. Indeed, the Bible reminds us, “Faithful is he that calleth you, and who also will do it” (1 Thess 5:24). Not that after prayer I was immediately given wisdom from above to write, but that He has taught me what it was to trust Him always and do my best, as Rev Tow puts it, “*Self help with God’s help is the best help.*”

(3) The Practical Aspect. Every Wednesday morning, one of the students would preach, and I was given the privilege too. This was meaningful because it polished up our preaching skills, that we might be ready preachers, to “preach the word; be instant in season, out of season” (2 Tim 4:2). Then, every Wednesday afternoon, we would go out for tracting and evangelism, for after we are saved, “we are ambassadors for Christ” (2 Cor 5:20), having been given “the ministry of reconciliation” (2 Cor 5:18), we are thus charged to “do the work of an evangelist” (2



Tim 4:5). To make us more effective, we were often encouraged to serve in the church’s ministry, which would enable us to put into practice all that we have learned from our alma mater.

All these three aspects were crucial in the formation of my whole person and in shaping me for the Lord’s ministry. Thus, in retrospect, I would compare FEBC as both a physical and a spiritual military training ground, preparing and equipping the soldiers of Jesus Christ for the battlefield. The training stretched us through and through, making us spiritually fit for the ministry. Many doors were opened for skills development, and our minds were fed with divine knowledge, that we might “be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the Master’s use” (2 Tim 2:21).

Then, before being sent out to the frontline of the mission field, by God’s higher hand, He prepared a helpmeet (Chadarat Chaikor) for me in the college, to co-labour with me in His ministry. Thereafter, having by

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the grace of God completed our theological studies, our Great Commander commissioned our family through Maranatha B-P Church, our sending church, to northern Thailand, where we now serve as missionaries at three mission stations. In the mission field, the teaching we received from FEBC was tried, and it came forth as gold, proving that what we have learned were indeed sound words. Truly, thank God again for my alma mater.

NO LONGER ALONE

Chadarat Chaikor (DipTh '00)

Missionary wife, Chiangmai, Thailand

In July 1996, I left Thailand for Singapore as one person, without knowing any Biblical doctrine. However, after completing my theological studies in FEBC, I now have a clear understanding of the true teaching of God's Word. On top of that, I went back to serve God no longer alone. God has blessed me with a family while in college. After graduation, my husband (Robert Peh) and I recognised the seriousness of remaining faithful to God and true to His Word. Jude says, "ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3).

In FEBC, we were taught the doctrine of Biblical separation and understood the importance of observing it at both personal and ecclesiastical levels. Hence, we were determined not to compromise our faith with any unsound teaching and practice, which is so common all over Thailand. Practising it is not easy. In Singapore, many regard those B-P churches that hold to the teaching of FEBC as being too strict in Christianity and too old fashioned in worshipping God. It is worse in Thailand. Nevertheless, it brings God's blessings when it is obeyed.

Therefore, I really thank God for bringing me to study and learn the truth in FEBC. Not only did my alma mater equip me with Bible knowledge, it has also prepared me well to serve God better in the mission field. All the duties that the college appointed the students to do were very profitable. They helped us not only to be ready to serve God and others, but also to teach others to do the same as well. May our God continue to prosper FEBC and train up many more servants to serve Him.

A PROFITABLE AND UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE

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It is a great privilege for me to write this testimony on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of my alma mater. I was a student at FEBC from January 1997 to November 2001. During those years I earned a Master of Divinity and a Master of Theology. I am now serving the Lord as a preacher in my church which is the Evangelical Church of Vietnam.

I really thank God for the five years of studies at FEBC. I have had a profitable and unforgettable experience. Spiritual lessons I have learned in the Word of God have not only equipped me for my ministry but also changed my life for God's glory. Many a time the Word of God taught by the lecturers touched my

heart by either encouraging me or convicting me of my sins.

Praise the Lord for our principal, Rev Dr Timothy Tow, and all the lecturers who taught me many precious lessons through their lectures, as well as their personal lives. The subject that I liked best was Homiletics under Rev Tow. Now every time I prepare my sermon or preach at the pulpit I remember what he reminded me in Homiletics class: "The four forms of effective speech are statement, restatement, illustration and testimony; the three rules of rhetoric are pronunciation, pronunciation, pronunciation." These lessons contributed greatly to my success and brought much glory to the Lord. Other lecturers have also provided me with good knowledge of the Word of God that is very helpful in my present service for the Lord.

I appreciate the chapel hour when I, together with all students, worshipped the Lord every morning before going to class. I still

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remember many good sermons preached by our lecturers. They strengthened me greatly and helped me persevere throughout my five years of study.

I also thank God for the good facilities that I enjoyed during my stay in FEBC. With these facilities I had a comfortable life and could concentrate on my studies. That was enough for me as a Bible student to study the Word of God. In addition, I really enjoyed FEBC's food cooked by Mrs Tow and her helpers. I remember when I first came to FEBC in 1997, I was very skinny but after my five years I have gained weight.

After finishing my MDiv programme I entered the ThM programme. I thank God for equipping me with more knowledge through this programme, especially, during the process of writing my thesis. Under the supervision of my advisors, Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo, Rev Quek Suan Yew, and Rev Colin Wong, I learned a lot about how to do theological research. I feel more mature in the study of the Word of God.

On the occasion of FEBC's 40th year, I would like to give thanks to the Lord for setting up this Bible College whereby I could be trained for His service. Also, I would like to thank my teachers for teaching me the Word of God and setting a good example for me to follow. May the Lord bless our college so that it may become a good training ground for many years to come and provide more faithful soldiers for God's Kingdom.

HUMILITY BEFORE GOD IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS

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For the past 40 years, FEBC has nurtured and trained numerous men and women in the Lord's vineyard, at various fields and locations in the world. Such work cannot be accomplished without the help and the sustaining grace of God, and the man whom God used, Rev Dr Timothy Tow.

It has been an honour and privilege for me to study under Rev Tow. I am especially blessed and encouraged by his godly example. He not only taught the truth but also lived it out as well. The one important lesson that I have learned from his life is humility. It is this humility, in my humble opinion, that has so enabled Rev Tow to accomplish the impossible. Humility before God is the key to success.



The training in the college has been, for 4½ years, a challenging one, both academically and spiritually. I have grown to love and cherish the Word of God more. Furthermore, it has helped me to see the importance of Biblical separation, in order to preserve the purity of the gospel. FEBC will always have a place in my heart, remembering all that she has given me, the unadulterated Word of God.

REVERENCE FOR GOD'S WORD

Ephrem Chiracho (BTh '01)

MDiv student, Far Eastern Bible College

I praise the Lord for raising Rev Dr Timothy Tow to establish FEBC for the expansion of His glorious kingdom, and for the defence of His Word and most holy faith “which was once delivered unto the saints.” My heartiest congratulations to Rev Tow and all his co-laborers for witnessing God's faithfulness and steadfast love throughout these past years of labour for Christ.

FEBC is a training ground for both spiritual and academic excellence. I benefited most from all the spiritual activities scheduled for students such as daily group devotion and chapel hour, weekly evangelism and dormitory prayer. Through these holy pursuits I acquired

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the spiritual discipline of cultivating daily communion with Christ and His saints. These spiritual exercises offered me an excellent opportunity for learning God's Word and for mutual spiritual edification and ministration with students from 18 nations. From such experiences I learned to be honest, diligent, teachable and available at all times as I prepare for the future ministry.

As I reflect on my training at FEBC, one of the dearest treasures I gained was a complete trust in the purity and veracity of God's Word and its preservation to the jot and tittle which is consistent with God's attributes and

promises. The lecturers' reverence for God's Word and their painstaking effort of teaching the Word and all the sound doctrines based on it created firm conviction and trust in the Holy Scriptures. Through my studies in this college I clearly comprehended the biblical teaching of the premillennial system of theology with the restoration of the nation of Israel during Christ's thousand-year rule from Jerusalem.

Moreover, the personal and ministerial lives of many of the lecturers are worthy of emulation because they set excellent biblical models of Christ's servants for their seminarians to follow. Their conduct is an abiding challenge for me to strive by God's grace to grow in love towards God and His people, and to maintain a fervent devotion towards my Saviour by obeying His Word in both my life and ministry. Truly FEBC is producing not only studious intellectuals but also faithful shepherds and servants for the work of God's kingdom.

Hence, I testify that my alma mater is preparing me for the sacred task and the multifaceted challenges of the work of the ministry in many ways: (1) by imparting a good working knowledge of the Word of God; (2) by moulding my spiritual character and outlook; and (3) by exposing me to different customs in a multinational community, through which I learned how to understand, work with and minister to people of various cultural backgrounds. All glory to God.

MY HEART IS FIXED

Dennis Kwok (BTh '01)

Preacher, Calvary B-P Church (Jurong), Singapore



Blessed 40th Anniversary FEBC! Indeed I praise and thank God for raising up such a school of prophets for the extension of His kingdom and for the defence of the faith in these perilous times.

It is my joy and honour to share briefly my testimony and experiences in FEBC for the edification and encouragement of all readers.

I graduated with a bachelor degree in theology a year ago. Throughout the four years of intensive theological training, I went through many ups and downs both spiritually and physically. When I first entered FEBC, it was with great fear and trembling because I did not know what was ahead of me. My knowledge of God's Word was so meagre. I did not even know the virgin birth of Christ and many other vital doctrines! God comforted me through His Word in 1 Cor 1:27, "But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty." I am weak but God who called me is strong. This is the greatest assurance and comfort I have received from Him.

Because of the richness and invaluable teaching of God's truth in FEBC, I began to hunger more and more for His Word. Now I am convinced by God's Word and by the illumination of the Holy Spirit that my call to serve Him consists of these two main areas: preaching and teaching God's infallible, inerrant, and inspired Word. 1 Cor 9:16 says, "yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!" Because I love God's Word and my alma mater, FEBC, I want to continue to study there while serving full-time in God's ministry.

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The ministries in which I am currently involved in Calvary (Jurong) B-P Church are preaching, teaching, writing, training and caring. I am still learning one step at a time. I believe the Lord is preparing me to take on more responsibilities in time to come. It is my prayer that I will be faithful in every aspect of His ministry. I covet your prayers as well, that God will enable me to attempt great things for and expect great things from Him.

Time is short, and it is my desire to serve the Lord while I still have the energy and strength. “The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away... So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.” My heart is fixed. I cannot think of anything greater or higher than serving the King of kings and Lord of lords. May the Lord find us faithful.

ENDURING HARDNESS AS A GOOD SOLDIER OF CHRIST

Jonathan Langat (BTh '01)

MDiv student, Far Eastern Bible College



I owe my deep gratitude to God for FEBC, my alma mater, where I have and am still receiving training as a soldier of the Lord Jesus Christ. At the beginning of every semester, I notice that if not two then three of our lecturers will exhort us from the pastoral epistle of Paul to Timothy. Two verses from the second chapter of 2 Timothy have been my watchword, viz, verse 3, “Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ,” and verse 15, “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” Truly a good training is a thorough and tough one. FEBC is a training college where students receive training that encompasses their whole life. Personally, life during the first few semesters was not easygoing. Thank God that I had no thought of turning back else I would

have gone back to my native land. This is not of my own choosing, but I was sustained by the munificent grace, bountiful love and enduring mercy of our God. Despite the cultural shock that I encountered during this period, the love of the brethren lifted my spirit. The Lord helped me to endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ that I might accomplish that which He has set before me.

I am today glad to pay tribute to this “kind mother,” who has fed me spiritually, socially, and physically. FEBC has an international body of believers. Hence, there are many opportunities to gain firsthand knowledge of the progress of the preaching of the Gospel and the needs of God’s people in different parts of the world. To me this is a wonderful place where God has put us together that we might understand one another, pray for one another and encourage one another from different countries and societies. I have the opportunity, one semester after another, to interact and study with my fellow colleagues from 18 countries.

