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福從天降

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轉眼又到春節，每逢農曆新年，家家戶戶均佈滿新年裝飾，喜氣洋洋，其中張貼揮春乃不可少的。中國人尤喜愛「福」字揮春，如「五福臨門」、「福從天降」、「福星拱照」等。基督徒家庭多張貼「八福臨門」、「福杯滿溢」和「祝福滿滿」。因此，我們都喜歡家庭充滿福氣！

今天，我們思考傳統中的「五福臨門」與《聖經》中的「八福臨門」有何分別？重點有何不同？

傳統中的「五福」指「長壽、富貴、康寧、好德與善終」，乃源自《書經·洪範》，亦有後人將善終改為「多子多孫」，今時今日演繹為「兒孫滿堂」之祝賀語。綜觀五福臨門之內容，重點多放在個人得益方面，也是側重物質之豐富與享樂，即使兒孫滿堂也象徵個人的福氣。上述的福份雖是好的，但不保證一定得到，即使得到，也不代表長遠擁有。況且，追求這五福也是看重現世及現實性，跟《聖經》中的八福有顯著不同。

《聖經》中的「八福」乃強調人在心靈上的豐盛、具內在性、屬天性及恆久性，例如「天國是他們的」、「必得安慰」、「承受地土」、「必得飽足」、「必蒙憐恤」、「必得見神」、「必稱為神的兒子」等。領受八福的人在言行生活上乃側重以神為中心、樂意別人得益並彰顯神的榮耀。如此心態的人不但自己蒙福，也成為別人的祝福，並令神的名得榮耀，這樣的「八福」則更全面及具意義。

因此，在春節期間，一般人渴求「五福臨門」之際，我們更要追求「八福臨門」，向好友、同事、家人和鄰舍展現真正的福氣乃從上而來，從造物主宰所賜予，實實在在是「福從天降」！

「你要認識神，就得平安；福氣也必臨到你。」（伯二十二21）



Testimony of Ministry

Rev. Rustam Effendi

My name is Rustam Effendi, I was born in Sintang - West Kalimantan 52 years ago. I am the 7th of 12 siblings (6 brothers and 6 sisters). My grandparents came from China and migrated to Indonesia as traders. My father was born in Indonesia. My family is Christian. My father is a merchant.

Since I was little, I was taught to trade. For Chinese, boys have to continue their parents' business. After school, I have to help out at the shop. During holidays, I have to help my parents take care of the business. My father hopes that after I finish high school, I can do business like him.

Since childhood, I never dreamed of becoming a Servant of God. My goal is also to become an entrepreneur. God has other plans. Isaiah 55:8, "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord."

When I was in 3rd grade in high school, God changed my life. God changed my ideals. God called me to be a Servant of God. There was a time The Lord showed me in a vision that there were many people waiting for you, they needed to be saved. I asked God, what does this mean? Since then, when I went to school and came home from school, almost every day for a long time, I often listened to my ears as if someone was singing very melodious spiritual hymns. There is a song that I still remember which reads: "... My youth was the most beautiful time when God called me. My youth is the time I remember. I left all my sins." This song makes me restless, uneasy. I asked God, did God call me to be His Servant? God answers through His Word. John 15:16, "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you." Oh, finally through my struggle with God I understood God's will for me. God called me to be His Servant.

After graduating from high school, I made the decision to enter Bible Seminary. I ask permission from Father/Mother and brothers. I said that I want to be a Servant of God and I will go to study in Seminary. Of course, they were really shocked hearing what I said. They said, "You can't go because you have to help take care of the family business. If you want to go to college, don't go to Bible College. You can study in Economics so that after graduation you can continue your father's business." I stick to my decision because God's calling was very strong. I still followed God's call and entered Seminary even though I got rejection from my family. During the five years in the Seminary, my family did not give me tuition because they were very angry, but God was so kind and always provided what I needed. After finishing college, when I graduated I told my father and mother to attend my graduation and they attended. Finally, there was a restoration of my relationship with my parents. I was so grateful to God.

I started ministry in Pontianak, West Kalimantan when I graduated. I was very active in serving. Praise God that in a few years I was able to plant several new churches. At one point, a church I served was rejected by Muslims and my church was burned down. At that time, I was caught by them and brought in the middle of a

demonstration period. I was thrown with stones and forced to make a statement asking me to close the church. Praise the Lord until now the church is still exist.

God continues to bless my ministry even though there are many challenges. In 1999 I married Tjhia Kho Kim. We are blessed with two daughters. We continue to serve actively in Pontianak, West Kalimantan. God entrusts me to serve as Pastor, I teach at Pontianak Seminary and God entrusts me as the General Secretary, Regional Board in West Kalimantan Alliance Church. Alliance churches in West Kalimantan, which served 450 local churches in the countryside of West Kalimantan until 2008.

