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“For the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ” (Rev 1:9)

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

	<i>Morning Service – 11am</i>	<i>Evening Service – 4pm</i>
<i>Prelude</i>	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>	
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Psalm 103:1-5	Psalm 108:3-6
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 16 – “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”	RHC 197 – “All Glory, Laud and Honor”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 89	Psalm 103
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 89 verses 1-5</i> (to the tune of Manoah, RHC 17)	RHC 347 – “Under the Care of My God, The Almighty”
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 558 – “We Plough the Fields”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Matthew 12:38-45	Exodus 20:13
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Thoughts About Signs - Part 2</i>	<i>The Sixth Commandment - Euthanasia Part 2</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 378 – “More About Jesus”	Insert – “Let Him to Whom We Now Belong”
<i>Benediction / 3-Fold Amen *</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Postlude</i>	<i>The Lord Bless You</i>	<i>Lord Dismiss Us (stanzas 1 & 4)</i>

* Congregation Stands

THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE

The Lord is in His holy temple,
The Lord is in His holy temple:
Let all the earth keep silence,
Let all the earth keep silence before Him -
Keep silence, keep silence before Him. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

THE LORD BLESS YOU

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,
and give you peace, and give you peace;
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you, be gracious,
The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen.

Church Theme 2011 – “Continue in the Word” – 2 Timothy 3:14

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART.....

Dear friends:

Greetings in His name!

I came back from Kenya and Tanzania on Sept. 14. It was a pleasant and fruitful visit to those countries. When my family left Africa 15 years ago, I did not expect to return to the continent again. When I had left Kenya, I knew that I was going to serve somewhere else as a missionary. In God's divine providence, I was allowed to return to the place where I served for about 2 years. It was a bit of an emotional trip personally. I was wondering how the school and church I had served had changed. I was wondering about some individuals whom I had taught and fellowshipped with. Some of my former colleagues are still there faithfully serving the Bible College. My former students are now reverends, and some of them are pastoring churches of large congregations. Some were tearful to see me, and we rejoiced in the Lord together while sharing the stories about the Lord's goodness to our ministries and families. Some had also heartbreaking stories including losses of their children. The air I remembered was still there. Every morning it was fresh and crispy. Kenya was coming out of its winter season, though it was still cool in the mornings and nights.

Some roads and streets were familiar, but Kenya has experienced so much change and development. There were lots of buildings, new roads, and many new large supermarkets and western style coffee shops. I could not recognize most of the places I used to visit. I spent about 10 days in Kenya and 7 days in Tanzania. I spoke to a group of pastors in both places. I arrived in Nairobi on the first day of the conference in Kenya. I must have become older than before for sure. The way that I saw and met people there this time was much different from before. In a way, I could understand the people better and more than before. I saw things I had failed to see from them before. I was able to relax more this time. The airport in Nairobi was definitely bigger than the previous one, and even immigration checks were very modern. The familiar language of Swahili was heard everywhere, and I was once again a foreigner in East Africa.

There were about 200 pastors from all over Kenya for the conference. The size of the group was much smaller than previous years, but it was the right number for the organizers to accommodate all of them within the Bible College facilities. Some pastors slept in students' dormitories, but some had to sleep in classrooms. However, they did not fail to show their happy faces. They were eager to learn from the Scriptures. They had good times of fellowship for themselves too. They sang wonderful hymns in the evenings. I wish that you could hear their singing. Yes, it was in their African tunes. The Bible college campus was really transformed and has improved over the years. Thanks to the Lord for Dr. and Mrs. Mark Kim's dedicated ministries for more than 20 years. Many individuals and churches have made financial contributions over the years, and now the school has a huge library, wonderful classrooms, and a new dining room. The school has hired a lady to cook, and students are helping her by washing the dishes and chopping the firewood. Many students are work-scholarship students. They are given opportunities to study, but they are required to work. In return, their school fees and room and board are provided. The scholarships are provided also by the donors. Hopefully, some of the readers will be able to contribute toward their scholarships. Through work scholarship students, most campus works are done. Though there are more than 120 people on the campus, the school hires only three working staff (a cook, and two door keepers or guards). I saw flowers my wife had planted. The trees we planted are huge by now.