In FEBC we are updated on current issues of the Church and are thoroughly furnished not only in understanding but also defending the Word of God from false teachers and false prophets in these end-times. I have gained important skills in how to interpret and apply the Bible correctly. These skills are by no means the only things we need to interpret God’s Word; we also need the Holy Spirit (1 John 2:20, 27). Spiritual things are spiritually discerned. I have grown in the knowledge of the Word of God, and hence have grown in my spiritual life. The Word of God is our daily food and is the emphasis of FEBC. The college heartbeat is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever. And that is the motto that I have dearly treasured in my heart.

Now in the 40th anniversary of our college, I salute my beloved principal, Rev Dr Timothy Tow and our dear matron, Mrs Ivy Tow, “Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ” (Gal 1:3). To all my beloved faculty members and staff, “God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work” (2 Cor 9:8). To my fellow students, read 2 Tim 2:3, 5. All honour and glory to our God who has called us into the marvelous light of His dear Son our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

“TRUTH IS UNIVOCAL AND NOT EQUIVOCAL”

Francis Onyango Nyamiwa (BTh '01)
Lecturer, Bible College of East Africa, Kenya



Thanks be to God for giving me the privileged opportunity to be trained in FEBC. The teachers are humble servants who are God-fearing and God-loving. They do God's work with diligent hard work and heart work. They teach the whole counsel of God by faithfully instructing God's flock on the pure doctrines of the reformed faith, and earnestly defending the faith against the leaven of compromise. Their godly zeal and demeanour, both in their personal life and teaching, have been an example for me to follow. The scriptural passage which would appropriately describe them and their work for the Lord is 1 Thess 2:4-9.

Through FEBC, the Lord has taught me sound and pure theology. I owe my reformed theological persuasion and heritage to her. My alma mater rightly stresses the much neglected doctrines of Biblical separation and Biblical preservation. FEBC has trained me in all aspects of college life. I have enjoyed the spiritual experiences of dorm-life, and during my involvement in college duties. I have enjoyed the spiritual experiences of FEBC: the 30-minute chapel time every morning on weekdays, 15-minute exhortation and prayer time every morning on weekdays, one-hour dorm exhortation, sharing and prayer time every Thursday night, practical evangelism every Wednesday afternoon, weekend church ministries, and class lectures.

I would have been very confused theologically if FEBC had taught in a compromised manner, leaving the student to choose what he wants to believe. I am glad my teachers were concerned enough to show us students the right way. Truth has no alternatives. In the words of our beloved principal, Rev Dr Timothy Tow, "Truth is univocal and not equivocal." Although the lecturers will present to the students the various views, they will not leave the students confused. The Biblical truth is clearly spelt out and taught to the student. This has cultivated in me a firm

foundation and conviction to the Biblical truth. Hence, I am able to impart that truth to others, because I have understood it clearly and am persuaded of it with my whole heart. This has given me confidence and stability while preaching and teaching the Word of God, yet realising that all that can be accomplished is by God's grace alone.

I continue to imbibe the blessed teachings of the reformed theological textbooks authored by some of the FEBC faculty. Please, my alma mater, would you kindly consider starting a branch of FEBC Bookroom here in BCEA, Kenya? We are in great need of your reformed publications. My teachers, I love you. My prayer for you is that the God of glory may strengthen you day by day, in every way, for His glorious task that He is presently doing in and through you.

Presently, God has called me to serve Him as a lecturer and as the admissions officer at the Bible College of East Africa in Kenya. I am also involved in pastoral ministry, serving in the English service of Glory B-P Church of the college. I am in charge of the Sunday school ministry of Glory B-P Church as well.

On this joyous thanksgiving occasion of FEBC's 40th anniversary, I do rejoice in the Lord with you FEBC, my alma mater, all my beloved teachers, and all the fellow alumni, scattered all over the

world, labouring in the vast vineyard of the Lord for the extension of His kingdom. Glory to God! "Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake" (Ps 115:1).



TRAINED IN GOD'S WAYS

Shachen Shrestha (DipTh '01)

BRE student, Far Eastern Bible College

My name is Shachen Shrestha. I was born in Kathmandu, Nepal, of a Mongolian tribe. On November 28, 1994, I believed in Christ and was baptised. I am very happy and blessed to be a Christian. I truly thank God that I have experienced salvation according to Jesus' promise as taught by Calvin—"once saved always saved."

How wonderful it is! I confess that I was once an evil man both in the eyes of the world and by the standards of the Lord Jesus Christ. But since I confessed my sins in Jesus' name, my life has virtually changed from bad to good. I will never again be the evil man that I was before. Like Isaiah I responded to God's call, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" I said, "Here am I; send me" (Isa 6:8).

However, I am still sinful, and must be trained in God's ways. For this reason I am under training at the Far Eastern Bible College in Singapore. When I came to study at FEBC, I was only a young Christian babe of 2½ years old. But I had a great desire to study the Holy Bible.



In FEBC, I faced great difficulty in the English language. It was like climbing Mount Everest. I was totally lost in FEBC for three semesters. I really did not know what the lecturers were talking about. I would read my textbooks but could not understand even though I spent much time looking up the dictionary. I was desperate and disappointed. At that time, I learned to pray to God very early in the morning. I cried bitterly in the dark sanctuary. I thank God

that from the fourth semester onwards, I began gradually to understand the lectures as well as the notes. This greatly helped my Christian faith.

I began to love my courses and appreciate the teaching quality. I am convinced of the doctrine of Biblical separation which is based on God's holy nature. I have learned the Reformed Bible-Presbyterian Faith which has been presented without compromise, which stands against apostasy, new evangelicalism, ecumenism, liberalism, modernism, and even charismatic. In FEBC, I learned to defend the Word of God in the King James Version which is the most accurate, faithful, reliable, and trustworthy English Bible for faithful Christian churches today.

In order to serve God I need to study the key doctrines of the Bible and know them well so that I might have spiritual discernment to judge between the spirit of truth and the spirit of error. Many today are led astray by doctrineless Christian churches. I have to be a faithful and obedient student and servant of God.

THIS IS REALLY A BIBLE COLLEGE

Karuna Sitthisakthanakul (BRE '01, MRE '02)

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I believe that the Lord had a good reason for me to come to FEBC. Having been confused by the teachings of the charismatic movement, and also cultic teachings, I tried to find the way to know the true teaching of God's Word. In those days I always questioned the Lord because I found His Word so difficult to understand. One pastor says this, another pastor says that. I was very confused. I asked many pastors and Bible college lecturers. Nobody could give me the answer. Most of them told me, "Do not think too much. You just accept it. It comes from the Lord." I served the Lord in confusion. I tried to find the answer from books and commentaries but found them very difficult to understand. I wanted to read commentaries but my English was so poor.

After struggling for many years, the Lord led me to FEBC on December 5, 1995. I did not know anything about FEBC, but the Lord knew my heart very well. I feel that the Lord had pity on me. So by His own hand He brought me to this place. From the very first lesson of my studies, I understood why the Lord had brought me to FEBC. From the

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very first week I received many answers to the questions that had confused me before. From the Calvin's Institutes class, Rev Timothy Tow taught the five points of Calvinism. My heart was deeply touched. I have confidence in God's Word. I felt that the Word of God was not too difficult to study. As sons and daughters of God we are able to study and understand it. It is not too complicated as some pastors had told me before. In each class I found the true teaching. This is really a Bible college. A Bible college that really teaches the Word of God. I experienced what the psalmist said in Ps 42:1-2, "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God." Whenever I attended the Systematic Theology class, tears would always run down my cheeks because I was really grateful that the Lord had led me to this college to study His Word directly from the Holy Bible. I really appreciate every lecturer's way of teaching. They opened the Bible and explained it verse by verse from both OT and NT. The teaching was so good I wanted to spend more time to study God's Word.

In my BRE programme, I took all the book studies. Now I am going to complete the MRE, I thank the Lord for giving me two more years in this college. I have the chance to study many things that are very important for my life and also my future ministry. Although I have been asked to go to another college, I have always refused. For me, FEBC is the best place to study God's Word. I have never regretted that I spent a lot of time in this college. Whenever I face difficulty I always encourage myself that this college teaches the Word of God very well, and that is why Satan wants me to quit. I must be patient and endure through my studies.

I can say that FEBC is the place of God where all the lecturers give their life as God's instrument to teach His Word faithfully. I know God better by understanding His Word better. At one time I had lost my confidence in living and serving the Lord, but the Lord used this college to build up my soul and my life. I have more wisdom to distinguish between truth and error. Now I have full confidence to live and serve the Lord until the end.

I would like to give thanks to the Lord for Rev Dr Timothy Tow for his love and kindness, for giving me a chance to study in this college; for Dr Jeffrey Khoo and Rev Quek Suan Yew who made me read God's Word carefully and seriously, to love and defend it; and for all the other

lecturers who edified my life with God's Word and through their rich experience in God's service. All glory be to the Lord alone.

ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE WITH GOD

Tan Bee Choo (BTh '01)

Full-time worker, Life B-P Church (Chinese Service), Singapore



Impossibility 1: I come from a pagan family. At the age of 18, I came to know Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour. The first year of my Christian life was tough. My father tried his best to stop me from becoming a Christian, but he failed. He tried also to stop me from going to church but he failed again. It was during this difficult time that God sent many brothers and sisters in Christ to encourage me. Eleven years after I became a Christian, I decided to give my life to God and wanted to serve Him full-time. This decision was never easy to bring across to my parents. I knew very well that my dad would surely object to it and I was worried that my mom, who was a stroke patient, would suffer another stroke if she heard the news. I delayed again and again in telling them about my decision. Finally the time came for me to study at FEBC. I could not wait any longer. I expected a storm or even an earthquake in my home. By the grace of God, just as Jesus had calmed the storm, a miracle happened. My mom was all right, my dad did his best again to plead with me not to go full-time. Though there were some scoldings, arguments, and pleadings, there was no storm nor earthquake. Praise and thanks to His holy name.

Impossibility 2: Since the age of 21, deep in my heart, I heard the call of God. It was not clear and loud, but soft and gentle. I took an 'A' level course, thinking that I would be a teacher. Then there was this thought that came upon me: "What if I cannot be a teacher?" I comforted myself by saying that I would use my 'A' level results to apply to Bible college. As a Chinese educated student, the course was too tough for me. I left the course about five months later. The Lord did not stop there. Six years later, I signed up for the English 'O' level exam. After two attempts, I managed to pass. During these two years, I learned to read more books and was able to understand what I read a little bit more. I still

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remember a pastor telling me that if I wanted to serve God full-time, I would need to read lots and lots of books. This was something I dreaded doing, as reading was not my cup of tea.

By the grace of God, my 4½ years of studies at FEBC was not as dreadful. I learned to enjoy reading. Though I was slow and my comprehension level was quite low at times, our gracious Lord helped me to complete the course. And I believe that it was in FEBC that my English improved further.

Impossibility 3: About 12 years ago, when I first came to the Chinese service, there was no full-time worker. The church was run by a committee and some devoted Christians. Every month, when it came to prayer meeting, we would always pray that God would send a full-time worker to us. To be frank, I did not have much faith that God would send someone to us. In God's good timing, God led brother Calvin Loh to serve full-time in the Chinese service two years ago, and me this year. As I look back, I can only say that God is faithful despite my small faith. Indeed, "Great is thy faithfulness" (Lam 3:23).

Conclusion: "But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible" (Matt 19:26). The path of my full-time ministry seemed impossible at the beginning. But our God made it possible. As I look back, each step I have taken was directed by Him. Each job I had in the secular world prepared me for my ministry now. I can only understand it in hindsight. I praise and thank Him for all that He has done in my life.

At the moment, my main duties in the Chinese service are administration, visitation, and helping in Kuantan. Brother Calvin does more of the building up of the church and the young people, while I place more attention on the elderly. Thanks and praise be to God for using me as His instrument.

WELL-ROUNDED ACADEMIC AND SPIRITUAL TRAINING

**Tan Kian Sing (MDiv '01)
Preacher, Berean B-P Church, Singapore**

"Hitherto hath the LORD helped us" (1 Sam 7:12). Indeed it is all by the grace of God that He has seen me through my three years of studies at

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FEBC. I remember how afraid I was when I entered FEBC on July 21, 1998, although it had been my desire to study in FEBC since the late 70's soon after the Lord saved me. The way the Lord encouraged my fearful heart was most providential. During my morning devotion on the Day of Prayer, the Lord showed me Isa 42:5-6, "Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein: I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles." This exhortation was further reinforced by the Day of Prayer message by our principal who spoke from Deut 20:8, "What man is there that is fearful and fainthearted? let him go and return unto his house, lest his brethren's heart faint as well as his heart." With this confirmation, the Lord helped me to put my trust in Him and to face the challenges ahead without fear.

