

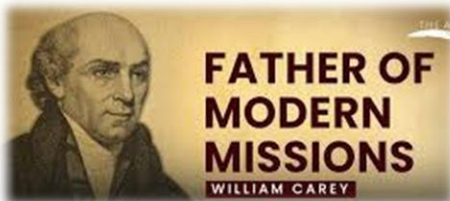
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A Biblical Strategy for Effectual Missions in these Last Days

This year will be the 89th anniversary of the Bible Presbyterian movement worldwide since it was inaugurated on 4 Jun 1937 by Dr Carl McIntire (who went home to glory in Mar 2002) and others at St James Hotel in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Westminster Confession of Faith (1643-47) is the historic Reformed creed of the BP movement for the propagation of the pure and unadulterated gospel and defence of the most holy faith amid mounting modernism and liberalism of the early 20th century. Over the past almost 9 decades, the Lord has blessed the BP movement with outreaches into about 25 countries with the initiatives of the Singaporean and American BPCs, especially, with the IBPFM as the mission arm of the BPCs in USA (and later the PMU too). In the same spirit, Sovereign Hope provides spiritual and financial support to missions in India, Myanmar, Malaysia and Indonesia.

The church must evangelise or else it will fossilize. A church who is not interested in the gospel propagation of the message of salvation through the vicarious and particular atonement of Christ alone has lost the right or purpose for its existence.

Let us consider some insights from **Act 14:21-25** and **Isa 54:1-3**. The latter is the Scripture passage that William Carey, called the "*father of modern missions*", used to challenge the members of the Particular Baptist Society in the UK to foreign missions on 31 May 1792. Carey, a cobbler by profession studied the Bible diligently in Latin, Greek and Hebrew on his own and later went to India as a pioneering missionary for 41 years (without a sabbatical) and brought the Gospel and the Bible to the second most populous nation of 29 states and about



120 languages (almost 1.45 billion people today with less than 2-3% Christians) with the building of churches, schools, hospitals (ie for leprosy) and the translation of the Bible in Sanskrit, Bengali, Marathi and other languages and the abolition of “*sat*” (that is, killing of widows when their husbands die). He left a rich legacy of churches that are still continuing today. Now 234 years later, let us continue to follow suit in the footsteps of Carey, William Burns & Hudson Taylor & Jonathan Goforth (China), David Livingstone (Africa) and Adoniram Judson (Myanmar). They are truly God honouring and self-denying models in effectual foreign missions for us to emulate today. We are to emulate the committed and tenacious spirit of our forefathers in gospel propagation beyond our shores.

Every mission endeavour must draw from the precepts of God’s inspired and infallible Word. The biblical strategy for effectual missions today for the local church comes from the greatest missionary after our Lord, the apostle Paul as recorded in Acts 14:21-23. There are three distinct phases, namely the following:

Evangelising the Lost with the Gospel (verse 21)

The primary goal of the Church together **claims the glorious liberty that comes from the pure gospel of Christ alone**, to the saving of souls eternally and to worship and exalt the Triune God (Matt 28:18-20). Isa 61:1, 2 says, “*The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the*



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opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn.” We are under bounden duty to be considered as a high honour to be heralds for Christ. Let us be zealous and fervent mouthpieces for Christ in our schools, workplace and wherever there is opportunity. The whole gospel is summarised for us in 1 Cor 15:1-



Christian School for children of Myanmar refugees in Cameron Highlands, Malaysia.

4, “*Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you **the gospel** which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that **Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day***

according to the scriptures: Paul says, *woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!*" (1 Cor 9:16).

So, all of us have the prerogative to share the pure gospel to the people with fervency and charity. There is both **a privilege and burden to be ambassadors for Christ** wherever He has placed us. SHBPC support for missions to Myanmar



include Pr Myitta in his village church in Yangon, sis Lapui in her widows' ministry in Yangon and Naypyidaw Eld Habakkuk's Gilead Balm Home for children in Yangon and Bro Benjamin's Christian school in Cameron Highlands (Malaysia) for children of Myanmar refugees.

Let us be effective and joyful witnesses for Jesus in our office, schools and homes today (2 Cor 5:20). We must not lose this perspective as some have today and concentrated on just social and humanitarian work (which is laudable in itself but not at the expense of the gospel) instead of the work of saving souls as our primary calling.