As soon as the conference was over in Kenya, I was rushed to Arusha, Tanzania. There was a graduation service at the Tanzania campus of the Bible College of East Africa. I was the speaker for the convocation. African time was applied, which means that nothing starts on time. However, we started the service on time. As a result, by the time we finished all the ceremony, more people had started to come in. In a sense, a real celebration started after I left the chapel. I preached there on Sunday and spoke at the pastors' conference for a few days afterwards. When the conference was over, I came back to Kenya to minister to the Bible College students. I preached for both services on Sunday and led chapel services for two days before I left for home.

Through generous gifts from God's people, local pastors' transportation fares were provided, food was ready for them during the conference, children in slum areas were given food and uniforms, and local churches and their ministers were supported. Some pastors came from a very far distance for the conferences. Their bus fares were even more than their monthly salaries. They also had to pay about \$3 for registration fees. They were given mattresses to sleep on, and the Bible college students and school chef cooked for them. It was a very special treat for them. Pastors wanted to learn more from the Scriptures. Their conference days were full of activities and learning sessions. I thank the Lord for their eagerness to learn. I must say that one particular young man from overseas donated a significant amount of money to cover some of the expenses for the conference. Having known the financial difficulties of his own, I could not but pray for him. May the Lord remember what he has done for His servants!

I had visited children in the slum areas, not too far away from the college in Kenya. I used to visit the place during my years in Kenya. There were piles of rubbish shared and dug by chickens, goats, sheep, pigs and humans together. They scavenged anything eatable from the rubbishes. Children in slums do not have any education opportunities. The Bible College of East Africa has extended its ministry to help them out. A property was obtained and a church was built. A few classrooms were built for kindergarten. A meagre amount of fee is charged for their enrolment. It is just \$2 per term. For this they receive kindergarten education and food every day. However, Saturdays are off days, which means that they do not have any food on Saturdays. One dedicated couple serving as short term missionaries are planning to open Saturday school for them. A family from Adelaide donated enough money to provide them with uniforms and more food. I would not name them for their heavenly rewards from the Lord. Old and sickly ladies are working as masons, cutting stones for building bricks all day long for one or two dollars a day. I must say that working under the sun in Africa all day long is torturous to most people. They are sustained by a cup of tea and a couple of slices of bread, if they are very fortunate. I heard about a boy, Patrick, who had starved to death, and now his mother and brother are in danger. I also heard about Ian, who died only a couple of days before I left Kenya. I also want to tell you about a young man. He grew up from this particular slum. His mother and brother are still living there. He came to the school campus church many years ago and got supported to study. He finished eventually even the Bible College education. Then he was sponsored to study in Singapore, and he is now a teaching faculty for the College. Praise the Lord.

Most pastors receive less than \$20 per month in smaller cities and towns, and about \$30 if they are in Nairobi. Most of them do not own their own homes, which means that they have to pay for their house rent and to buy drinking water. If I think about their children's education, it breaks my heart. I hope that poverty will not be inherited simply because of their fathers' poverty in their ministries. While so many pastors in western countries do enjoy certain degree of comforts and financial security, these men do not have such luxury. In Tanzania, almost all pastors did not even own a Bible concordance. If pastors need books for their ministries, the first book they need is obviously the Bible, and the second book should be a Bible concordance, for cross reference studies. Pastors are poor in living and not well equipped for pastoral work. However, they are eager to learn.

There are 17 students in the branch campus of Bible College of East Africa in Tanzania. They depend on solar power for lights at night. Though the college paid a large sum of money for power lines, there is no power supply most of the time. I could not read under solar powered light at night, because the solar panel was too small to generate enough electricity.