Since that first day, the Lord has been good and faithful in keeping His promises and in watching over me and my family all the days of my life in FEBC. As I resolved and committed myself to study diligently in



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preparation for the ministry, the Lord blessed me and my family year after year without fail. But life in FEBC was not a bed of roses. We had to go through many struggles. I am not one who is academically inclined and coupled with my technical background, I had to struggle through loads of assignments, research papers, just to name a few, but the Lord granted me the strength and grace to cope with each semester. There were also many other spiritual testings. I had to learn to trust in God fully to provide for my family of four children. But the Lord had taken care of all these cares and concerns in my life. He had provided for all, and at every needful moment. We had no lack whatsoever throughout the three full years.

The special training in FEBC which could not be obtained anywhere else had taught me humility in the Lord's service. The Lord gave me the opportunity to serve as chaplain for four semesters. This helped me much in preparing for the pastoral ministry. Furthermore, the privilege of helping in the marketing duty and the unique experience of doing kitchen duty taught me to be both Mary and Martha in service to God. All these are invaluable experiences which I have benefited from FEBC.

Truly, I can faithfully testify that God is faithful, gracious, merciful, good and hitherto He has helped us, the whole family, in going through the three years of very demanding but worthwhile training in FEBC. All these years of well-rounded academic and spiritual training in FEBC have evidently been a source of help for me as I serve in the pastoral ministry which the Lord has called me to do now.

CLINICAL DOCTRINES SPRANG ALIVE

Mark Chih-chuan Chen (MDiv '02)

Youth preacher, Life B-P Church, Singapore



As I write this testimony, I reflect on the grace of God upon me. It was, after all, the grace of God which led me to the Far Eastern Bible College; it was the grace of God which sustained me through my seminary experience, grace that soothed the wounds of my struggles and grace that granted me joy in my studies; and it was the grace of God which allowed me to mature both spiritually and emotionally to prepare me for service in his vineyard.

John Calvin, the great reformer and theologian, penned these great words in the first lines of his *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, effectively summing up the nature of knowledge—“Our wisdom, in so far as it ought to be deemed true and solid Wisdom, consists almost entirely of two parts: the knowledge of God and of ourselves.” And the end of such wisdom *must* be the edification of the Christian man.

Indeed, it was at the Far Eastern Bible College that I gained insight into the nature of knowledge as I studied the doctrines of the Bible. I learned how great and mighty God was—so likewise the smallness and weakness of Man. Notwithstanding, anyone who opens up a systematic theology textbook can acquire those facts as well. It was, however, in the arena of life at the Bible College that clinical doctrines sprang alive.

When I entered FEBC, I shared my testimony at the day of prayer and confessed knowledge of my utter wickedness; and after three years of study, I can not only confirm the verity of those primary findings, but confess that those initial discoveries were exceptionally shallow! And through my interaction with others, I came to realise not only of the vileness in me, but of the same, manifested blatantly or subtly, in others. Sigh. But after all, it is through our imperfections, we are made to realise His perfection. It is through my experience that I have become a little wiser with true and solid wisdom.

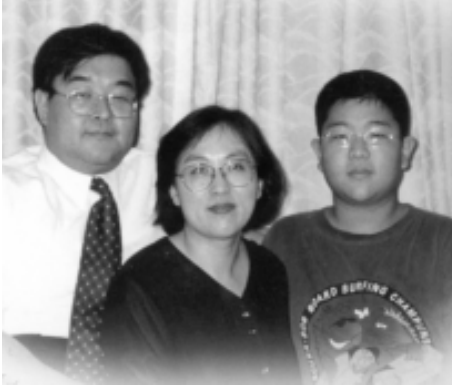
I am, of course, indebted to my alma mater for imparting to me the doctrines of the Bible—teaching the most accurate and God-honouring doctrines anywhere, in light of the general apostasy of the age. However, as the good book says, “though I have all knowledge, but have not charity, I am nothing.” By providence, it was through the deep friendships that I forged with certain godly students and lecturers that I grew in charity and other Christian virtues. I am particularly thankful also that through the services I rendered, my abilities have been augmented, such as my musical and organisational skills.

But most of all, it was through the trying of my faith, that I grew the most, by gaining charity and wisdom from Him who giveth liberally and upbraideth not. I have been deeply blessed by my experience and time at FEBC because the end of the wisdom gained there was my edification and the deepening of my devotion to Christ. SDG!

WITH A DETERMINED HEART OF OBEDIENCE

Cho Jung Nyun (MRE '02)

Missionary, Biblical Education by Extension, Korea



After I have finished nine years of studies in music in the United States, I thought I would never have to study again. However, when my husband decided to resign from his job as a professor, and to go to Singapore as a missionary, God gave me a desire to study theology. Since our ministry is Biblical Education by Extension which purpose is to assist the church leaders primarily in closed countries, it was the right step for me to equip myself with the Word of God.

Under the cooperative will of God, I came to FEBC with a zealous heart for learning, but the situation was quite different from what I had thought. Firstly, the study was much more burdensome than I had expected because of my poor knowledge of biblical terminology in English. Secondly, being handicapped and having to wear a leg brace all the time, the weather in Singapore was too harsh for me. At the end of the first semester, I almost lost my zeal to study and seriously considered quitting. However, God reminded me that He had led me to FEBC by His sovereign will, and it was totally up to me whether to obey Him or not.

With a determined heart of obedience, I started the second semester. Since then, I went through the most blessed spiritual experiences in the FEBC classes. To learn about God and man was the most precious lesson and exceedingly joyful unto tears. The more I studied about Jesus Christ, the more I faced my corrupted sinful nature. Most of the classes led me into the very presence of God and awoke me to see how blessed I was to be saved by grace through faith alone. During my FEBC years, I learned countless precious lessons, and the greatest among them was obedience.

I will miss the peaceful surroundings of the “Sea of Galilee” where I used to study and watch a growing baby tortoise; tall and healthy, deep

green coloured trees which became resting places for singing birds, and the cozy bookroom where I enjoyed reading new books.

At this time of graduation, I want to express my special gratitude and respect to our lecturers; first, our beloved principal, Rev Tow, for being a faithful servant for me to follow; second, Rev Koa who travels all the way from Malaysia to teach us; third, Rev Seet who teaches with a heart of love and sincerity; and the last but not the least, Dr Khoo who always reminds me of the portrait of Jesus Christ in humility and meekness.

Now, I worship and praise the Lord who led me to FEBC where I could find the fountains of grace and enjoy His matchless love in many ways. May the Lord continue to use FEBC for the furtherance of the Gospel and the expansion of His kingdom through her dedication and ministry.

STEDFAST IN DOCTRINE AND IN PRACTICE

Ho Chee Lai (MDiv '02)

Preacher, Gospel Light B-P Church, Singapore



I thank the Lord Almighty for His abundant grace and mercy towards my family and me since the day that I put my confidence and trust in Him. I was called into the full-time ministry because of the great love He has for me. I thank Him because even as He calls He also enables.

I thank the Lord for leading me to study in FEBC. It is indeed a privilege and joy to learn at the feet of the lecturers, who have devoted their time to teach what they have learned to others. The three years spent in FEBC equipping myself for the ministry were fruitful years. I learned the great reformed doctrines which have strengthened my little faith and trust in my Saviour. Although balancing my studies, ministry and family, had been an enduring act, yet, I can truly say, "Hitherto hath the LORD helped me." Without the conviction of His call to the ministry and the grace of God upon me, I would not have lasted in my preparation for the

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ministry. I strongly believe that what I have learned in FEBC would help me stand steadfast in doctrine and in practice, in perilous times ahead.

I thank God for raising up this college to train and equip the people of God, both to defend and to propagate the gospel. Particularly, I would like to thank God for His grace upon our principal, Rev Dr Timothy Tow, who through his guidance and unwavering commitment, has built the college strongly upon the foundation of the Word of God. May the Lord continue to shower His blessings upon FEBC that she may continue to bear the Word of God and the testimony of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and ever.

THE STANDARD RAISED BY GOD

Paul Losute Kendagor (BTh '02)

MDiv student, Biblical Graduate School of Theology, Singapore

It is a blessing to be a graduate of one of the most reformed covenantal Christian fundamentalist schools of the 20th century. I would say that God has a great purpose in raising up this Bible college in such a time as this. It is God's standard against the uprising of neo-evangelicalism, charismatism, ecumenism and all other "isms" that have deviated from the fundamentals of Christian faith.

I heard about FEBC many years ago through my granduncle Joseph Kendagor who once studied here in the mid-eighties. I was not interested at all at that time because the last thing in my mind was to be a Bible College student. Although my grandfather, my father and almost all my paternal uncles were pastors, I hated the life of a pastor. I was a born again teenager, active in the church, but I did everything out of necessity and not out of love for God. All I wanted was to be a good church member and a faithful giver to the church treasury. But that was before God turned my life around and placed in my heart a great burden for His service.

When God called me into full-time service in mid-1995, I knew that training was necessary for effective ministry. I needed to learn more about God, His Word and the work of the ministry. It was not difficult to find a Bible college in my own country because there are many colleges around. However, getting a Bible college with sound Biblical teaching was like identifying the real sheep in the midst of wolves in sheep's clothing.

Having grown up in a reformed fundamentalist church, I did not want to enrol in a doctrinally compromised school. By God's grace and the leading of the Holy Spirit, I joined the Bible College of East Africa (Nairobi) in 1996 and graduated after two years.

It was while studying in BCEA that I learned more about FEBC. I had a desire to pursue a degree course in theology. Having read and heard about FEBC's doctrinal standard, I knew that it was the right place for me. God answered my prayer and granted me the desire of my heart. By His grace, I joined FEBC in July 1998.

Many would describe FEBC as the most difficult training ground for ministers of God. The hectic study life coupled with tough assignments no doubt give this impression. While this could be true, my personal experiences in FEBC unearthed gems of spiritual, doctrinal and social nourishments. Academically, I accumulated new Biblical truths. My knowledge in the Word of God increased tremendously. Spiritually, daily prayer groups and chapel messages nourished my soul. Opportunities of service in School as well as in local churches equipped me with new working skills. The life and work of the lecturers served as models to emulate.

The international, multiracial and multicultural FEBC community provides the best environment for social interaction. Living in such a diverse social setting gives a picture of what missionary work would be like. Life in FEBC may seem difficult, but it is that of simplicity, hard work and God-honouring. What more could a heart set for God's service desire? For all the best and worst about FEBC, I praise God I am part of it. It is the best Bible college I have ever known.



THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSONS ARE PRACTICAL LESSONS

**Roth Kim Nang (CertBS '02)
Preacher, Cambodia**

I would like to give thanks to the Lord that He has called me to study at Far Eastern Bible College. When I decided to give my life to the

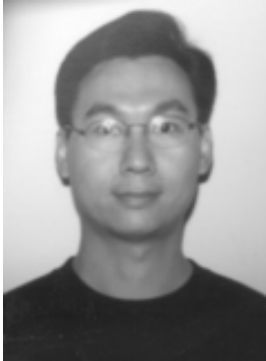
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Lord for full-time service I knew that the best school to be equipped and trained would be FEBC. When I first came to FEBC, I was so worried about my studies, whether I would be able to keep up with the assignments and the expectations of the lecturers, as well as satisfy myself that I would have done my best for the Lord. But by the grace of the Lord, I was able to do it step by step despite my poor English. Although it was difficult, I was blessed so much to learn the truth of God's Word.

I began to learn to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit when I first learned about the sevenfold will of God. I am glad that I learned the importance of God's power alone. I can do all things through Christ. Without Him I can accomplish nothing. Joy flooded my soul when I understood the Word of God, and my life began to be transformed slowly. The most important lessons that I have learned from FEBC are practical lessons.

