

**Topic: God@Work in BBTC**

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## **Overview:**

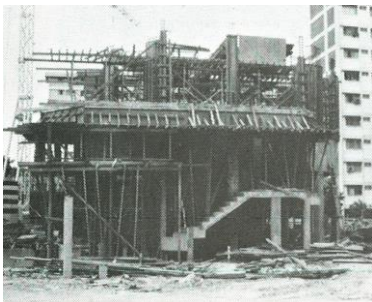
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### **I. God at work in BBTC in our past.**



Bedok South Sunday School (1985) Back Door of Bethesda Clinic @ Blk 25 New Upper Changi Rd

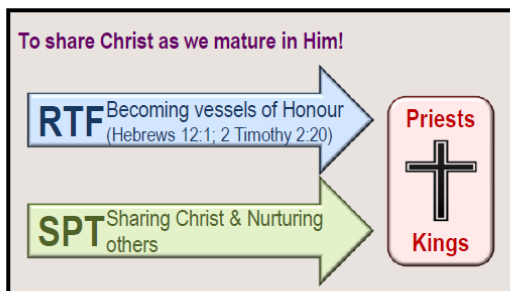
BBTC is a direct church plant from Bethesda Katong Church (BKC). In late 70s, a group of young people pioneered the early tuition and Sunday School Ministries in Bedok North and South. Elder Tuck Leh is one of the products of this ministry. Elder Tuck Leh shared of how on 23 December 1979, some of these pioneer leaders went around the vicinity of Bedok Clinic at Block 25 of Bedok South and invited children, including him, for a movie screening. Subsequently, many of these children came to know the Lord through this ministry. Elder Tuck saw God at work among these ministry pioneers, who sacrificed their weekends to pour out their love into the lives of the children such as him. He also recognized that he is who he is by the grace of God shown through those who have invested in his life.



In 1984, the leaders bided in a HDB land tender and bought the present site with 60 years lease. After 2 years of construction of the building, BBTC conducted the first Service on the first Sunday of November of 1986. In 2005 the Council of Elders decided to build the building extension to position BBTC for growth. Subsequently we had our first service in the New Sanctuary on Sunday, 4 November 2007.

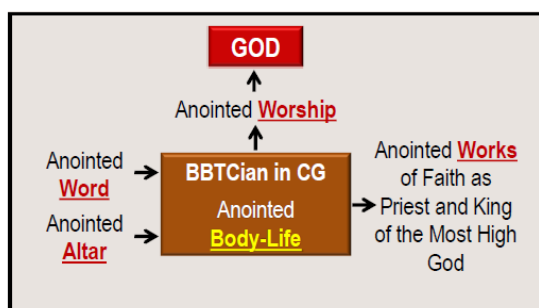
### **II. God at work in BBTC in the present.**

Our Mission is to share Christ as we mature in Him. This statement finds its expression in 2 areas: Spiritual Parenting (SPT) and in the Restoring the Foundations ministry (RTF).



Anyone who has known Jesus for more than 6 months ought to be spiritual parents. A spiritual parent should be able to share the gospel and help a new believer to pray and read the bible. To do so, we need to mature in the Lord and this is where RTF comes in. RTF is about becoming vessels of honour as we allow God to take away our baggage, heal our hurts and issues in our life.

How does BBTC go about to fulfill our mission? Below is an overview:



Below are testimonies based on where God is at work in the 5 areas: Anointed Worship, Anointed Word, Anointed Altar, Anointed Body-life and Anointed Works of Faith.

### 1) Anointed Worship – Testimony from a Worship Leader

*“It was my 1st time leading the song “Worthy of It All” which I learnt from Pastor Summit early this year. As the introduction of the song was played, I lifted my head, wanting to glance around the Gallery area. Suddenly I had a vision of angels coming forth towards the stage. They spread themselves from the front left pillar of the Sanctuary, across to the parapet wall where our projectors are seated, all the way to the right pillar of the Sanctuary. I was not able to count to know how many there were but I could see very clearly the 2 angels on each side of the pillar who are closer to the stage. They were huge, beautiful angels with golden wings and hair. They were taking their place to bow and worship the Lord together with us as we sing, worship and proclaim Jesus, who is worthy of it all. It was a beautiful sight and the Lord impressed in my spirit that when we align our worship according to the pattern of heaven, heaven opens and God's glory is revealed.”*

### 2) Anointed Word

In the recent years, SP has seen that as the Word of God is being preached; people are being delivered, healed and enveloped by the love of the Heavenly Father. This was the case when SP spoke on the topic “Love is not Blind”, a lady who has been struggling with rejection, received the Father’s love into her life. When our hearts are open, hungry and ready to receive, God’s Word will be poured into our hearts, God will release his Word as power and love to touch us and transform us.

