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It felt like the day to travel to Turkey would never come but come it did and the bible tour led by Cecilia and Jeffrey, aptly named “In the footsteps of Apostle John”, lasting from 28th March – 10th April 2007 came and went swiftly by. Within this short span of incessant non-stop traveling, traipsing over excavated ancient city ruins and listening to lectures on Turkish history mixed with endless stories of Greek mythology (by our knowledgeable and entertaining Turkish guide, Selahattin) – we traveled a good part of the country and deep and exotic impressions of this wondrously vast and ancient land that is called Turkey today were indelibly imprinted on our minds.

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DEAR FRIENDS,

Half a year has gone and we thank God for how He has seen our ministry through, with our usual flurry of activities.

It was in May 2007 that our ministry obtained “society” status. With that change, our ministry will be known as “Entrusting the Word”. This is still in keeping with 2 Tim 2:2 “And the things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, these entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.”

During the same period, God provided us with an office space for use by the ministry. Now that we have a centre for office and classroom use, we trust that God will enable us to function more effectively. There are many aspects of ministry that can also be started, like prayer groups and smaller Bible Studies, regular leadership training sessions, etc.

We thank God for the many people who gave to our ministry and trusted God to work in and through us to raise up a standard for His Word. The monies we have raised from the Anniversary Dinner held in November 2006, have been a Godsend as we renovated and bought all the necessary equipment and furniture so that we can study God’s Word at the ETW Centre.

The write ups of our trips to Turkey and the Philippines are presented in this newsletter. Upcoming trips would include our Israel and Jordan trip in November / December 2007.

We look forward to how God will use the ETW Centre to equip His people for the End Times.

In keeping with the Hebraic roots of our faith, we plan to start Torah classes on Saturday afternoons. God willing, we will have regular Shabbat services in future as well.

His bondservant,
Jeffrey Loh
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Called Asia Minor in the first century and part of ancient Mesopotamia (often called ‘the cradle of civilization’), a great part of biblical history took place here – even from the days of the patriarchs till the times of the early Church. Many important biblical sites like Ephesus, Antioch and Haran are found in this land, even Mt Ararat where Noah’s Ark rested after the Great Flood. But since the highlight of this trip was the 7 Churches of Revelation, our main focus was on ruins of those cities in which these early churches were in the first century.

Cecilia would preach a relevant but poignant message every time we visited one of these sites, and sometimes she would even speak at the very site itself. She also taught on how these early 7 Churches serve as types for our present day churches and again, prophetically at another level, how they depict the different characteristics and stages the Church would go through down the ages. Having visited these places, one gains a much better understanding and insight to the lives of people living in those times.

The geographical location and features surrounding a particular city, the types of commerce practiced during their times, the level of affluence they had, the different and diverse manner of pagan worship practiced then, helps us appreciate better the challenges and hardship that the early Christians were up against, especially in times of persecution. For example, when we visited the cave dwellings where the early Christians fled to for safety during times of intense persecution, we realized that the hardships they endured and the high price they paid to keep their faith, some even paying with their very lives.

More links to some resources in the internet are below:
- sermons.christiansunite.com
- www.sermonaudio.com/sermonsspeaker.asp
- www.arabicbible.com/index.html
- www.waltermartin.org/cults.html
- www.audio-bible.com/bible/bible.html
- www.audiotreasure.com
- www.talkingbible.com/multilingual.html
- www.i-am.org/audiotext1.htm

All these gave us much insight into the Early Church and the messages the Lord gave to the Churches in Revelation. What stood out for me was the realization of how very practical the Lord was in using imageries and metaphors common to the people in when speaking to them. Familiar everyday surroundings and things were used to illustrate and illuminate the understanding of the recipients, be it a geographical anomaly (as in Laodicea - Rev.3:15-16 - which was an issue of potable water quality) or even in things pertaining...
We constantly experienced God’s presence and His unfailing grace and goodness throughout the trip and many a times, we saw His hand of love and protection over us.

Cecilia had been sharing on how to handle trials and tribulation that would invariably cross the path of the believer and this particular incident was definitely something many of us considered a trial until we realized that it was small compared with what the early Christian martyrs went through.

And a trial it was for most of us who took the boat trip to the Greek island of Patmos, where the apostle John received the book of Revelation from our Lord Jesus Christ. We left Kusadasi early to take the 2-way (4 hours each) boat trip and found ourselves in rough and choppy waters when we reached the open Aegean Sea. Nearly the whole lot of us got sea-sick (except for a rare few, Cecilia being one of them!).