FEBC MOTIVATES ME TO LOVE THE BIBLE

**Joshua Khoo Boo Huat (BTh cand)
Preacher, Kuantan B-P Fellowship, Malaysia**



The Bible is a difficult book to understand. I wanted to know how to understand and explain the inspired meaning of His Word. In FEBC one can learn the original languages of the Bible. I enjoyed studying the Hebrew Bible. If God is willing I also want to study the Greek language. Here one can see how FEBC loves the Bible. FEBC stands on the Rock of God. FEBC is very careful in explaining the meaning of the Bible. FEBC motivates me to love the Bible, and to study the Bible diligently and preach the full counsel of God. Fed with God's Word and empowered by the Holy Spirit, I can overcome my old man and live to please God. Seeking God daily, there are new things and lessons to learn.

In FEBC, one overcomes many problems with prayer. Through prayer we cast all of them into the hands of the Lord. I am being trained like a soldier. In FEBC I experience God. He opens many doors for me, and also provides for my needs through many of His servants. I thank God for comforting and motivating me to keep on, and I will never give

up, although there are many trials, temptations and evil things surrounding me. The Lord is my strength, and He will enable me to overcome any problem or any difficulty that I will face in my life both now and in the future. As the Bible says in Phil 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." I want to follow the Lord and learn to trust in Him totally.

In FEBC I can live with the servants of the Lord. I observe Rev Dr Timothy Tow's personal life. Having observed his personal life, I am encouraged to be like him. Also, dorm life and full-time study are moulding my life. Every day I must know how to spend my time with the Lord in prayer and in the study of His Word. I also spend my time having fellowship with other students and the lecturers. I learn how to live among those who come from different backgrounds. I learn how to love and care for others. Here I can learn how to practise my faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. I do thank God for His grace during my training here.

MY UNFORGETTABLE ALMA MATER

Paul Kim Sang Moo (MRE '02)
Lecturer, Kosin University, Korea



I decided to further my Biblical studies overseas because my soul was really starving. After I had completed work in a rural area, I served the Lord in a church in the city. The ministry in the city was totally different from that of the countryside. It demanded much more energy from me and my heart was totally filled with stress. I felt very weak and decided to read the Bible more carefully and attentively. To do that, I needed a quiet time and place. That was why I went to FEBC.

It was October 28, 1993. I read the Bible twice before the new semester began. The Bible was the NIV. The NIV was so easy for me to read. Alas I did not know at that time how corrupted the NIV was. It was much later that I realised why FEBC loves only the KJV as the best

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English Bible (I will teach the reason why to my students in the coming semester 2002).

Anyway my life was transformed day by day. The academic system was much better than ours (we have since adopted the FEBC system). Students can begin their studies at any semester. All faculty members have done their best. Lecture notes were ready and well prepared before the semester began. The notes are so precious to me even now. These are on Genesis, Exodus, James, Biblical Separation, etc. Some of them have been translated and used as textbooks for a Bible study class. The most impressive class was Homiletics conducted by Rev Dr Timothy Tow every Wednesday morning. I had never experienced such a class although I had already earned an MDiv degree. I understood better the difference between a sermon and a lecture.

I cannot miss writing this one thing. I attended the worship service of Life Church every Lord's Day morning. I heard the preaching of Rev Tow every Lord's Day. It was a very good opportunity for me to learn spoken English. I give thanks to my almighty God for giving me the opportunity to learn all these things from FEBC as well as from Rev Tow.

Since 1999 I have been teaching at Kosin University in Korea as a part-time lecturer. In the coming semester I will teach eight hours a week. I am sure it is possible for me because of my unforgettable alma mater, FEBC, in the Lion City, Singapore.

Until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again, FEBC forever!

THE LECTURERS WERE ALSO FRIENDS

Kent Limosnero (DipTh '02)

Full-time worker, House of Hope, Cebu, Philippines



In July 1999 when I first entered Far Eastern Bible College, my heart was filled with joy and excitement knowing that I would be in for a most wonderful time of studying God's precious Word. This great feeling I had in my heart was mixed with fear. I was not sure whether I would make it or not since I was an ex-addict, a junkie for over 10 years.

Considering my past, I could not fathom God's love for me. Why did He choose me, a sinner? As I

look back, I could not believe what God has done for me. He brought me from darkness to His marvelous light.

After my rehabilitation in the House of Hope (a Christian drug rehabilitation centre), God opened the way for me to study at FEBC. Indeed it was at FEBC that I learned more precious truths about God and His Word. Everything in the college was a learning experience for me. I will never forget my years of learning at FEBC. It was the most precious experience I have ever had. Without FEBC I would not be where I am right now.

I also praise God for the lecturers who taught me so many things that really helped in understanding God's precious truth. Not only did I learn from them academically, but they were also friends. I could approach them for help whenever I faced difficulties in studies and in personal life.

There will always be a prayer in my heart for FEBC. One thing I really thank God for is that He has raised up FEBC to be a light to the whole world, teaching precious fundamental truths from God's Word in this age of compromise. May God continue to use FEBC. Praise God for FEBC!

A VOW TO LOVE AND DEFEND THE HOLY BIBLE

David Mwendwa Mulyungi (BRE '02)
Pastor, Kenya



It is my great joy to thank God who has called me to serve Him back in 1980. I studied at Muruu Bible Presbyterian Institute from 1981 to 1983. After graduation I served the Lord in Kenya with Gospel Furthering Bible Church as a full-time pastor. In 1990 God opened the way for me to study at the Bible College of East Africa. From 1995-1996 I studied with Common Ground Theological Institute. At the end of that year, I was burdened to look for a college where I could get advanced training. After three years of prayer, I was introduced to FEBC. I submitted my application and was admitted.

It was not easy for me. I had nothing to pay for my studies and my stay in the college. I had to support my wife and children too. I thank God

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for the principal, Dr Timothy Tow, who graciously received me into FEBC and even recommended me for a scholarship that I have been receiving from Calvary Jaya B-P Fellowship. I also thank Calvary Jaya for her unspeakable love towards my family and me.

I have been here in this college for 2½ years of full-time studies already. I really thank God for FEBC. It is a place where God's Word is highly honoured. I was touched to see the Board members and the lecturers taking a vow to love and defend the Holy Bible. This inspired my heart to stand firm on the Word of God as well. I thank God for the solid Biblical training of this college, and the love and care of both students and teachers.

Since I have now received this training, I aim now to go back to my home country, Kenya, and be involved in pastoral work within Nairobi. I request your prayers for the task ahead of me that I may do all things according to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

May our heavenly Father bless Dr Timothy Tow, all the lecturers, and use FEBC to continue training all who are studying and will study in this college for the work of God. Amen.

I STUDIED THE HARDEST AT FEBC

Na In (MRE '02)

Pastor, Korean Church, Johor Bahru, Malaysia



“I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway” (1 Cor 9:26-27).

First of all, I give thanks to the Lord that I have become a part of the FEBC family. In January 1999, I entered FEBC, such a strongly fundamental and conservative Bible school. Even though I had already studied theology for three years in Korea, I was so happy at that time. Why? It is because I was able to examine and taste the Scriptures correctly and precisely. Through many lecturers' help, their lessons, passions, and lives, I could love the Word of

God more deeply. “How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth” (Ps 119:103).

Looking back at my over 20 years of schooling, from primary school to graduate school, and then FEBC, I guess I have studied long and hard. But I believe I studied the hardest at FEBC, even harder than my years in high school when I worked so hard to enter university! During the three years at FEBC, I tried especially to read all books and journals that the lecturers recommended, whether they be compulsory or optional. They are all useful for my ministry now! Sometimes I refer to them again. Why? It is because these books and journals, even my research papers, assignments, projects, lecturers’ notes, are all related directly to the Word of God; they are not just lifeless theological disputations or burdensome chores.

Since March 1995, I have been serving in a Korean Church in Johor Bahru, Malaysia. I do not know how long more I would stay in this place. I cannot foresee where I will be serving the Lord next year, whether here or another place. But I do know how I would serve and minister to the congregation. How would I serve? I would serve the Lord and His flock according to what I have learned and studied at FEBC. For I am convinced that the stand and teachings of FEBC are strongly based on the whole counsel of the Scriptures.

Therefore, I am so proud to be an FEBC alumnus. With this thought, I will run. I will run to win and to obtain a crown. With this thought, I will endure and persevere through any and every agony. I will set a goal and train myself to glorify my God and Saviour Jesus Christ.

FEBC IS UNIQUE AND UNUSUAL

**Isaac Ong Chair Siang (MRE '02)
Preacher, Vancouver B-P Church, Canada**

The Far Eastern Bible College is unique. To the uninformed outsider, the college may even seem unusual and unorthodox. And in many areas, it is—the way the lectures are conducted, the rapport between the teachers and students, the sense of community, the daily chapel, the musky library, and who can forget the homiletic “swimming pool” where no one is spared getting his feet wet. But above all, FEBC is

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unique and unusual for its unrelenting defence for the truth that is God's Word.

I came to FEBC first as a working student. Leaving my office after the midnight shift, I always had to have a wet towel with me to keep me awake during lectures. Sometimes, the wet towel was not necessary because there were lecturers who were more imposing than others. But at all times, my body produced the sufficient adrenaline, and God provided the sufficient grace to keep me awake during those needful hours.

The academic track at FEBC was demanding, but that was what was most helpful. Paul's exhortation is to "endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier" (2 Tim 2:3-4).

If the academic track was rough going, it was balanced by a spiritual path that was overflowing with the grace of a people who love God and God's people. It was the spiritual fellowship during morning prayer time, in chapel, and the mutual encouragement along the corridors that made the labour sweet.

My family and I are presently ministering in Vancouver, Canada. The Vancouver Bible-Presbyterian Church (VBPC) is one of varying age groups and spiritual maturity, and we try to meet the needs of the people—from the young to the old, from new believers to the mature ones. The lectures, the notes, the assignments were more than just academic. Now in preparing for our weekly Bible studies, I find myself going back to the notes which I have received from the lecturers.

VBPC is also a young church. We came here with fresh enthusiasm. But the realities of life can be hard. That we have persevered is a testimony of what I have learned from FEBC—the resolve, the fortitude, the resilience that were evident in the lives of the principal and faculty of the College. That we stand firmly on the Word of God, holding forth the Word of life without apology is testimony to the spirit of FEBC that we have imbibed.

The wise preacher warns us against removing the ancient landmark set by the fathers (Prov 22:28). FEBC will celebrate her 40th anniversary this year—a great milestone. That the College is standing still, and standing squarely on the Word of God is surely a testimony that those who founded the college and are charged with its running have not

removed the ancient landmark. And surely it ought to be the prayer of the righteous that while the Lord tarries, FEBC, as the landmark for God's truth will never be moved. Amen.

GOD'S BOUNTIFUL GRACE

**Quek Keng Khwang (MDiv '02)
Preacher, Life B-P Church, Singapore**

I remember being overwhelmed with fear and trepidation on the first day of college life, on July 19, 1999. This was because, firstly, I did not know what to expect from the Lord, and secondly, I had personally witnessed my wife, who is a graduate of FEBC (Loi Huey Ching, MRE '98), struggle through her two years of studies. Moreover, the thought of being a student again after leaving school for seven years gave me the jitters.

Now, 2½ years have flown by. I am on the last lap of this arduous training. Looking back, I would like to praise God for His all-sufficient grace that enabled me to cope with the rigorous training in the study of His Word. It was a great challenge to study and at the same time touch base with my wife and two young children. Time was precious and sleep was indeed a luxury. The last words of Paul to Timothy to "endure hardness as a soldier of Jesus Christ" ring so true to me. I have truly experienced the intensity of spiritual training.

Every semester turned out very differently from the previous one. The training instead of getting easier got harder. The Lord was pleased to send trial after trial to test my faith. Sometimes, it was so tempting to call it quits. But God's grace is ever so bountiful. He delivered me from every trial. These trials have moulded my Christian character and made me stand firm in His calling. One significant trial was when I was in the fourth semester. My wife was expecting our second child, but within two months of pregnancy, the Lord in His permissive will, allowed a miscarriage. This incident happened just when the final examinations were a few days away. In the midst of coping with the grief, the Lord again showed His goodness by comforting us through His Word and also through His faithful servants. It was a trying moment. I felt like throwing in the towel. But the Lord was good to remind me of the calling He has for me. I would like to testify of His faithfulness and love, and could

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never thank Him enough for enabling me to go through my exams and clearing them successfully.

