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Celebrating 12 years in His Service



Pastor's Desk

Precious Friend,

Greetings in the mighty name of our Lord!

Words are not enough to thank you for your partnership with the ministry through all these years and we have completed 12 years in this journey. These were kind of foundational years. We have sowed in tears and we will reap with joy (Psalm 126:5) Sowing Seed of God's word is not easy. We need to begin by ploughing the hard ground of human hearts. (Hosea 10:12) As a farmer then wait for rains , we seek the Lord's grace and mercy. His righteousness will appear and all would see it.



Shelter House is a story of God's goodness . Through repeated ploughing, sowing and seeking and waiting, we found grace in God's sight as we dedicated our Canaan land for His glory. CoVID times are challenging and as we see safety protocols changing our lifestyle, our Canaan project will be a blessed place to have intimacy with the Lord, learn more about His ways, soak times in prayer and grow in fellowship.

As we move forward through these uncertain times, know for sure that's his grace will be with us. Let's never be weary in doing good. Never forget the great commission to radiate Christ and make disciples of all nations. Our calling hasn't changed neither should our passion. Souls are seeking for the truth and we should do everything to pray and guide them to the source of true life . As we thank God for His grace that led us through a tumultuous year, let's never forget asking this question.

“What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?”(Psalm 116:22)

Have a breakthrough year 2021.

*In His Vineyard,
Pastor Ashley Benjamin*

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THE RIGHT VISION

God, your rescuer, has the right vision. He also has the right direction. He made the boldest claim in the history of humanity when he declared, “I am the way” (John 14:6). People wondered if the claim was accurate. He answered their questions by cutting a path through the underbrush of sin and death...and escaping alive. He's the only one who ever did, and he is the only one who can help you and me do the same.

He has the right vision — he has seen the homeland. He has the right directions — he has cut the path. But most of all, he is the right person because he is our God. Who knows the jungle better than the one who made it? And who knows the pitfalls of the path better than the one who has walked it?



-Max Lucado

Canaan-Our Land!

The year 2020 has been a year of lockdown. We saw everything from our economy to our population take a downward plunge. In the midst of this devastation, we saw the gracious hand of the Lord upon His church. It has been a long time dream and prayer of Shelter House church to have a place to call it's own. A place where our children could call as the house of God and worship the Lord in freedom and truth. Through His Spirit, God had promised this would be the year of answered prayers. The church headed by Pastor's passionate leadership entered into a prayer momentum like never before. Since the time the pandemic norms and restrictions made us lock the doors of our church building, the church connected in prayer sessions on a daily basis. September 28, 2020, the Holy Spirit of God spoke to His praying church that as He promised and gave His people of old, Canaan as their inheritance, He would give us our Canaan as well.

From then the wheels of preparation began to roll. Many sleepless nights and long days of searching, discussions and planning went into the acquisition of a land for the church. Though our situations looked dire and the struggle was real, God was faithful, His hand was over Project Canaan. On 11 November 2020, by the great mercies of God, Shelter House Church acquired the inheritance the Lord had prepared for us. All glory to His name. To commemorate God's goodness we had a Thanksgiving drive-in service on the 15th of November 2020. We, as a church family for the first time stepped into this beautiful land. Our hearts were filled with joy. Heavens rejoiced with the church. Amidst this light drizzle of rain, a quick makeshift tent/shed was made, and then began the first ever service in our own church space. Bro Ebenezer Premkumar led us in a wonderful time of praise and worship. Pastor Ashley exhorted the gathering helping us understand that this Canaan campus of Shelter was going to be a place of kingdom

vision, a place with the mission to believe God for greater things. This campus was going to be a place of intercession where one can walk in and stand before the Lord almighty and converse with Him. The vision is that after being there we will return, transformed. We were able to parttake of the Lord's table together. The service ended with a long overdue fellowship among ourselves sharing in the goodness of God, our children playing around the campus, along with the lovely cake and hot tea we had. Standing there we realised that there is nothing impossible with the Lord. He is able to do exceedingly and abundantly, above all that we can ask of Him.