For a one-year old believer my trip to Turkey was such a wonderful experience. By the grace of God, I was given this opportunity to spend time with His family. I was so excited as I traveled to Istanbul on my own to meet the 45 new “family members”-in-Christ that I was to be traveling with for the next 12 days and my joy was reflected by my smiling almost non-stop. I even recalled Cecilia asking me why I kept on smiling during that first day!

The visits to the ruins of the 7 churches of Revelation were indeed such a revelation to me .... And as we read and Cecilia preached on the 7 Churches of Asia Minor in the first three chapters of the book of Revelation, I was so thrilled to find myself at the actual places where Paul was.

My constant thought was: “This really IS the actual place where He lived and preached to the Jews and Gentiles of Ephesus, Colossae, Phillippi, etc...!” It was then that I was able to envision the culture and lifestyles of the people living in those times and how the Scriptures came alive for me!

What our Lord Jesus Christ had to say to the 7 churches suddenly made sense to me – how His praises and His rebukes were always made in context with local circumstances. It was in having seen these places, linking them to history that the Bible is affirmed in its veracity and truth for me!

The most memorable event was the celebration of Passover one evening at Cappadocia. Cecilia led us through the meal explaining the significance of the wine, the bitter herb, unleavened bread and the recitations based on Jewish tradition. It was a wonderful eye-opener for me of this feast that Paul said believers were to keep (1 Cor. 5:8) It gave also gave me a wonderful glimpse of days to come when we will all get to partake this meal together with Christ in the Millennial Kingdom.
It was indeed a fruitful trip for us as well as we were able to be part of the body, acknowledging that we are one with faithful brethren in Christ in the Philippines, sharing the resources that the Body of Christ in Singapore gave willingly.

Since we are looking for faithfulness, perseverance, hunger for God’s Word and desire to grow and be challenged to change by God’s Word..., the heat, the different locations, and other things helped separate those who are genuinely hungry and came for all the sessions, traveling to various church venues at their own expense from those who just came because it was in their church venue.

This was one indication of their hunger for God and His Word and their desire to know about the End Times. Since God always rewards perseverance, faithfulness and obedience (if not here and now, definitely in the hereafter), we also used this as a criteria to know who to work with and continue helping in the various ways the Lord would lead us. We look for greater opportunities to work with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ in the Philippines and trust that you in Singapore and elsewhere would also join us in future trips and endeavours.

I was really blessed because I could see these eager ones who came for every session and wonderful it was for me to see their understanding of God’s Word increase. As long as they are committed to obeying God and His Word, and have a greater desire for Him and His Word, I am content. There will be some leaders and pastors who will hold more firmly to God and His Word in these days of compromise and increasing departure from the Word. Do pray for them as well so that the seeds planted may flower to bless their whole province in Rizal and spread to other provinces and cities in the Philippines.

Come Sunday, I preached from the book of Haggai chapter 1 on the need for people to set their priorities right and understanding prophecy. It was a simple message but a crucial one. This was followed by a Spiritual Gifts workshop with the youths mainly. Thank God that He was able to help them understand the basics concerning spiritual gifts through the workshop. Overall, the workshops did stir the hearts of some who see the need to delve deeper into the Word of God. However, it remains to be seen how many will set their hearts to diligently pursue what is needful.

See page 12 to read about the Filipino Church’s needs and pages 15 and 16 for Ron and Cecilia’s respective reports.
Jacob Prasch comes to town again! No big billboard, no posters announcing his arrival, just word of mouth and the passing of leaflets by the eager. On the evenings of 19th and 20th July, he preached in Kay Poh Road Baptist Church. The audience ranged from teenagers to senior men and women. No more introductions on Jacob Prasch were needed as the general audience seemed to be acquainted with him already.

The first night began with ‘Nehushtan’, the Hebrew word for ‘bronze serpent’. He first examined why a symbol which Biblically represents Satan such as the serpent would be used by Moses as a sign to heal the Israelites in the wilderness in Numbers 21.

The next sermon is entitled ‘AHA’, a title Jacob gave to summarize the book of Lamentations. Jacob highlighted the message slotted right in the middle of what he called “the most depressing book” in the Bible. The central truths in Lam 3:21-23 shines ever so brightly with hope in the midst of darkest despair.

This parallels the near future Great Tribulation. Believers, like Jeremiah in the days of destruction and suffering, can wait expectantly for the Hope because the knowledge of our unchanging God holds us – “the LORD’s lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Thy faithfulness” (Lam 3:22-23).

Then Jacob looked at the different forms of idolatry. It was indeed a good reminder that idolatry is not limited to idol-worshippers but it can happen to even church leaders. Our devotion to the Lord is more important than church ministries!