No matter how hard life as a Bible college student might be, there were lighter moments of fellowship with fellow students and getting to know their languages and cultures firsthand. Besides knowing how to say my “thank you” in Chinese and English, I could say it in Thai, Korean and Swahili. There are also the early morning devotions when we have a time of edification, fellowship and prayers. Then comes the chapel hour, when God’s Word is expounded. The danger of backsliding in Bible college is real, but the morning dose of devotions and chapel talks give us the impetus to walk close with God.

Besides spiritual bread we also have physical bread. The lunches provided every day were sumptuous, varied and balanced. Sometimes we were treated to honey-baked chicken wings or Korean *kimchi*. Every student would have his fair share and sometimes we could have a second helping. So the students grew not only spiritually but also physically.



I thank God for FEBC. It is indeed a place where our Christian character is moulded and the Word of God taught faithfully. I take this opportunity to wish FEBC a wonderful 40th birthday and may the Lord use her mightily for the extension of His kingdom.

I STARTED OFF LATE

Seow Kim Guan (CertBS '02)

Lay leader, Jireh B-P Church and Rehoboth B-P Church, Singapore



I praise and thank God for giving me the opportunity to study His Word as a part-time student of the Far Eastern Bible College in 1996. Why did I enrol myself at the age of 60 as a student? There were two reasons: (1) to advance my own personal knowledge of the Holy Bible and seek to understand the truth in it, and (2) to defend the principles and doctrines of our Christian faith. As I have just completed in November 2001 the course on Biblical Studies, I realised that it was not by my own strength and intelligence but the work of the Holy Spirit. Throughout the five years, He has gradually changed my attitude in life. I have a greater love for my Lord and Saviour and His Word, and an incomprehensible joy of serving Him in His ministry.

I would like now to share with you my experiences both in the college as well as in the ministries in which I am serving. To be able to study God's Word in college is a great blessing—"Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand" (Rev 1:3). Some may ask, "What do you learn in Bible college that I cannot learn on my own?" Beloved, you are correct to say that we can study the Bible on our own, but there are more subjects like history, geography, science, cultures, and many others which are explained in detail to us in class. I thank God for the college lecturers who have spent hours in research and preparation of the lecture notes.

One of the most important things I have learned is self-discipline. I learned to have my own private devotion with the Lord, study the Scriptures seriously, reading and rereading in a systematic manner, and apply the principles and doctrines in my life. For example, if we read Matt 24:3-8, our Lord's message gives us a "panoramic view of the world events" which are happening before our very eyes today; can we deny them? What was our Lord's instruction? "But seek ye first the kingdom of

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God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” (Matt 6:33).

Currently I am serving in the Jireh Bible-Presbyterian Church (a Tamil church) and the Rehoboth English service (a Bible-Presbyterian ministry). Throughout the nine years of my service to our Lord Jesus Christ, my greatest regret was that I started off late. I know it was the Lord’s will—“To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven” (Eccl 3:1). My vocation is to share, teach and preach the gospel of Jesus Christ as the apostle Paul said, “I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth” (Rom 1:16). My greatest joy is to see converts abandoning their sinful ways and walking with the Lord.

May the Lord continue to give me the strength and also a sound mind so that I will be able to study His Word seriously and share it with others. Amen.

AN UNWORTHY STUDENT

Sun Sokha (DipTh '02)
Preacher, Kompongsm, Cambodia

First and most important of all I would like to thank God for this precious opportunity to share with you what the Lord Jesus has done for such a sinner as I who deserve nothing good at all in life.

I was born into a Buddhist family. In 1997, by the grace of my God, He sent three Korean missionaries to Cambodia, and I was truly converted by one of them, Rev Moses Hahn. He taught us the Word of God and hymns, and evangelised the unsaved. In 1999 he recommended me to study at Far Eastern Bible College.

I arrived in Singapore almost a month before the school started. By the wonderful grace of God, Dr Lydia Chan lovingly allowed me to stay at her home. I would like to praise God for her faithfulness and kindness towards me.

Many thanks from the bottom of my heart to Rev Timothy Tow, my beloved principal, who allowed such an unworthy student like me to come and study God’s Word in this college.

I have received many spiritual blessings from the Lord through all the faithful lecturers, and many a scolding from Mrs Tow. I shed tears

alone at night alone because of the many assignments. My results were not good and I was about to be sent back by the school because my GPA was below 2.0. But thank God for caring friends who encouraged me and prayed for me.

I really praise and give thanks to the Lord for the college. Our leaders and elders taught the truth of God: what God is and who He is. Many a time I observed my principal, Rev Tow: the way he talked and did things was full of good spirit with words of encouragement. Once on a rainy morning, the weather was so cool that I could not wake up to attend the homiletics class. I got up late. I did not know what to do. I started praying. When the class was over I thought, "I will ask Dr Jeffrey Khoo for forgiveness." But it was as the proverb says, "Escape from the crocodile to meet the tiger," he told me to see my lecturer, Rev Tow. Wow, this time I will face a very big problem. I wrote one small letter to ask Rev Tow for forgiveness. I climbed up just in front of his door and knocked on the door with a worried heart. So he asked me, "How can I help you?" I gave the small letter to him. After reading I could see he was smiling at me and said in a very kind manner, "Chung Seng's sermon this morning was very good." I thanked him and went down very grateful to God for His wonderful mercies towards me.

I also thank the Lord very much for Mrs Tow despite the many scoldings she has given me. I know her heart is very pure before our God. She has always taught me how to conduct myself in a proper manner, and to prepare for my future ministry. And I believe that most of the students here can learn the same things through the tears, blessings, sicknesses, scoldings, testings, lectures etc. I believe there will be many more difficulties in our future ministries. Are we able to overcome them?

Finally, I thank God for the faithful teaching of all my lecturers. I can testify that I have known the Lord more. There is only one way to be a true servant of God. I have learned this from Rev Quek Suan Yew many times. I need to understand that "I am a nobody." If I humble myself and consider myself a nobody, then the Lord can make me into a somebody for His sake. I would like to give thanks to God for everything. And I pray that the Lord would change me more and more, and use me as His little instrument in my homeland after I finish my studies here.

IT WAS NO JOKE

June Tan (MRE '02)

Missionary of Life B-P Church to Kenya



I remember vividly the peace of God when I finally quitted the secular industry and heeded the call to missions. Though some of my friends and family doubted, coupled with my own fears, it was the promise of His Word, Isa 41:10 and Jer 29:11 that kept me. Since serving the Lord is a lifelong commitment, I needed to make sure that I was not serving the Lord for the wrong reasons.

When I was in the mission field of Cambodia, I realised the need to be equipped and armed with the Word of God. I entered FEBC in July 1999. Just three weeks into the first semester, I was jolted out of dear life! My, it was really “no joke” studying in FEBC. I went on my knees earnestly asking the Lord if I had heard Him wrongly. My last exams were some nine years ago and my engine just could not get started, the gears would not engage. The load on the engine was quite heavy for I took a combination of Greek, Hermeneutics, Contemporary Theology, Systematic Theology I and IV. I have never studied so hard before in my life. Yet I was not getting the fruits out of my labour. Whenever Mrs Tow called me to the board during the Greek class, my “hard disk” would crash. Not only was Greek Greek to me, so was Systematic Theology IV, namely, Eschatology. It was only by the grace of God that I finished my first semester. And I thought the hurdle was cleared. My! Semester two was just as tough. By the end of semester two, I got wiser and gained the momentum I needed to study at FEBC.

God is most wise! It was only when I got comfortable that I was rostered as an assistant cook in semester three. But when I saw the size of the *kwali*, I gasped! And the utensils were really huge. It was also during the break after the second semester that the Lord impressed upon me to take up piano lessons. By that time my fingers were no longer that flexible. How I struggled playing the scales and getting the homework done!

The Lord had preserved and provided for me throughout the five semesters in FEBC. I take this opportunity to thank all who prayed,

encouraged and helped me in the completion of my thesis, especially Rev Charles Seet. Though my training at FEBC has ended, my training in the harvest fields of the Lord has just begun. The question most asked by people is whether I will serve in the mission field of Cambodia again. Until the Lord directs, I hope to be in Kenya, teaching at the Bible College of East Africa after the 2002 convocation.

THE BEST PLACE TO LEARN HUMILITY

Louis Zung Hlei Thang (BTh '02)

**Lecturer, Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology,
Yangon, Myanmar**



I thank God for leading me to get my theological training in FEBC which is a Bible-believing and Bible-defending institution. This is the school that has prepared me and equipped me for the ministry. Before I came to FEBC I did not know how to defend the Bible. I even doubted the Bible. Now I know better how trustworthy our Bible is and how God preserves His Word by His singular care and providence. Many students have testified that they had thought of quitting FEBC, but the very Bible-based teaching of the college held them back and they persevered. I also appreciate the sound teaching of FEBC, which nourished me to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus.

FEBC is also the best place to learn humility. We have the opportunity to study together and stay together in the same dormitory with people from 18 countries with different backgrounds and cultures. We have the opportunity to practise Christian love “with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love” (Eph 4:2).

Every student has a weekend ministry where we can practise what we have learnt in school. I thank God for the privilege of playing the guitar for the children every Sunday, and teaching once a month in the Life Church Children’s ministry. The Wednesday homiletic class also produced powerful preachers.

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I praise God for establishing FEBC and using it to extend His Kingdom. I pray that God will continue to use FEBC for the extension of His Kingdom and for the defence of the faith till our Lord Jesus returns.

MY GOD IS FAITHFUL

Tjun Tjun (MDiv cand)

Preacher, Zion Presbyterian Church, Tanjung Pinang, Indonesia

The faithfulness of God has been and continues to be the abiding force even in my three years of studies at FEBC. His faithfulness towards me all these years is such that no words can express. All I can do with my human limitations is to praise Him and thank Him. It is beyond my imagination that I can go through these three years of studies at FEBC. It is all due to His guidance and providence that I am able to complete my studies here. I recall when I came to FEBC two years ago. After attending classes for a few days, I wanted to quit. I asked myself, “How can I finish my course successfully?” (This was precisely the same question that I asked myself when God called me to study in Bandung Theological Seminary in 1992.) I experienced great difficulty in understanding the lectures, with the mountain of assignments to complete; on top of that was my lack of proficiency in English. I was greatly discouraged. The same passage that greatly encouraged me during my studies in Bandung came to mind. Galatians 2 describes for us Paul’s motivating force in His ministry to the Gentiles. Verse 8 says, “for he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles.” This verse tells me that just as God “wrought effectually” in Peter’s ministry and “was mighty” in Paul’s ministry, so will He also do for me. And this passage reminded me once again that my God is faithful. He who has called me would also enable me.

1 Pet 5:1-3 says, “The elders which are among you I exhort, ... Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly, not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lords over God’s heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.” Our beloved principal, Rev Timothy Tow, is such an elder who is “an ensample to the flock” especially for me. He has set a good example in how he has conducted himself in his ministry and personal life. It is a living testimony of what a God-fearing man is like. His persevering spirit

in serving God is something that I must learn in preparation for my future ministry.

The college mottos are: “Holding Forth the Word of Life” (Phil 2:16) and “Holding Fast the Faithful Word” (Tit 1:9). Truly FEBC has stood by these mottos for these 40 years. May she continue to do so. God has greatly blessed this college for her faithfulness in upholding the fundamentals of the faith. I thank God for leading me to this college that I may learn the whole counsel of God.

Rev Tow describes FEBC as a “spiritual SAFTI.” Rightly so! The training I have gained here is not merely an increment of theological knowledge; it is the training of the whole man. The Wednesday evangelism, gospel rally, kitchen duties, interaction with students of different nationalities, cultures and personal habits have all helped in the building up of the “inner man.”

It is my heartfelt desire that all that I have learned in my alma mater will be used for the furtherance of God’s kingdom. May Jesus Christ be praised.