Back then in 2006, the Chairman of Indonesia Alliance Church, gave the confidence that my family and I would be willing to be sent to become Missionaries in Hong Kong. I told my wife the plan. We wrestled with the plan. My wife and I felt unprepared and unsuitable for serving in Hong Kong. We are already comfortable serving in Pontianak and how should we leave it and start the new ministry? We continue to pray. We are still looking for God's will. We keep telling God we are not ready to be sent as Missionaries to Hong Kong. We do not speak English or Mandarin. How can we serve our Lord well there? We continued to pray from 2006 to 2007, for one year.

We asked for answers from God, we asked for a sign from God if God called us and sent us to serve in Hong Kong. God answered our prayers with the Word of God, 2 Corinthians 4:1, "By the grace of God we have received this ministry. Therefore, we do not lose heart." I asked God again in prayer, "Lord do You really send us to Hong Kong? We don't speak English and Mandarin or any Cantonese?" We seek advice from several Missionaries serving in Indonesia and to our leaders. They gave the answer: "If missionaries from abroad serve in Indonesia, they have to learn Indonesian because they serve Indonesians. You will serve Indonesians who work in Hong Kong, so you can use Indonesian. If God sent you to serve in Hong Kong, surely God will make your ministry successful. You just try it, if you don't succeed, you can return to Indonesia to serve." Finally, my wife and I made a decision, our Lord accepted this ministry, send us.

We left Indonesia on 5 March 2008 and arrived in Hong Kong 6 March 2008. There were many difficulties, challenges at the beginning of our ministry. We started the ministry, our children had difficulty of studying, my wife was sick and we had difficulty communicating and many other problems. God keeps reminding us with His Word. 2 Corinthians 4: 1-15. God will give us abundant strength (verse 7); therefore have no fear (verse 8-15). God comforted us with His Word.

Praise God, for 13 years we have served in Hong Kong. There are many Indonesians who have heard the gospel through our ministry. There are many Muslims who already believe Lord Jesus and got baptized. God comforted us through the people who were saved. Finally, I express my gratitude to the Fairview Park Alliance Church, which has supported our ministry. Jesus bless you.

按牧典禮順利舉行

洪恩堂牧者老耀雄傳道及菲律賓語事工牧者Eppie Carol B. Ilidan已於1月31日被按立為牧師。感謝神保守典禮儀式順利完成！在新冠肺炎疫情下，典禮只能作網上直播。讓我們為兩位牧者禱告，求主繼續使用他們的服侍，並賜福他們未來的事奉之路。



宣道會錦繡堂四十週年 「行動4.0、愛錦宣、愛鄰舍」 常費籌募計劃即將啟動

錦宣家40周年「行動4.0·愛錦宣·愛鄰舍常費籌募計劃」將於今年2月9日正式啟動，由當日起至11月30日為籌款時段。歡迎有興趣參與的肢體填妥網上報名表或親臨教會辦公室報名，並繼續為此計劃代禱。



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教會繼續免費派發宣道會區聯會印製的對聯與福字揮春，歡迎親臨教會辦公室領取。

弟兄姊妹亦可購買教會同工設計的精美利是封，一包10個，每位肢體最多認購5包，費用自由奉獻。所得款項用作支持教會聖工。



社區中心網上興趣班

黃振輝社區中心將於二月中開辦多個網上興趣班，分別為4-6歲及7-12歲的兒童而設。疫情緣故，全部課程均以ZOOM網上會議模式上課。

兒童（7-12歲）網上興趣課程包括：

- 卡通造型冬用
- 兒童電子電路積木
- 高小編程電路積木
- 古代機構研究所



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- 幼兒科學探索班
- 機靈巧手小木匠
- 幼兒電子電路積木
- 幼兒編程電路積木



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- 成人網上書法班
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2021 新春崇拜

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2月13日(六) 年初二 | 晚堂崇拜暫停
2月14日(日) 年初三 | 早堂崇拜暫停
2月14日(日) 年初三 | 早上11時 | 午堂崇拜
2月14日(日) 年初三 | 早上11:30 | 加恩樓崇拜

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年初一新春崇拜

2021年農曆新年崇拜聚會將作以下安排：

2月12日(五)年初一早上9時	新春崇拜
2月13日(六)年初二	晚堂崇拜暫停
2月14日(日)年初三	早堂崇拜暫停
2月14日(日)年初三早上11時	午堂崇拜
2月14日(日)年初三早上11:30	加恩樓崇拜

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