One missionary who came to the college graduation had a car accident, while driving to return home from the college. There were altogether 5 people in the car, and one lady was thrown out of the car as it tumbled and rolled over three times. A missionary pastor and a lady had to be airlifted to a hospital in Nairobi. They were initially taken to a hospital in Arusha, Tanzania, but even the hospital did not have power supply when they got there. An unconscious missionary had to be carried from the place of accident to the hospital in Arusha by regular passenger cars, because there was no ambulance at all. Eventually, a small airplane had to be called in. All these incidents once again reminded me of the transient nature of life and dangerous life of missionaries. If they die, who will care about their grieving families? Just in case, if they have young children, what will happen to them? The thrown-out young lady was only 22 years old. She committed herself to the Lord's work for one year, while taking one-year leave from her studies in university. Her back was badly hurt, but the Lord was still merciful to her. Unfortunately, I did not have money to leave for her hospital bills at that time. I was told that her family was not affluent at all.

Having met people in Kenya and Tanzania, I could not but raise your awareness of the needs of the people in those countries. There are families going to bed without food. There are children without education. There are pastors without financial means to live. There are preachers without learning materials. It is a real irony to see so many hungry people, while most of us are striving to lose weight. I told the principal of the Bible College that I would speak to you all about the needs of those people. I would suggest to support those people through financial donations. All donations will be directed to the missionaries. Not a single cent will be wasted for administrative fees, as all other charity organizations take big portions of donations to run their organizations. Every cent will be used for the people in need.

I would say that one supporting account will be the amount of A\$32 (U\$33, S\$41, £21 respectively). It will guarantee that the beneficiaries receive U\$30 per month. The extra money will cover the cost of bank transactions, foreign exchange costs, but whatever is left over from each supporting account will be used to support more people. There are three categories of people who require our support: (1) children either who are sick or require school education, (2) poor families, and (3) pastors and Bible college students. I met one student who had to consider quitting the school, because there was no one who could provide food for his AIDS inflicted mother. He was an excellent student, and someone stepped in and became his sponsor with U\$30 per month. The donors may designate the people whom they want to support. Of course, poor families are primarily from local churches, which means that they are our brothers and sisters in Christ. The donors may have more than one account, if they wish. Though we may face financial challenges in this uncertain world, probably most of us will not be deeply hurt by donating such amount of money to the suffering brethren.

I asked the missionaries to make a list of people who might need our attention. It means that each donor will eventually receive information about the person(s) who will receive his/her donations including name, picture, age, and any relevant information. The recipients will know the names of their donors without any contact details. They will be encouraged to write thank-you notes through missionaries, but you may not receive one from them, because some of them are illiterate. All contacts will go through the missionaries in the fields, unless the donors want direct contacts with the recipients. However, I would encourage you to contact them through missionaries.

Here are some basic guidelines.

1. These financial help will be provided to them on a yearly basis. For example, though you support a child to go to school, if he is not faithful in his studies, his support may be forfeited after one year. Such decisions will be notified to you as a donor through the coordinating missionary, and you may choose to support someone else in such case.
2. Initially, Myung and I will channel the support to get to the missionaries for you. However, this work will eventually be given to the responsible people to handle. We will be only temporary intermediaries.
3. All the reports will be made by the missionaries themselves from the field.
4. If you have any questions, I will give you contact details of the missionaries in the field. You may ask him/her directly.
5. If you can make a pledge for this supporting program, the minimum time will be for one year. If possible, would you consider making a 3 year pledge? Of course, in the meanwhile, if you cannot continue, you can discontinue at any time. However, you need to inform me in advance to give enough time for the recipients to consider their own situations. Or you may renew your pledge on a yearly basis.
6. You can make a pledge to more than one account, if you can.
7. If there are many donors, we may need regional representatives who may collect the donations regionally and send them together once a month, or any appointed time. If you speak to your friends and churches for this endeavour, you may be the person in charge.
8. I'll make sure that the receipts will be issued directly from the responsible missionaries.