ACCORDING TO HIS GOOD PLAN AND TIMING

Tran Anh Kiet (BRE '02)

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Firstly, I thank God for delivering me from the power of the devil and sin, and for giving me the privilege to become the child of God and an instrument in His house. According to His good plan and timing God opened the way for me to come to Far Eastern Bible College to study theology in September 1997. I am really happy to study at FEBC, for this is the Bible College God has chosen for me.

After four years of studies I have learned a lot of precious spiritual lessons (doctrine of biblical separation, doctrine of providential preservation, the sevenfold will of God, pattern for church growth and missions, the subtle strategies of Satan in undermining God’s Word and in sowing false doctrines into the church, etc), and practical lessons (love,

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humility, patience, forgiveness) from God through His Word, and from the teaching and training of FEBC.

In this religious environment, I have been nurtured by God's Word systematically and trained in a godly spirit in preparation for the highest service: a labourer for the harvest field and a hardy soldier "to earnestly contend for the faith" (Jude 3).

Thank God for opening the door four times for me to go back to my country to serve Him in evangelism during the FEBC vacations. I am fully aware that God calls me to the harvest field, and I am now ready to serve Him as an evangelist after graduation.

On the occasion of FEBC's 40th Anniversary I would like to express my gratitude to God for the salvation given to me, for His love, mercy, providence, blessings, and to Rev Timothy Tow and the faculty for the good training I have received, and for encouraging and helping me in the study of God's Word. May God continue to use FEBC mightily to extend His kingdom and defend the faith. To God be all the glory and honour. Amen.

I WANTED TO RUN AWAY

Harrison Kasip Wan (BRE '02)
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John 8:32 says, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Rom 8:28 reads, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

My testimony of my coming to FEBC would be incomplete without mentioning the name of my lecturer, Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo. I owe him much for all his effort and patience towards me. I do not believe in flattery but I believe the Lord used Dr Khoo in the right time and in the right way to help me get through my training. Hallelujah, glory and praise be unto the living God.

Through my years of training at FEBC, I came to find that God's grace and mercy are greater than all my burdens and my anxieties. FEBC is not an easy training centre. I had to go through much embarrassment,

and many spiritual and emotional struggles. Many a time I really wanted to run away from the college.

It was only after such a long struggle that I realised that God indeed has chosen FEBC for me. I still remember the time I went to see Dr Jeffrey Khoo in his office with the excuse that my church wanted me back home for the ministry. I think he could see the troubled expression on my face. I told him that four years in FEBC would be too long before I could go back to the ministry again. That was a lie. Actually at that time I totally disagreed with the FEBC stand, and I thought that I had come to the wrong Bible College. If Dr Khoo had agreed to let me go back home, I would be 100% regretful now. When I look back, I thank God for his patience with me. I thank him very much for his invaluable advice that I should continue praying for God's guidance. He encouraged me to take the opportunity to study theology. So I stayed on. As I stayed on I began to see the truth of God's Word gradually unfolding, and opening my spiritual blindness to taste and see the whole counsel of God. FEBC is not only tough in terms of its academic curriculum but also strong in opposing the ecumenical movement.

To me, the FEBC position is right, being at the very frontline, taking a biblical stand, and fighting the battle. Exposing apostasy in these last days is not an easy task. I thank God for directing me to FEBC to study His Word that I might see clearly and be discerning. Once again I want to thank all my lecturers who have trained and nurtured me in God's Word. I am now serving the Lord in the full-time ministry, and thank God that I am given the opportunity to serve at Miri B-P Gospel Centre, Sarawak, co-labouring with Rev Peter Wong of Brunei.

LIVING OUT MY FAITH

Wong Wei Ping (BTh '02)

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When I first entered FEBC (that was seven semesters ago), my motive was to receive training for the full-time ministry. This training for the ministry then was specifically theological training. One could call it as the training to increase one's Bible knowledge. There was nothing wrong with this, but it could not sustain me through the not-so-favourable results I got as I soon discovered. This motivation seems very man-centered; that is how I see it. I was studying for the wrong reason. I

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wanted to please men. I wanted to prove to myself that I am good. That was why for the first two semesters I did not have the joy of studying. I was depending on my own effort. In fact I was miserable. God could not help me till I submitted myself totally to Him.

In FEBC, a student not only goes through the theological training, but also a time of pruning, and moulding to attain “unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ” (Eph 4:13). I think the latter reason is the more important. This caused me to rethink my reason for entering Bible college. I discovered that the training was more of a building of the “inner man.” Grasping this enabled me to press on in the college. Comprehending God’s purpose in my life motivated me to do my best and leave the rest to Him. This training that the Lord has put me through established my understanding of the Christian faith, and translated my cognitive knowledge into an affective one, that is, living out my faith.

From then onwards, I studied not to glorify myself or to gain human recognition but to please God. Although gaining good grades was a goal, it was not the all and all of my training. Col 3:17 tells us “that whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him,” and verse 23 says, “and whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.” There were many occasions when the flesh waned and threatened to give up. But thanks be to God who has never failed His children. Through His Word, He has encouraged me, lifted me up, and sustained me through such times. May I continue to be faithful to Him and remember that God is my Father who is faithful, compassionate, and ever there for me. As He had promised Joshua, so He promises me, “I will not fail thee; nor forsake thee ... Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest” (Josh 1:5, 9).



I WILL LONG REMEMBER MY FIRST LECTURE

**Adrienne Foo (CertRK student)
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March 1993 was when my whole world collapsed. I was diagnosed with cancer and my daughter was barely six then, while my son, 14. Within weeks, the surgery and chemotherapy had reduced me to a bald, bedridden moron. For about a year, I was in and out of hospital, completely devastated physically and psychologically. Staring at the ceiling 24 hours a day made each minute seemed like eternity as I was unable to sleep, concentrate, read or write. Death preyed on my mind. Overcoming a near death experience, where I quaked with fear for want of knowing where I was headed, I accepted Christ as my Lord and Saviour.

Our God is a gracious and merciful God. My oncologist sent me home “to rest” as there was nothing more they could do for me but He picked me up and restored me. On recovery, the first book I endeavoured to read was the Bible and uppermost on my mind was to serve God. I picked up the Bible and, to my horror, I could not comprehend most of it and the little I could seemed so irrelevant. I gave up but, nonetheless, desperately wanted to serve God.

I started by occasionally visiting the sick, cleaning tables and washing cups after Sunday worship. I wanted to do more but I asked myself, “How can God use an old housewife with a weak body, minimal ability to concentrate, questionable memory and certainly zero Bible knowledge?” Yet, I prayed earnestly, believing God would show me the way.

The months that followed saw me listening intently during Sunday worship, weekly prayer meetings and Bible study. I had some vague notion of what was in the Bible but the problem was that I could not fit all the pieces together and see the big picture.

Two years ago at a worship service, Dr Jeffrey Khoo encouraged the congregation to attend FEBC evening classes (and take exams!). I jumped at the opportunity. Never mind if I was the oldest student. Never mind if I was bottom of the class. Never mind if Rev Dr Tow laughed at my exam script. Mustering all the courage I had, and with much determination, I signed on for Systematic Theology (Biblical Anthropology).

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I will long remember my first lecture at FEBC. I sat meekly at the back of the class and looked around apprehensively. There were over a hundred students, all young and eager-looking, poring over Buswell's thick *Systematic Theology*. I was in trouble! However, Rev Tow was an extraordinary teacher and made concepts so easy to grasp. It was unbelievable. I went home feeling really optimistic.

That night, I attempted to read Buswell's volume. To my utter dismay, I could hardly comprehend what appeared like theological ramblings. I definitely was in trouble after all! To my great relief, the lectures which followed were clear and most exhilarating. One evening, Rev Tow asked for a show of hands as to who possessed certain publications. More than three-quarters the class raised their hands. As for me, I had not even heard of those titles. The weeks that followed saw me lapping up almost every publication authored by faculty members of FEBC.

All too soon, it was exam time. I had not taken one in 30 years! Memorising verses seemed an insurmountable barrier. Thank God that in the face of overwhelming odds, I passed. This was most encouraging, spurring me to attend more evening classes.

After four semesters of twice weekly classes, I can now perceive God's all-complete plan of salvation and the beauty of God's revelation in its entirety. I learnt a multitude of new things and unlearned as many inaccurate interpretations. When faced or challenged with false doctrine, I am confident that I would defend our faith with great alacrity.

How did the courses minister to my heart and mind? They have most certainly helped me understand my Christian faith, stand firm on firmer ground and move further from secular perceptions. Reading the Bible and theological papers has become less daunting, which has in turn led to a greater yearning for His Word. Finally, the evening classes have helped me serve God more meaningfully and enjoyably. I am profoundly grateful for the opportunity to proofread various church publications, including *The Burning Bush*, *RPG (Read, Pray, Grow)*, and *Bible Witness*. I really thank God for FEBC and her lecturers who are lecturers par excellence.

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1997

Choi Ji Hyung, CertRK, Korea. **Olga Danuwinoto**, CertRK, Wife of missionary. **Chung Mi Sook**, CertBS, Korea. **Amos Go Za Sum**, CertBS, Preacher, Chin State, Myanmar. **Choi Yeon Yi**, CertBS, Korea. **Park Jong Gyoo**, CertBS, Student, FEBC. **Pornpayung Uansrithong**, CertBS, Thailand. **Lai Swee Huat**, DipTh, Singapore. **Lazer Sam Lovelyson**, DipTh (see class of '91). **Manuela D Fernandez**, BRE. **Philip Heng Jee Seng**, BRE (see class of '92). **Eduardo Villaceran Morante**, BRE (see class '94). **Thawng Nei Bil**, BRE, Pastor, Biblical Presbyterian Church, Myanmar. **Kim Yong Gyon**, BTh, Pastor, Irwondong Church, Seoul, Korea. **Lee Gi Chen**, BTh, Korea. **Phoa Ang Liang**, BTh, Children's ministry, Calvary B-P Church, Batam, Indonesia. **Hahn Eun Sil**, MRE,

Missionary to Cambodia. **Lim Tjap Poh**, MRE, Pastor, Surabaya, Indonesia. **Hahn Sung Ho**, MDiv, Missionary to Cambodia. **Lau Yeong Shoon**, MDiv, Teacher, Raffles Girls' School, Singapore. **Lim Jyh Jang**, MDiv, Pastor, Pilgrim Covenant Church, Singapore. **Charles Seet Chim Seng**, MDiv (See class '90).