On 1-4 June 2007, Cecilia conducted seminars on the End Times with about 40 participants from 11 Brethren churches in the province of Rizal. At the same time, Dr Jeffrey Loh conducted workshops on the Inductive Bible Study (IBS) method for Brethren leaders and pastors in Metro Manila. Along with Cecilia and Jeffrey was Esther Goh, on her first visit to the Philippines.

This is the second time Brethren pastors in the Rizal province invited Dr Jeffrey and Cecilia to minister in the country (previously, the team conducted workshops on IBS skills). Although some attendees struggled with English, the warm humid weather, the lack of air conditioning, and the difficult subject matter, those eager to know more came for all four days of lectures. We marveled that Cecilia had the energy to speak without flagging whereas the heat and humidity drained us of our energy, just sitting and listening! However, Cecilia was caught dozing, tired out on the way home!

Pastors have realized that they have no authority to teach things that are not in line with the Scriptures. They have also become aware, simply by observing Cecilia and Jeffrey that they must put in the time and effort to really know the Word. Five pastors have openly committed themselves to diligently study the Scriptures and teach their members.

The team left behind resources like an LCD projector, books and CDs and the PowerPoint slides used in the lectures to aid review. Love gifts from 2Tim2-2.com blessed the Filipino Christians in the following ways:

- It enabled about 40 pastors and church leaders to own a Thompson Chain Reference Bible and thus continue the habit of IBS, digging deeply into the Word. This Bible comes with a compulsory 2 ½ day seminar on knowing how to use it for ministry and personal growth.

- Faithful pastors with no regular financial support were blessed with a generous one time love gift, including one who has just become a father, and another whose wife underwent two operations.

- It made possible for 40 people to attend a retreat and commit themselves to a year of mentoring and discipleship, beginning August/September.

The Filipino Christians are deeply touched that servants of the Lord would come and minister to them at their own expense, and that fellow brothers and sisters in Singapore whom they do not even know would bless them in such amazing ways. Above all, they are thankful to God for this concrete expression of His love and concern for them.
The eastern lands of Turkey, also known as Anatolia, have a haunting atmosphere with an unusual landscape of plains, high mountains, lakes, and rivers laced with many archaeological sites. The Black Sea coast has the same characteristics with the added combination of the blue waters of the Black Sea and the green of overgrown forests lining the coast.

Anatolia offers a great variety of historic, biblical and geographic diversity to make this educational tour not have a dull moment. Immerse yourself with biblical teaching and fellowship for this trip!

The ministry will be planning Inductive Bible Study (IBS) workshops during public holidays and weekends. We plan to hold them in the ETW Centre on Saturdays and Public Holidays.

**IBS WORKSHOPS**

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**INTRODUCTION TO IBS SKILLS**

- Those with no knowledge of IBS
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  - 102 1 Thessalonians 1
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**BASIC IBS SKILLS**

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  - 202 Overview of Obadiah (4 hr)
  - 203 Overview and Chapter Study of Philippians (4 hr)

**INTERMEDIATE IBS SKILLS**

- Handling controversial passages and topics - teachers and leaders
* Mandatory homework to be submitted 1 month prior to course

- 401 Handling a Controversial Passage - Hebrews 6:4-8
- 402 Handling a Controversial Passage - Romans 7
- 411 Handling a Controversial Topic - Once saved, Always saved?
- 412 Handling a Controversial Topic - What Rapture? Which Rapture?
Moved by their needs, the leaders and believers in PCGC started a Sponsorship Program some years ago to provide educational assistance (High School and College Education) to under-privileged and deserving church members. They believe that a proper education lays the foundation for a lifelong learning to live for the common good of all. It is also a response to the growing need of the youths to become responsible law-abiding citizens.

In addition to providing educational assistance to under-privileged church members, God moved their hearts to include the non-believing community as well, so that these good deeds done in our Savior’s name can open a door for the Gospel to be brought into many homes which do not have a living love relationship with our Lord Jesus. Their goal is to create small Bible studies and Cell groups which will eventually become house churches through the discipling of these young people who will be their leaders. They teach them Christian values as well as offering tutorials in academic subjects during Saturday School. These young people must attend school, youth services and fellowships and leaders from the PCGC visit their families regularly to ensure problems are dealt with and good discipline, God’s school of courage...etc – it was all done in stages. When we came, we could still see the unfinished stairs (without railings!) that led up to a very small room on the second floor which is their home. Many of these youths “refuse” to go home and have to be “driven” out of the church as PCGC has become for them a haven, a home where they are truly loved and where help can be found and they can grow properly as well as grow to love the Lord. They call Murel “Papa” and Jesmar “Mama” and perhaps Murel and Jesmar have become the only parents they know who truly love them for themselves.