We want to thank the Lord for this beautiful space He has given us and we believe greater things will take place in the days to come.

-A Report by Sharon Angel



12 YEARS ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Shelter House celebrated 12 years in His Service on the 8th of November 2020.

Dr Finny Philip was the chief guest and delivered a prophetic address to the church. As Joshua took the mantle to lead the nation of Israel, he had a big challenge to face. Jordan was overflowing in all fury and he would have wished Moses and his staff to be there. Yet God was faithful and he had to take 12 stones from Jordan into the promised land and keep 12 stones in Jordan as a memorial for what the Lord did for them. Dr Finny encouraged the church to march foreword as it was a New Day. It was a blessing also to dedicate the new website and new logo for the new season, God was taking the church into .Pastor Ashley shared on the Canaan vision and the tagline of transformation, nations and generations. There was an exciting presentation on the church story with greetings shared by church members and friends.



GREEN PASTURES ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

Green Pastures Sunday school anniversary was celebrated on November 15th.

The church was blessed to see how the Lord was raising the next generation with talents and in His ways. Sheba Ashley shared on how important it was to be like little children to receive things of God.



VISION SUNDAY

Vision Sunday is a special Sunday at Shelter House where Pastor outlines the achievements and presents the vision for the next year. Considering the pandemic, God was faithful in expanding our reach to help the needy and thereby contributing to missions. Pastor Ashley presented the vision for the year 2021 and also presented the awards for 2020.

Vinamratha was adjudged as the best student in learning God's word. She launched charis_sketches an Instagram channel to amplify the message spoken from the Shelter House pulpit.

The church recognised the contributions of Bro Enock Babu and Bro Mark Samuel in helping us in various ways for the ministry.

Bro Dilu Daniel was presented the Blessing of the Year Award. His contributions for the church health and also leadership shown for clinching the Canaan project was appreciated.



CLEAR YOUR WAY TO HEAVEN

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“Whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in Me, it were better for him that a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea.” (Matthew 18:6) In this verse the Lord Jesus warns us that we may face terrible consequences if we offend or hurt others. Once a dear sister-in-Christ Mary became sick and died. As loved ones stood around and funeral arrangements were being made, Mary suddenly opened her eyes. Everyone was shocked. Mary burst into tears and told everyone her story. "My soul raised high in the air and went right up to the pearly gates of heaven, but an angel of God told me that I was not allowed to go in. When I asked why, the angel said that I had hurt the sister who took care of me by my words. I wept before the angel, pleading with him to let me in, saying that after all, it was only one mistake. The angel replied that he had strict instructions from the Lord not to let me in. I then asked to see Jesus. I wept bitterly before Him and said, 'My backbone is completely crushed. What is the use of going back to earth and remaining in bed?' Jesus then said, 'You go back to earth and ask pardon from the sister you grieved, and you will be completely healed.' Mary then lived long and testified everywhere about the new life Jesus gave her.

Dear children of God, hurting or offending others are a very serious sin which can block your way to heaven. Right now, examine yourself and see whether you have offended anyone. If so, please ask pardon and get reconciled to that person so that heaven's gates may be open to you.



- Article by Gladys Shabu

CHRISTMAS @ CANAAN



BIBLE QUIZ

Genesis 15-30

1. What is the sign of Abrahamic covenant ?
2. What was the name that Hagar gave to the place where God saw her ?
3. How old was Isaac when he married Rebekah ?
4. Who was the mother of Midian?
5. What was the price paid by Abimelek for covering the offence against Isaac?
6. Now at last my husband will become attached to me and she named him.....?
7. Where did Isaac go in the time of famine?
8. Whose field did Abraham buy to bury Sarah ?
9. What was the first gift that the servant of abraham give to Rebecca?
10. Who is the father of Aram ?
11. Who was the commander of the forces of Abimelek?
12. From where did Hagar get a wife for Ishmael?
13. Where did Sarah breathe her last?
14. Where did the servant of Abraham go in search of a bride for Isaac?
15. How much did Abraham pay to get the first plot in the land of Canaan?

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