1998

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1999

Kim-Jung Mi Kyung, CertRK, Korea. **Kwek Boon Cheng**, CertRK, Life B-P Church, Singapore. **Lim Poh Choo**, CertRK, Teacher, Calvary Mission to Children, Singapore. **Edwin Hee Yoke Choon**, CertBS, Calvary B-P Church, Singapore. **Mona Thumewa**, CertBS, Wife of lay

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2000

Anne Chiam, CertRK, Children's ministry, Calvary B-P Church, Singapore. **Linda Liejardi**, CertRK. **Penpim Sanmeuang**, CertRK, Thailand. **Jonathan Tow Shen Han**, CertRK, Teens Sunday School superintendent, Life B-P Church, Singapore. **Lim Poh Choo**, CertBS (see class of '99). **Violet Quek Lay Eng**, CertBS, Calvary B-P Church, Singapore. **Tan Lai Huat**, CertBS, Life B-P Church, Singapore. **George Jhoon Tang Fook Kee**, CertBS (see class of '98). **Thang Vel Kam**, CertBS, Myanmar. **Tran Thi Thien Thanh**, CertBS, Preacher's wife, Vietnam. **Chadarat Chaikor**, DipTh, Preacher's wife, Truth B-P Church, Chiangmai, Thailand. **Choi Hyun Sun**, DipTh, Korea. **Daniel Lim Hoe Chiang**, DipTh, Programme director, House of Hope, Cebu, Philippines. **Rosianna Sirait**, DipTh, Medan, Indonesia. **Samuel Kunjumone**, BRE, Preacher, Church of the True Light, Indian service, Singapore. **Lee Byong Sang**, BRE. **Park Seung Kyu**, BRE (see class of '98). **Teo Yock Kui**, BRE, Children's ministry, Kota Tinggi, Malaysia. **Asaria Asa Timarong**, BRE, Preacher, Palau Evangelical Church, Palau. **Chiang Mui Leng**, BTh, Nurse, Singapore. **Esther Chew Siew Lan**, BTh, Student, FEBC. **Jang Sae Kwang**, BTh, Student, Pensacola Christian College, USA. **Arthur Koh Tze Kiat**, BTh, Singapore. **Leonard Musyoka**, BTh,

Pastor, Kulundu Independent Presbyterian Church, Kitui, Kenya. **Robert Peh Tann Yeow**, BTh, Preacher, Truth B-P Church, Chiangmai, Thailand. **David Weng Chih Jen**, BTh, Preacher, Maranatha B-P Church, Singapore. **Ahn Jung Kee**, MRE, Pastoral staff, Dong Cheon Presbyterian Church, Korea. **Ellyzabeth**, MRE, Student, Singapore Bible College. **Shim Eun Ju**, MRE, Korea. **Carol Lee Foong Leng**, MDiv, Staffworker, Calvary B-P Church (Jurong), Singapore. **Calvin Loh Kok Howe**, Preacher, Life B-P Church, Chinese congregation, Singapore. **Stephen Kavita Masila**, MDiv (see class of '83). **Tran Thanh Minh**, MDiv, Preacher, Khanh-Hoi Evangelical Church, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

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Daniel Chew, CertRK, Elder, Calvary Toronto B-P Church, Canada. **Zacky Choo**, CertRK, Student, University of Cambridge, UK. **Mary Chua**, CertRK, Singapore. **Ng Keng Tiong**, CertRK, Life B-P Church, Singapore. **Ong Chin Ping**, CertRK, Preacher's wife, Life B-P Church, Singapore. **Poh Ee Huat**, CertRK, Sunday school teacher, Calvary Tengah B-P Church, Singapore. **Xie Ping**, CertRK, Calvary Pandan B-P Church, Singapore. **Aguini**, CertBS, Kindergarten ministry, GAPPI, Batam, Indonesia. **Jean Lee**, CertBS, Secretary, Calvary B-P Church (Pandan), Singapore. **Nguyen Thi Thu**, CertBS, Preacher's wife, Vietnam. **Joshua Pinto**, CertBS, Singapore. **Saman Preechawong**, CertBS, Thailand. **Charlene Sia**, CertBS, Student, FEBC. **Ng Boon Choo**, DipTh, Kindergarten teacher, Calvary B-P Church (Jurong), Singapore. **Park Jong Gyoo**, DipTh (see class of '97). **Ratchanee Ritnatikul**, DipTh, Thailand. **Shachendra Shrestha**, DipTh, Nepalese ministry, Sharon B-P Church, Singapore. **Chai Muei Huying**, BRE (see class of '99). **Joshua Cheng**, BRE, Student, Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary, USA. **Im Ha Young**, BRE, Missionary to India. **Karuna Sitthisakthanakul**, BRE, Full-time worker, Thailand Evangelical Seminary, Bangkok. **Ephrem Chiracho**, BTh, MDiv student, FEBC. **Dennis Kwok**, BTh, Preacher, Calvary B-P Church (Jurong), Singapore. **Jonathan Langat**, BTh, MDiv student, FEBC. **Francis Onyango Nyamiwa**, BTh, Lecturer, Bible College of East Africa, Nairobi, Kenya. **Phairot Songsawadwong**, BTh, Preacher, Thailand. **Susan Suryati**, BTh, Preacher's wife, Maranatha B-P Church, Singapore. **Tan Bee Choo**, BTh, Staffworker, Life B-P Church, Chinese congregation, Singapore.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

THE DOCTOR OF THEOLOGY PROSPECTUS OF THE FAR EASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE

INTRODUCTION

In this 40th year of FEBC's history, the college felt it a duty to offer conservative Bible scholars the opportunity for advanced theological studies in order to train a new generation of faithful leaders in the Bible college movement. There is a serious need to train more deans and professors of theology who are committed to the Biblical doctrine of Verbal Plenary Inspiration and Preservation, and of Personal and Ecclesiastical Separation. This is in keeping with the Pauline injunction, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (2 Tim 2:2). By faith, FEBC shall launch her ThD programme in the new academic term beginning this July 2002.

PURPOSE

The purpose of FEBC's ThD programme is to offer a select number of highly qualified and biblically conservative ThM graduates an opportunity to pursue advanced theological studies in a Bible-believing and Bible-defending context so that they might acquire the necessary skills to become faithful teachers and defenders of the Word of God within the total spectrum of Biblical and Systematic Theology.

REQUIREMENTS

The FEBC ThD programme consists of the following requirements:

Matriculation

- (1) The ThM degree, or its equivalent (involving at least four years of post-baccalaureate Biblical studies) is an essential requirement for all applicants.

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- (2) The applicant must have graduated from his ThM programme with honours (a minimum GPA of 3.7 on a 4.0 scale), and must have written a thesis demonstrating the ability to do scholarly research and writing. It is the responsibility of the applicant to submit a copy of his thesis at the time of application for evaluation. Applicants must also show evidence of having passed a course on Theological Research and Writing in their previous graduate studies.
- (3) Certain spiritual, moral, and personal qualifications must be evident (see “The Bible and Daily Life” in the College Prospectus). Accordingly, FEBC requires character references from the applicant’s pastor, from former professors, and from employers, which evaluate the applicant’s Christian testimony, spiritual standards, and personality characteristics. No applicant will be admitted into the ThD programme if there is reason for concern in any of these areas. Furthermore, any demonstration of failure in these areas after enrolment may provide adequate grounds for dismissal from the programme.
- (4) All accepted applicants must be in essential agreement with the FEBC Position Statement (see appendix). Failure to advise the admissions office of any differences or reservations with the Position Statement will be regarded as a breach of the character requirements as outlined above.
- (5) Applicants must have satisfactorily completed (with at least a “B+” grade) two years (10 credits) of Biblical Hebrew, and three years (14 credits) of Biblical Greek at the elementary as well as exegetical levels. Applicants from other colleges/seminaries may be required to take an examination to determine their language proficiency.
- (6) Applicants whose mother tongue is other than English are required to submit a TOEFL score of at least 600.
- (7) Applicants must have satisfactorily completed (with at least a “B+” grade) approved graduate level courses covering all the standard divisions of Christian Theology comprising Systematic Theology, Calvin’s Institutes, Contemporary Theology, Westminster Standards, Hermeneutics, and Apologetics amounting to a total of 22 semester hours of credits. Applicants from other colleges/seminaries may be required to write a research paper demonstrating their understanding

of the reformed and yet pro-Israel premillennial system of theology to which this college subscribes.

- (8) Applicants must show proof that they have successfully completed (with at least a “B+” grade) Church History in their previous graduate studies.
- (9) The primary purpose of the ThD programme is to help to develop and to certify teaching abilities for ministries in theologically conservative and fundamental Bible colleges and seminaries. As such, applicants should have proven themselves effective in teaching or pastoral ministries (normally a minimum of two years) prior to admission into the programme. This means that students are not normally permitted to move directly from a ThM programme into the ThD programme without intervening or previous ministry experience.
- (10) At the discretion of the doctoral studies committee, an interview with the committee may be required. The admissions office will notify the applicant of any such requirement.
- (11) General requirements and materials necessary for application to FEBC are specified in the FEBC prospectus.
- (12) Applications must be received in the admissions office by January 1 for admission in the July semester, or by July 1 for the January semester.
- (13) Applicants who have not satisfied the grade, ministry, language, theology, church history prerequisites may be considered for probationary admission only. In case of probationary admission because of a lack of the above prerequisites, these requirements must be completed, without credit towards the ThD, before regular admission status may be granted.

Residential Work

All ThD students are required to complete a minimum of 40 hours of applicable academic credits at FEBC. This includes 32 hours of course work, independent research studies, upper level seminars, and teaching internships, and eight hours of dissertation credits. No transfer credits from other institutions are allowed.

- (1) The maximum course load during a regular semester is 10 hours of credit. During the 2½ month (May-July) and 1½ month (November-

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December) interims between semesters, a student may take no more than four and two credits respectively.

- (2) The academic dean will assign the specific courses required of the ThD student each semester. The student must reflect advanced knowledge of the subject area, and a high level of research and writing skills. Any course in which the student receives a grade of less than a “B+” will not be credited towards the requirements of his programme.
- (3) Since FEBC’s ThD programme is designed primarily for the purpose of providing professional preparation for teaching ministries, ThD students will be assigned classes to teach under the supervision of the doctoral studies committee. The teaching internship requires the submission of an approved syllabus and lecture notes for each course. A performance report from the class will be required at the end of the course. In upper level seminars, ThD students must demonstrate the ability to do scholarly research and to communicate graciously and effectively. Any lack of ability in these areas, as evaluated by the faculty, may be cause for termination of the student’s programme.
- (4) In independent research and writing courses, the ThD student must show a comprehensive knowledge of the chosen topic (preferably some present-day controversy or debate), and the ability to interact with and critique recent scholarship and authors. The following general requirements will apply to research courses: For one hour of credit, a 25-page thesis; for two hours of credit, a 50-page thesis; for three hours of credit, a 75-page thesis; and for four hours of credit, a 100-page page thesis.
- (5) Written work submitted for credit in fulfilment of requirements in the various courses leading to the ThD degree must conform to the standards contained in the latest edition of *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, by Kate L Turabian, published by the University of Chicago Press.
- (6) The basic schedule requires a minimum of two full academic years in residence. The student must complete his programme within five years from the date of matriculation. An extension of the five-year time limit is possible only on the recommendation of the doctoral studies committee.

Comprehensive Examinations

- (1) Upon the successful completion of 16 credits of in-residence work (unless still on probation), the ThD student may prepare to sit for his week-long oral and written examinations. The ThD student is to apply to the academic dean as to which week in the academic calendar he wishes to take the examinations. The application must be submitted at least a fortnight prior to the chosen week of examinations.
- (2) The written comprehensives are on the Hebrew Bible, the English Bible, and Systematic Theology. The ThD student must demonstrate the ability to translate and exegete in Biblical Hebrew/Aramaic using only standard reference tools, explain key and difficult passages in the OT and NT, and interact with major and controversial theological themes.
- (3) The oral comprehensives are on the Greek Bible and the FEBC Position Statement. The ThD student must read the entire Greek New Testament while in residence, and demonstrate his ability to translate any portion extemporaneously. The student must be able to articulate and defend the FEBC Position Statement before the faculty.
- (4) The ThD student enters into candidacy stage only when he fulfils all his in-residence course work, passes his comprehensive examinations, and has his dissertation topic and prospectus approved.

Dissertation

- (1) The ThD student may submit his dissertation topic for approval after completing eight hours of applicable ThD credits unless he is still on probation.
- (2) Upon the approval of the dissertation topic, the student may proceed to write a 20-page prospectus of his proposed dissertation. The prospectus must provide a summary and overview of the proposed dissertation. An extensive bibliography of primary and secondary sources must be included in addition to the 20 pages of the prospectus. The approval of the dissertation prospectus must be secured a full academic year (ie, two semesters plus interims) prior to the date of graduation. Approval of the prospectus and subsequent

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admission to candidacy status in no way guarantees acceptance of the final dissertation. Prospectus approval merely grants permission for the student to prepare and submit the first draft of the dissertation for committee evaluation.