### **3) Anointed Altar – Youth Church Testimony**

*“For the past few months, starting May, I had been going through a lot of chaos in my life and I felt like everything that could possibly go wrong, simply did. I was going through a mild case of depression and felt like nothing would ever be able to get me past this dark stage in my life.*

*August finally came and that's when Radical took place. During the worship, I didn't really feel the presence of God. I just felt as if I was singing empty lyrics and was not even meaning anything I sung. During the altar call, Pastor Jeff said that there was a girl in the congregation who 'has a vacuum in her heart'. I was shocked at how accurate his statement was. During my depressed season, I had blogged quite a bit as a form of letting out my emotions, and the word 'vacuum' had been repeated numerous times. So when Pastor Jeffrey said that word, I knew that God was speaking to me and that it was time to let God take control.*

*I went forward and was prayed for. Right at that moment, I could feel the presence of God just surrounding me and it was the best feeling in the world. For the first time in three months, I felt that someone cared and was there for me. I could feel as if the emptiness in my heart was being filled and I felt 'whole' again. During the rest of the worship, I was just sobbing and realized how ignorant I had been. God had been there for me all this time and all I needed to do was simply open up my life to Him.*

*I left the chapel that day feeling like a completely new person, and I know for sure I have been healed 100%. Praise God!”*

### **4) Anointed Body-life – Mandarin Worship Testimony**

*“On early January 2013, we had received a call from a non-believer. She told us that her elder brother has attempted suicide and was admitted to Changi General Hospital. The doctor has diagnosed that he was suffering from depression. She sought the church for help and we have invited her to come to our MW Worship on 27 January 2013 together with her brother. She accepted the Lord on that 1st visit while her brother said that he wanted to hear and know more about Christianity before he made further decision.*

*On the following week 3 February 2013, after hearing our SP Daniel Foo's message (at MW Worship), one of the leader approached her brother and shared the gospel to him. He responded to the sharing and has accepted Christ as his personal Lord and Saviour on that very day. He has been faithfully attending MW Worship without failed since his 1st visit.*

*We have connected him to a cell group and his cell leader has been following him up closely. He is touched by the care and concern shown by his cell and church members. He enjoys being in church. Now he knows of his identity and position in Christ. He desires to live a purposeful life through the leading of the Holy Spirit and also to be the witness for Christ. He has also been attending all the prayer meetings faithfully. He has completed the recent Alpha Course with 100% attendance. His has also signed up to be baptized on this coming 17 Nov 2013.*

### **5) Anointed Works of Faith – POP Excel Testimony**

*“About 2 years ago, we started a tuition program on Thursday. Our objective was simply to share the love of Christ through good works - with no strings attached.*

*Our first group of 5 students was the BCCSC's Bursary Award recipients. Now into our 2nd year, the number has grown to 9 students. Besides helping them in their studies, we managed to make in-roads into a few of the families.*

*This year, we visited all 5 families during Hari Raya, including 1 family on BBTC's Love Assistance. My first visit to one of the families was simply to deliver the Hari Raya hampers. This simple gesture apparently touched the grandmother. Recently, when we visited again, she remembered us and readily welcomed us into the home. Though she is deaf and mute, she sat with us and made 'conversation' through hand gestures."*

## **6) Healing Testimony**

*"Three years ago, I came to BBTC with the aim of preparing my daughter's funeral. That week, my daughter was hospitalized with fresh blood in the stools and was diagnosed with a liver and a colon disease. The doctor said that there is no cure. In the future, there may even be a need for a liver transplant or for the colon to be removed. The worst that can happen is cancer of the bile.*

*My wife and I were totally petrified. Because my wife and I love our daughter so much, this diagnosis shattered our world. There was no explanation of why she have the diseases. The doctor can only think that it's genetic. The liver disease is so rare, till now we have not found a second person in Singapore with the same disease.*

