

## My Years at Faith

By Alan Wong, our Mission Worker serving in Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF). He and his wife, Hui Meng, worship at 8am service and he also serves at 10am Sun Jam.



### Qn: Alan, how did you first come to visit Faith regularly?

I came to know the LORD in July 1975 through the ministry of Campus Crusade and began to attend church soon after. The following year, I started looking for another church to attend where I can grow as a new believer. I knew a few Crusaders who were attending Faith including Loo Kwok Wai, the then student president of the Crusade Society in University of Singapore. My first visit to Faith was around June 1976 and I have been a regular since then.

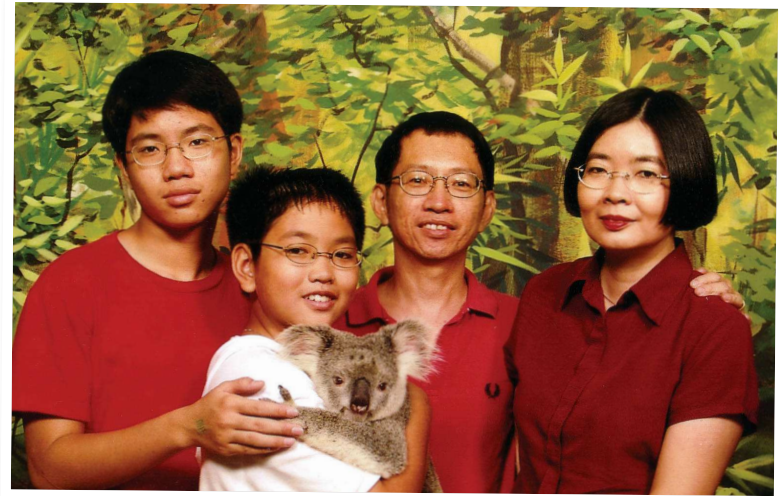
### Qn: Tell us about some of the milestones you and your family experienced in your years at Faith.

I had served in different capacities and areas at Faith. One of my earliest was as President of the then Methodist Young Adults Fellowship (MYAF); Nancy Goh was the Vice-President then. One of the highlights was Christmas carolling when we visited different families to bring love and joy through songs.

Several brothers and sisters paired up during those MYAF days and ended up as husbands and wives. Today, many are still here at Faith. Though I did not meet Hui Meng at Faith but we were married here. And I remember bubbly Maggie Teo; she was our go-to in house caterer for weddings. She, together with her band of sisters, would cook up a sumptuous buffet feast at only \$7 per head!

The previous sanctuary where Hui Meng and I were married in was special. I have fond memories of the windows, the long aisle and the pipe organ music. I cried many a times in the sanctuary, touched by God through the worship hymns and music. I chose two of my favourite hymns, "Amazing Grace" and "Trust and Obey" to be sung at our wedding.

Our two sons, Yipeng and Yizhong, were also married at Faith. I am glad that together with their wives, Hannah and Sarah, they are serving the Lord here. Now, we also have little Cara.



I am grateful to Faith for standing behind me when I decided to serve the LORD in a full-time capacity in Campus Crusade and then later when I went to Dallas Theological Seminary for my theological education. Faith supported us financially as a corporate body and so did many individual members.

### Qn: What was the pivotal moment that made you decide to serve in CEF?

In 2011, I was teaching children at Sun Jam, writing for Faithlink and teaching under the umbrella of "Into the Word" of Faith. But I felt that these were not enough and I was seeking for more opportunities to serve the Lord. I contacted the then Chairman of the Board of CEF Singapore who is also a pastor of a church. I wanted to explore the possibility of a teaching position in his church. Instead, he challenged me to join CEF.

I had a short stint at CEF as a volunteer from 2004-2005 and knew the challenges in the ministry. I was a stay home dad for two days a week during the three years I was in seminary and discovered that I can relate to children. Moreover, I believe that the Lord has gifted me to teach both children and adults. After prayer and consideration of my gifts and passion, I decided to serve the Lord in CEF.

### Qn: What are your hopes for the church in her 50th year?

I hope the church will continue to grow in numbers and dig deeper into the Word. And more and more members will serve the Lord and contribute to the body life of the church.

May the Lord be with us all and grant us success in all that we do. Happy birthday, Faith.