Edifying the Saints with the Word (verse 22)

The second phase is the confirmation of the saints of the new believers in the face of testings and trials. Satan will not leave a young Christian or growing Church alone. This phrase has the meaning of biblical **discipleship of young converts, encouragement in the word of God and training and the equipping of the saints** in the knowledge of most holy faith. Paul exhorts us in 2 Tim 2:15 says, "*Study*



Teaching seminary students in Yangon

to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth and Paul in 2 Tim 2:2 says, *And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.*" So, there should be a systematic educational programme to ground the believers in the Word and that they be able to apply them in their lives. **The Sunday School class, prayer meetings the seminars and camps and Sunday preaching** are all needful avenues for this purpose of biblical indoctrination.

Pastors/missionaries/elders are first of all, to be knowledgeable and committed to the sound reformed doctrines and the authority, sufficiency, inspiration, perspicuity and the inerrancy of the Scriptures and preaching of the pure gospel of Christ, apt to teach and preach and ready to nurture and train others

in the knowledge of the Word effectively (2 Tim 3:16,17; Isa 40:6,7). Missionaries are to be Church-based, appointed and supported by and accountable to their sending Church, just like the early Church in the New Testament (Acts 13:1-5, 14:24-28). **Accountability to the Lord and his church is absolutely vital and necessary and an independent missionary who is not accountable to any church is a misnomer and need to pray for a proper place in church-based missions.**

Establishing Local Churches with Ordained Elders (verse 23)

The third phase is to **build and start local Churches** on a viable basis for effective outreach opportunities, sabbath services and fellowship and prayers. This ordination of elders (and deacons as well) suggests **a lively and coordinated working congregation** of believers (with faithful stewards) that are worshipping and serving regularly and growing in the fear of God (Mal 3:16). **It is important that we engage their local indigenous leaders and equip them to be faithful stewards and serve their own community** Our members need to pray for good men to support the missionary efforts. Our Church have been co-labouring with Pastor Babu of the mission of New Covenant Bible Presbyterian Church of India and Calvary Reformed Church. By God’s enablement and a Macedonian call, NCBPCI in Bangalore was associated with us and now it has grown to a good size congregation of both adults and children including a Christian kindergarten.



Ps Babu & family, New Covenant BPC, Bangalore

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Myanmar Theological Seminary

Since 2019, Pastor was part of the faculty of the Myanmar Theological Seminary with Rev David Khobal, the principal, and has been there for a number of years in teaching and equipping the students in the Master of Arts (Bible) program.

In earlier years, we were also involved in the inception of Tangkak BPC in 1998 with Rev Sim and Pr Yap, Covenant

BPC in Bangalore in Jul 2005 with Rev George Skariah, Evangel BPC in Kuala Lumpur in April 2006 with Rev Dr Lim Yew Cheng.

Our Lord challenges us in Matthew 9:27-38 says, *"Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."* By God's grace, praise the Lord that we have been supporting missions in 4 countries by his strength.

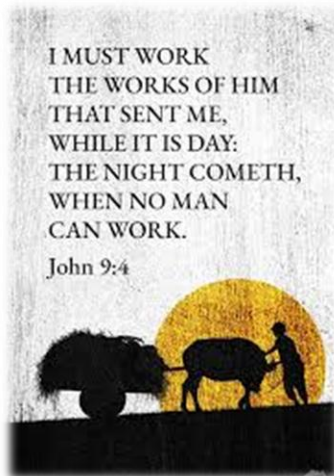
We covet your prayers and co-partnership in this important gospel propagation. Our mission teams have been there in India and Myanmar many times and will be there again to support and buttress the missions work there in children outreach, teaching in the seminars and services.

Conclusion

There is a dire need to enthuse believers to serve the Lord and equip and train up both full-time pastors and lay leaders to support the Church missions work and evangelistic endeavours. Pray for us as we labour for the Lord together in the wide harvest fields of India. Are you actively and fervently engaged in the expansion of God's kingdom on earth today? Luke 24:47-48 say, *And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things.* The worldwide Bible Presbyterian Church family has grown over the past over 80 years in about 25 countries and that includes Churches/mission stations in USA, Canada, Australia, Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, Middle East, Cyprus, India and other countries.