*That first Sunday was a divine appointment. I came with death on my mind, but the sermon was on healing, exactly what I needed to hear. The worship and even the video encouraging people to attend corporate prayer impressed on me about the need and power of prayers.*

*I thought that I came to church without any friends, but there were a number of people who saw and recognized me that day. It dawned on me that before I even stepped into church, God had already been planting key people in my life, just for this moment when I decided to come to church in a state of surrender. From that day, I dedicated my life to God and became an active member in BBTC. My cell overseer, Tuck Leh, immediately mobilized weekly prayers by the pastoral staff, and also arranged for elders and pastors to expect my family every Sunday for altar calls, which we are continuing to this day.*

*Every month, my daughter needs to go for blood tests and medical reviews. There is this reading called GGT that we monitor and the doctor uses it to decide whether the medication needs to be increased or decreased. The maximum reading for a healthy person was 80 and when diagnosed, her reading was at 1500. With the medication, the reading was kept at 600, which is still very high as we are praying to go below 80.*

*I read about this antibiotic that an American doctor prescribes to his patients with the same disease as my daughter and there were many good testimonies. It is not a cure, but his patients are able to live normal lives without any liver failures or transplants. This antibiotic is the miracle that we have been praying for. I discussed with my doctor, who do not agree with my findings. But God kept leading me to more and more compelling articles about the successes of this antibiotic but my doctor, who is a professor, kept saying that I am mistaken. I prayed to God who gave me many signs to pursue this path and I made contact with the American doctor. We had a phone call and he assured me that it was safe to proceed. My own doctor eventually agreed after seeing all my research, but I still needed to overcome many fears and people who asked me to reconsider.*

*Within three weeks of first taking the antibiotic, the GGT reading went from 600 to below 200. This month, the reading went to 61, going below the 80 mark that we were praying for. The medical review has now become quarterly instead of monthly and we will look to reducing the medication progressively."*

### III. God will be at work in BBTC in the future

*Isaiah 43:18-19 18*

*Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.*

*1 Corinthians 15:46*

*However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual.*

While SP was travelling overseas, he experienced some incidents through which God impressed upon him of the future of BBTC. During His return from Africa, the connecting flight was delayed. On another trip in India, he broke his slippers and running shoes and had to get new ones. Yet on another trip, his netbook crashed and he had to get a new one. All these incidents impressed upon SP of its significance as BBTC enters a new season.

1. New Schedule - New Season.
2. New Slippers - New Walk.
3. New Running Shoes - Run with Horses.
4. New Netbook / Laptop - New Connect with God

As BBTC enters this new season, we must move on to another milestone with God.

*Exodus 33:13-17*

*Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in your sight, show me now your way, that I may know you and that I may find grace in your sight. And consider that this nation is your people." And He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Then he said to Him, "If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here. For how then will it be known that your people and I have found grace in your sight, except you go with us? So we shall be separate, your people and I, from all the people who are upon the face of the earth." So the Lord said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in my sight, and I know you by name."*

How do we know if God is at work in our lives? What is the distinction for the people of God? The distinction is God's favour and the presence of God. During SP's trip to China, his luggage was locked up in the boot of the car without the key. SP had to rush to another flight in a few hours' time. SP had shared the gospel with a tour guide and had brought him to Christ. He sent an SMS asking the tour guide to pray for the situation to be resolved. SP was quietly confident as he knew the prayer of the tour guide would be answered as a new believer. He was confident that as believers that we have the favour of God.

#### Conclusion

Having heard so many testimonies in this message, we know God is at work. Is God at work personally in your life? As we enter a new season, we need to re-align our priorities back to God's will. We need to finish well. We must experience the presence of God and His reality in our lives. There must be a new consecration and sanctification to be set apart for Him.

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## Discussion Questions

1. Reflect and share on your journey of how God has brought you to where you are now. Give thanks to Him for His leading, guidance and blessing.

2. How can you share Christ as you mature in Him? Are you a Spiritual Parent to someone? Do you desire to be vessels of honor through being ministered by the RTF ministry?

3. Have you being ministered in BBTC through the following:

- Anointed Worship
- Anointed Word
- Anointed Altar
- Anointed Body-life
- Anointed Works of Faith

4. Is God at work personally in your life? Are you experiencing His presence and favour in your life?