You may want to encourage your children to have one account. By knowing that they are helping other Christians or Christian work, they will receive invaluable education. I met a boy who was given one calf. He is feeding her to grow. He says that when his calf grows and has a baby, he will sell one and go to school with the money. Though I did not say him, I knew that it would be a very remote dream. There was no pasture around his place. It means that he has to get the cow's food from somewhere else. His calf was already too skinny. His brother has a baby goat, but it was too weak to stand on his own feet. Let us remember brothers and sisters in suffering lands. I thank you for your kind thoughts toward your needy brethren in Africa. Would you pray about it? Of course, Myung and I will also make a pledge to support them. I have taken some pictures, but I tried to avoid talking pictures of human miseries. I felt that I should not humiliate them by taking such photos. I trust that the Lord will lead and guide your thoughts and hearts.

Pastors from Kenya and Tanzania formally invited me to come again next year for their conferences. However, I am not so sure, if I can make another trip. Time and cost involved are not small, and I have only limited resources to use. There are so many pastors who require further Bible trainings in remote areas in those countries. Maybe, if you have resources, time, and willing hearts, you may want to go. One graduate from the Tanzania campus was very happy to return home. He asked me to come to his region for another conference. He did not forget to tell me that it would take two days bus trip to get to his place.

Hope that you will prayerfully consider supporting your fellow brethren in Africa. I trust that the Lord will not forget your kind deeds for your suffering brethren. You may contact me directly or your pastors in order to make your contributions toward this worthy cause.

May the Lord richly bless you all!

Lovingly,

Pastor Ki

Isaiah 41:17, "*When* the poor and needy seek water, and *there is none, and* their tongue faileth for thirst, I the LORD will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them."

WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our **worship services** begin promptly at **11.00 am and 4.00 pm**.

Please stay back for Bible Study and fellowship lunch after the morning worship and for tea after the evening service. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK			WELCOME
Fri 30 Sept	No Young Adults Fellowship		We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Daniel, Justin, Michael Kang, Vincent and Hannah Wang to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Sat 01 Oct	4:00pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study		
<i>Next Lord's Day</i>	<i>Morning Service</i>	<i>Evening Service</i>	
Preacher	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki	
Message	The Family of God	The Sixth Commandment	
Text	Matthew 12:46-50	Exodus 20:13	
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Pastor Ki will continue the series of studies on "The Doctrine of the Church." • Ladies Fellowship: Ladies Fellowship will take place after lunch today. Please see Mrs Ki or Sis. May Chew for more information. • Saturday Prayer Meeting & Bible Study: Come and join us to pray and to study God's Word. • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Lydia, Margaret, May Chew, Brian, Mrs Ki, Constance, Deborah Sherwood, Jonathan's father, Linda Teo, Jonathan, Pedro Carreño. • Pray for those who are/will be on travel: Jia Yun, Justin, Waiyee, Matthew, Sonia, Chin Kiong & Eunice • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta. 			TODAY: 25/09/2011
			Chairman: Jonathan Organist: Joy Pianist: Anthony Ushers: John / Yetta Sunday School: Jonathan / Joy Lunch: Mrs Ki Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Lee Wei
			<u>NEXT WEEK: 02/10/2011</u>
			Chairman: John Organist: Joy Pianist: Anthony Ushers: Jonathan / Evelyn Sunday School: Jonathan / Joy Lunch: Mrs Ki Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Lee Wei
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £1303.50, Lunch: £63.80, Love Gift from Eka towards lunch: £50 Attendance - Morning: 34 (A) 3 (C), Evening: 26 (A) 4 (C)			MEMORY VERSE
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 91			
Q: How do the sacraments become effectual means of salvation? <i>A: The sacraments become effectual means of salvation – not from any <u>virtue</u> in them, or in him that doth administer them – but only by the BLESSING OF CHRIST, and the WORKING OF HIS SPIRIT in them that by faith receive them.</i> Comments: We are here taught the proper way of using the sacraments. We must pray for the blessing of Christ on them. It was he who appointed them, and it is he alone who can make them of benefit to our souls. In themselves the sacraments are of no value, nor can the minister (notwithstanding what the Roman Catholic Church says) give them any power whatever apart from Christ. Proofs: 1 Corinthians 11:29, 1 Corinthians 3:7			<p style="text-align: center;">Last Week</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Psalms 46:1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This Week</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;”</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Psalms 46:2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Week</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.”</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Psalms 46:3</p>