The Bible Presbyterian Churches on both sides of the Pacific are to be committed to the **preaching of the pure and unadulterated gospel and the vigilant defence of the faith in these last perilous days of great apostasy and spiritual and moral declension.** We need to edify and build up the saints in the fear and knowledge of God and setting up of reformed local Churches as well. Let us redouble our efforts and do our utmost part while there is yet time and opportunity for the night comes soon where no man can work and judgement will begin with the imminent coming of our Lord.

Jack Sin



Village Ministry by Preacher Myitta in Yangon, Myanmar



Pr Myitta recently constructed a hall next to his home as a meeting place for Sun Worship and summer outreach to the children. He and his wife do regular visitations to the villagers to invite them to church.



Widows Ministry by Sis Lapui and her husband Say Soe in Yangon and Naypyidaw, Myanmar



Last Sunday @Sovereign Hope....



A blessed time of learning on “Lessons on Personal & Corporate Prayer” by Rev Barnabas from Country X. Lunch Fellowship with the brethren who travelled to Singapore with him.



Knowing What & Why We Believe

Lord's Day Program for April to June 2026

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**17 Biblical Understanding of the Trinity & Deity of Christ
(Matt 3:16,17, 1John 4:1-4, John 20:24-28)**

**24 Biblical Understanding of Christian Service
(Deut 10:12-20)**

**31 Biblical Understanding of the Inspiration,
Canonicity & Sufficiency of the Bible
(2Tim3:16,17, 2Pet 1:19-21, Rev 22:18-20)**

Memory Verse

2Cor 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

Announcements

1. Welcome to our Worship Service! If you are here for the first time, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave. Those who share the church vision to acquire a place of worship in due time, may designate your offerings to the SHBPC Church Building Fund.
2. Pastor brings us God's Word this morning on "***Biblical Understanding of the Trinity & Deity of Christ (Matt 3:16,17, 1John 4:1-4, John 20:24-28)***", continuing the quarterly series on "***Knowing What & Why We Believe***".
3. Next Sunday, Pastor will preach on "***Biblical Understanding Christian Service (Deut 10:12-20)***".
4. Sunday School classes after the worship service are:
 - Walk Thru the Old Testament (Pastor)
 - Studies in Revelation (Dr Kwong Leen)
5. Chinese Fellowship that meets every Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom. [**Zoom ID:883 9662 4157 Passcode: 218178**]. Join us for time of learning on the Book of Samuel and Heroes of the Faith.
6. **SHBPC Church Camp Briefing on Sun 7 Jun after the worship service.**
7. Do send your prayer items to Pastor and join us for Church Prayer Meeting on Wed at 8pm via Zoom. The prayer list is available in church. [**Zoom ID:863 7527 5431 Passcode: 625551**].
8. Pray for:
 - **Travel:** Dn Paul (Switzerland, 13-21/5)
 - **All Saints Home Monthly Bible Study Outreach** (28 May 2026).
 - **SHBPC Church Camp: 9-12 June 2026.** Theme: "***The Biblical Perspective of the Christian & Church in a Digital Age***". Camp speaker: Dr Scott Hollander from Western Reformed Seminary, USA. Venue: Yello Hotel, Batam. Pray for journeying mercies for campers traveling from overseas: Dr Scott (USA), Rajesh (Bangalore), Myitta (Myanmar), Yashu & mum (Adelaide), Joyce (Perth).
 - **Medical:** **Kim Meng's mother** [heart condition], **Agnes' parents** [medical conditions & salvation], **Joseph & Lilian's Dil Annabelle Chan** [knee injury],
 - **Dr Jason & Bee Leng** (Taiwan Attachment, 26May – 23Dec), **Dr Sam** [Safety in Country X & Career Pathway], **Yusong** [Scholarship for King's College, London]
 - **Lily Almon** [citizenship application], **Justin** [PR application]
9. Love gifts, Offering and Tithes to the Lord can be given in the following ways:
 - **Cheque** payable to **Sovereign Hope Bible Presbyterian Church** and mail to church address. (Kindly write the full name of the church as indicated.)
 - **Fund transfer** to Church **UOB** Account **392-308-825-1**
 - **PayNow** to Church UEN: **T19SS0116FSOV**

Kindly indicate "**Church Building Fund**" if you would like to designate towards this cause.