Our Lord will honor those who honor Him.....
Hi Cecilia and Jeff,

So sorry for the long silence. I have been very busy with both ministry and business. There are no breakthroughs yet with regard to my business but I am still trusting the Lord to provide.

But as for the IBS ministry, since the Haggai and Ruth Overview in May and August 2006 (thank you to the both of you for coming up), I have conducted 2 workshops on Introduction to IBS with 1 Thess 1. They were done on 11 Nov 2006 and 26 Feb 2007. There were 25 participants for the first workshop done at my church (Bandar Puchong Gospel Centre). The second workshop was done at St. Patrick’s Church in Tawau, Sabah. The response from Tawau was tremendous. There were 200 participants. The senior pastor wants me to go back again and do the Haggai Overview.

God also opened up the opportunity for me to teach on Sunday at Subang Jaya Christian Education training program that they offer before their morning worship service. This year the senior pastor of the church who is also a lecturer at Bible College of Malaysia (BCM), which is associated with the Assembly of God Churches, decided to arrange for the courses to be accredited with BCM. The first course that she wanted to offer is Basic Inductive Bible Study and she made the arrangement for me to be approved as a part time lecturer with BCM.

The course started since the beginning of January and I will be completing the course on the first week of April. This 13-weeks course will allow the students to obtain 2 credit hours with BCM. In those 13 weeks I taught Introduction to IBS with 1 Thess and the books of Haggai and Ruth. I stated with 34 students but by the time I started the book of Ruth, I only have 25 students left (I actually expected more to drop out).

For the second quarter of this year I will offer the books of Haggai and Ruth again but it will be open to others as well. I will also start the book of Jude. Please do pray for me in my preparation and also a church to host the classes.

In June, I have been invited to do an Overview of 2 Peter at a church camp. I have downloaded the teaching slides in pdf files from the website. Do you have the powerpoint presentation that you can provide me? Have the study guide that I can offer the 2 Peter class to this church as a follow up to the church camp.

To date I have sold 158 study guides (Haggai, Ruth, Jude, Obadiah) at RM20 each. As I have mentioned to you last year, RM3 (15%) per study guide will be channelled to 2Tim2-2.com ministry. Can you let me know the name for the bank draft to be made payable to and where should I send the bank draft to?

Finally, have a great trip to Turkey.

Eric Tan
It was in August of 1967 that my father returned from an extended business trip, which included a business trip to Israel only two weeks after the end of the 6 Day War. We had all been somewhat worried about his visit there due to the recent 6 day war, but at the age of 14, you don’t worry too much about such things. He arrived back at our home in the US, overflowing with stories about his visit and his escapades while visiting Israel.

Many of us will recall the stunning victory over the armies of the three Arab countries, Egypt, Jordan and Syria. After months of threatening behavior, Israel launched a preemptive strike, aimed initially at the Egyptian Air Force. Within less than a week, Israel had crippled the air forces and had captured much of the territory that had made up historical Israel and Samaria, including the old city of Jerusalem, plus the Sinai Peninsula and the Golan Heights. It had been a complete rout of the armies of the three Arab states, who had vowed to drive the Israelis/the Jews into the ocean.

My father started showing us his slides from the trip. It showed him, along with some of his friends who had served in the army dressed in the uniform of an Israeli army colonel driving around the newly captured areas in a Jeep, at a time when even international journalists were not yet permitted into the captured territories. Presumably he and his companions could have been severely punished for impersonating and army officers, but in the euphoria of victory, this didn’t seem to matter. We saw photos of burned out tanks in the desert and all the aftermath of an army that had been routed. I had visited Israel 3 years before and knew many of the men who were accompanying my father.

Now, 40 years later, much of the territory captured is still in Israeli hands, with mainly the Sinai Peninsula having been returned to Egypt. While the current Palestinian situation did not start in 1967, it certainly has made matters worse for all concerned.

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**The continual problems Israel faces now are a continuing fulfillment of Daniel 9:26**

Regardless of what the world says, Israel was only repossessing her possessions as in the days of Joshua. This war resulted in all of Jerusalem being in Jewish hands and begins the end of “times of the Gentiles” (Luke 21:24), the time when Gentiles dominated Jerusalem. Gentile interference with Jerusalem is very dangerous for the prophet Zechariah warned that God will make Jerusalem “a cup that causes reeling to him, along with some of his friends who had served in the army dressed in the uniform of an Israeli army colonel driving around the newly captured areas in a Jeep, at a time when even international journalists were not yet permitted into the captured territories. Presumably he and his companions could have been severely punished for impersonating and army officers, but in the euphoria of victory, this didn’t seem to matter. We saw photos of burned out tanks in the desert and all the aftermath of an army that had been routed. I had visited Israel 3 years before and knew many of the men who were accompanying my father.

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