- (3) Once the dissertation prospectus is approved, a dissertation committee shall be formed comprising three members of the faculty plus the external examiners.
- (4) The ThD candidate must demonstrate scholarly abilities by the preparation of a dissertation within the framework of biblical and systematic theology. The work should be 200-250 pages in length, but approval shall be based on doctrinal integrity, intellectual content, and literary quality rather than length. Eight hours of credit shall be granted for this project.
- (5) The writing of the dissertation may be completed out of residence, providing that the candidate's supervisor is satisfied that the candidate has access to the necessary library resources.
- (6) The ThD student is required to submit his dissertation by chapters with the first draft to be completed no later than six months prior to the intended date of graduation. If major revisions are required by the dissertation committee, the student should be prepared to delay his graduation by a full year. Also, acceptance of the first draft by the dissertation committee and the subsequent scheduling of an oral defence does not guarantee final acceptance.
- (7) After the first draft has received committee approval, the candidate must defend his dissertation in an oral examination. This examination shall be conducted by the supervisor of the candidate's dissertation committee, and scheduled at least two months prior to the intended date of graduation. The doctoral studies committee shall announce the date and venue of the examination so that interested members of the faculty and student body may attend. An examination copy of the dissertation must be deposited in the library no later than two weeks before the oral defence.
- (8) Following the oral examination, the doctoral studies committee will decide upon one of the following actions: (i) To approve the dissertation and its defence, subject to any revisions required under the direction of the dissertation committee; (ii) To delay graduation by rejecting the dissertation until major revisions are completed

under the direction of the dissertation committee, and to schedule another defence for the following year; (iii) To reject the dissertation but allow the student to begin another dissertation project; or (iv) To reject the dissertation and terminate the student's programme. The chairman of the student's dissertation committee will immediately notify the student concerning which of the above actions was taken. Normally and in conjunction with the first of the above actions, the dissertation committee will meet with the student in order to inform him of any further requirements or revisions as appropriate.

- (9) After an official approval of the first draft of the dissertation and its defence, the candidate must submit the final approved draft which incorporates all required revisions a month prior to graduation. The final draft should include an abstract (one page, single spaced), dissertation approval sheet, and a vita written in narrative style containing information on the candidate's date and place of birth, salvation and call, academic career, degrees earned, publications, memberships, special honours, and ministry goals.
- (10) Three professionally bound hardcopies and a softcopy of the approved dissertation must be submitted to the dissertation supervisor for filing in the college library.

DOCTORAL STUDIES COMMITTEE

The ThD studies and dissertation committee comprises the following faculty members and external examiners:

Dr Timothy Tow, MDiv, STM, DD

Dr Jeffrey Khoo, BTh, MDiv, STM, PhD

Rev Quek Suan Yew, BArch, BTh, MDiv, STM

Dr John C Whitcomb, BA, BD, ThM, ThD

Dr D A Waite, BA, MA, ThM, ThD, PhD

Dr Gary Cohen, BSEd, MDiv, STM, ThD

Dr Paul Lee Tan, ThM, ThD

INQUIRIES

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APPENDIX

A Position Statement of Far Eastern Bible College

- (1) I do believe “in the divine, verbal and plenary inspiration of the Holy Scriptures in the original languages, their consequent inerrancy and infallibility, and as the Word of God, the supreme and final authority in faith and practice” (The Constitution of the Life Bible-Presbyterian Church, article 4.2.1).
- (2) I do believe that “Under the name of Holy Scripture, or the Word of God written, are now contained all the books of the Old and New Testaments, which are these: OF THE OLD TESTAMENT—Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, The Song of Songs, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi; OF THE NEW TESTAMENT—The Gospels according to Matthew, Mark, Luke, John; The Acts of the Apostles, Paul’s Epistles: Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, The Epistle to the Hebrews, The Epistle of James, The First and Second Epistles of Peter, The First, Second, and Third Epistles of John, The Epistle of Jude, The Revelation of John. All which are given by inspiration of God, to be the rule of faith and life” (The Westminster Confession of Faith, chapter I, paragraph II).
- (3) I do believe that “The Old Testament in Hebrew (which was the native language of the people of God of old), and the New Testament in Greek (which at the time of the writing of it was most generally known to the nations), being immediately inspired by God, and by His singular care and providence kept pure in all ages, are therefore authentic; so as in all controversies of religion, the Church is finally to appeal unto them. But because these original tongues are not known to all the people of God who have right unto and interest in the Scriptures, and are commanded, in the fear of

God, to read and search them, therefore they are to be translated into the vulgar language of every nation unto which they come, that the Word of God dwelling plentifully in all, they may worship him in an acceptable manner, and through patience and comfort of the Scriptures, may have hope” (The Westminster Confession of Faith, chapter I, paragraph VIII).

- (4) I do believe that “the Texts which are closest to the original autographs of the Bible are the Traditional Masoretic Hebrew Text for the Old Testament, and the Traditional Greek Text for the New Testament underlying the King James Version (as found in ‘The Greek Text Underlying The English Authorised Version of 1611’ as published by The Trinitarian Bible Society in 1976)” (The Dean Burgon Society, “Articles of Faith,” section II.A).
- (5) I do believe that “the King James Version (or Authorised Version) of the English Bible is a true, faithful, and accurate translation of these two providentially preserved Texts [Traditional Masoretic Hebrew Text and Traditional Greek Text underlying the KJV], which in our time has no equal among all of the other English Translations. The translators did such a fine job in their translation task that we can without apology hold up the Authorised Version of 1611 and say ‘This is the Word of God!’ while at the same time realising that, in some verses, we must go back to the underlying original language Texts for complete clarity, and also compare Scripture with Scripture” (The Dean Burgon Society, “Articles of Faith,” section II.A).
- (6) I do employ the Authorised Version alone as my primary scriptural text in the public reading, preaching, and teaching of the English Bible.
- (7) I do consider as unreliable all Bible versions (eg the New International Version or NIV) that are a result of the dynamic equivalence method of translation, and those which cast doubt and/or omit verses based on corrupted readings of the Alexandrian or Westcott-Hort Text.
- (8) I will endeavour annually at the College convocation to affirm my allegiance to the Word of God by taking this solemn oath: “I swear in the Name of the Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit that I believe ‘the Bible is none other than the voice of Him that sitteth

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upon the throne. Every book of it, every chapter of it, every verse of it, every syllable of it, every letter of it, is direct utterance of the Most High. The Bible is none other than the Word of God, not some part of it more, some part of it less, but all alike the utterance of Him that sitteth upon the throne, faultless, unerring, supreme.”

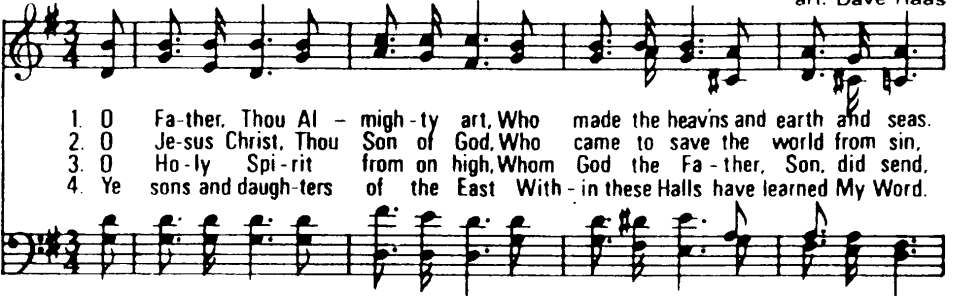
- (9) I do subscribe to the system of theology called “Reformed” as expressed in the Westminster Confession of Faith, and its Larger and Shorter Catechisms (1643-8).
- (10) I do dismiss the JEDP theory, and source/form/redaction criticism as products of modernistic scholarship, and do consider them to be illegitimate and destructive means of interpreting the Pentateuch, and the Synoptic Gospels.
- (11) I do believe that “The infallible rule of interpretation of Scripture is the Scripture itself: and therefore, when there is a question about the true and full sense of any Scripture (which is not manifold, but one), it must be searched and known by other places that speak more clearly” (The Westminster Confession of Faith, chapter I, paragraph IX).
- (12) I do reject the neo-evangelical hermeneutic of Walter C Kaiser, namely, the Analogy of Antecedent Scripture, as fallacious (see Kaiser’s erroneous interpretation of the prophecy of the virgin birth of Christ in his paper, “The Promise of Isaiah 7:14 and the Single-Meaning Hermeneutic,” *Evangelical Journal* 6 [1988]: 55-70).
- (13) I do reject Hyper-Calvinism in its denial of God’s common grace, and of the free offer of the Gospel.
- (14) I do believe in the biblical doctrine and practice of personal and ecclesiastical separation from all forms of unbelief and apostasy, viz Romanism, Ecumenism, Modernism, Charismaticism, and Neo-evangelicalism.
- (15) I do reject as false the tongues-speaking, demon-casting, faith healing, dreams and visions, words of wisdom/knowledge/faith, prophecies, slaying of the Spirit, holy laughing and dancing of the Pentecostal, Charismatic, or Vineyard Movement.
- (16) I do believe God created the universe *ex nihilo* (out of nothing), and do regard Genesis 1:1 as an independent clause stating the first creative act of God (cf John 1:3, Col 1:16, Heb 11:3).

- (17) I do believe God created all things perfectly and very good in six literal or natural, and not figurative or poetic, days.
- (18) I do believe the Genesis Flood was global or universal, and reject all other views which attempt to limit the geographical extent of the Flood.
- (19) I do believe Isaiah 7:14 is a strictly messianic prophecy historically fulfilled only by Jesus Christ who was conceived supernaturally in the womb of the virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit as announced by the angel (Matt 1:22-23, Luke 1:26-35).
- (20) I do subscribe to the premillennial view of eschatology that recognises a distinction between Israel and the Church.
- (21) I do reject the so-called “Biblical/Christian Counselling” of today (as taught by Gary Collins, Larry Crabb, Frank Minirth et al) that is influenced by Freudian or humanistic methods which essentially question the sufficiency of Scriptures, and the power of the Gospel.
- (22) I do reject the modern-day Church Growth movement (as promoted by George Barna, Bill Hybels, C Peter Wagner et al) which advocates worldly techniques or carnal methods to increase church membership.
- (23) I do uphold and promote the good name, doctrine, and ethos of the Far Eastern Bible College in accordance to God’s Word, and do protect her from detractors and enemies from without and within.
- (24) I do serve the Far Eastern Bible College because I love Jesus Christ who has called me to be a minister of His Word, and do intend with the Holy Spirit’s help to faithfully declare “all the counsel of God” (Acts 20:27) and to “earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints” (Jude 3) to the glory of God the Father.

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Timothy S. H. Tow

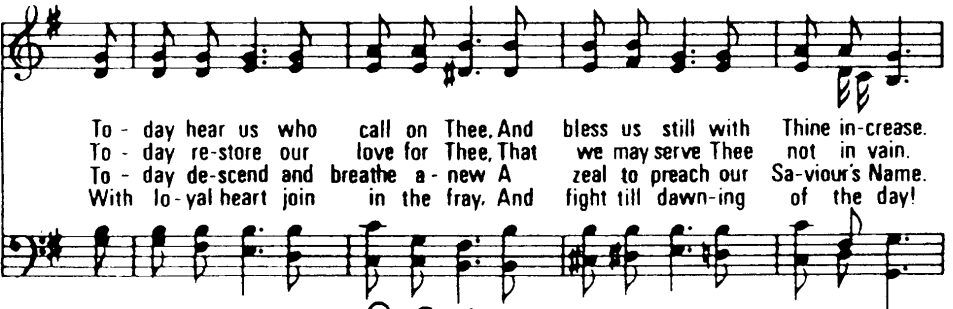
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1. O Fa-ther, Thou Al - migh - ty art, Who made the heavns and earth and seas.
2. O Je - sus Christ, Thou Son of God, Who came to save the world from sin,
3. O Ho - ly Spi - rit from on high, Whom God the Fa - ther, Son, did send.
4. Ye sons and daugh - ters of the East With - in these Halls have learned My Word.



And deign to dwell in con-trite hearts, And vi - sit with Thy grace and peace:
And have re-deemed us by Thy Blood, That we may live and oth - ers win:
To touch our lips and tongues with fire That we might speak and men re-pent.
In Christ's do-main are not the least. If you un-flinch-ing wield the Sword:



To - day hear us who call on Thee, And bless us still with Thine in-crease.
To - day re-store our love for Thee, That we may serve Thee not in vain.
To - day de-scent and breathe a - new A zeal to preach our Sa- viour's Name.
With lo - yal heart join in the fray, And fight till dawn-ing of the day!



O Fa - ther, Thou Al - migh - ty art! For - e - ver bless with Thine in-crease!
O Je - sus Christ, Thou Son of God! So help us serve Thee not in vain!
O Ho - ly Spi - rit from on High! Re - vive our zeal for Je - sus Name!
O Lord grant us Thy truth and grace, And lead us on till break of Day!

