



GOLDEN NEWS!



Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.



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Greetings and welcome to the Bumper Edition (8th) of Golden News. Bumper? Our 60th Merdeka Hunt from the Cathedral to Port Dickson saw the participating cars and their teams flagged off bumper to bumper by our Dean Very Rev Dr Andrew Cheah. One of our participants, Mrs Julieana Talalla takes up the story

60TH MERDEKA HUNT



In conjunction with Malaysia's 60th Merdeka celebrations, the Golden Circle organised a motor treasure hunt to Port Dickson on 23 September 2017. With 10 car loads of excited participants, the convoy was flagged off following a briefing and prayer by Very Rev Dr Andrew Cheah.

With some participants from other churches, it proved yet another opportunity to meet and make new friends. The first pit stop was St. Barnabas Church in Klang, with breakfast so graciously hosted by their Golden Circle members. Mention must be made of their superb coffee and refreshments, served with their incredibly warm hospitality!





From there, participants commenced the hunt, walking around the nearby streets to locate answers to the clues, or 'tulips'. The group then travelled to Banting in search of more answers before heading for Port Dickson. It was interesting to see the teams clad in their smart treasure hunt t-shirts, hunting for clues on the streets (some were looking quite lost!).

The hunt ended at the Port Dickson Methodist Centre, with all participants reaching there safely. After a much-needed afternoon rest, we were served dinner before the evening's fun and entertainment commenced.

Our Dean gave a very inspiring talk, relating Christ as our greatest and most precious treasure, a very apt topic indeed, given the event!



Kudos to Mr Raj Kumar who was responsible for writing up the clues. He is definitely an expert in this field, with a very warm and jovial personality. The Committee wishes to convey their profound thanks to the Dean for travelling to PD for the evening's programme. His support rendered to the Golden Circle is deeply appreciated. The Committee cannot thank the sponsors enough for their enormous generosity and participants who helped make this event a grand success.

We reserve our biggest heartfelt thanks and praise for our Almighty Father, that the event was so blessed and there were no untoward incidents. It was indeed an event to be remembered - even the weather was in our favour!

We look forward in anticipation to the next Treasure Hunt! Do join the fun!

TRIP TO SAIGON



Looking even further afield, a group of Golden Circle members, accompanied by members from two other KL Churches and two non-Christians went to Saigon HCMC, Vietnam for a long weekend at the end of September which was entirely self-financed. What a contrast from the sad, violent days when Viet Cong attacks were unpredictable and the VC command was in the Cu Chi Tunnels outside Saigon

This was one of the highlights of our tour when a few brave, (and small) members of our party ventured underground to see the cramped command conditions.

Peace has undoubtedly brought prosperity to Vietnam. The traffic in Saigon and elsewhere is overwhelming and if you think we have a 'mat rempit' problem in KL, try crossing the road in HCMC!

Our very well organised tour also enabled us to go 'island hopping' in the delta of the Mekong River as well as a delightful evening dinner cruise. We also took a rowing boat on a small canal to visit a honey-bee farm and enjoy honey tea. Further treats included a visit to a coconut candy workshop and a handicraft workshop.



Prosperity has brought in many tourists and a lot from Malaysia. All restaurants, shops and stall holders will quote prices in Ringgit and accept them eagerly. A situation much appreciated by the strong shopping community in our group.



Above all our trip was a great opportunity for "Faith, Fellowship and Fun" and the strengthening of ties between our members and all others who share this fascinating trip with us.



TRIP TO TAIPING



The Golden Circle organized yet another fellowship visit to the historic town, of Taiping, from 18 – 19 Nov. When there we visited a Charcoal Factory and a Coffee Factory. In the cool of the evening, the members strolled in the Lake Gardens, enjoying the cool breeze.

ENGLISH BREAKFAST

The Golden Circle committee prepared English breakfast for Cathedral members on Sunday 3 December. It was so much fun making pancakes, toasting bread and frying eggs and sausages for breakfast!!



We enjoyed a lovely seafood lunch in the famous Port Weld now known as Kg. Sepetang.



The next day, on Sunday before Church we got to taste delicious local food for breakfast. We then attended the Holy Communion service at All Saints Church.



After checking out from the hotel we made our way to Ipoh for lunch and, of course, to the famous Kg. Kacang Putih.

We returned home with many happy memories of Faith, Fellowship and Fun.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

For children from Agape Mission School & St. Barnabas Home



What a way to start Christmas celebrations early! From the moment the children arrived for an early breakfast, it was non stop fun for all of them as well as Golden Circle members and other St. Marians who came to host these Chin refugee children from St. Mary's Agape Mission School and the deprived residents of St Barnabas' Home. Life and soul of the party was our party games clown Aljo and his two lively and lovely partners. Games began with a traditional 'Pass the Parcel' elimination competition as well as a very exciting version of Musical Chairs. Not that the children expected to be just passive partakers, they delighted everyone present by their renditions of Christmas Carols in Burmese and English and a lively Bollywood Dance.

When it came to makan, at the childrens' request we were most happy to provide KFC Chicken, Nuggets, Pizza, Ice Cream and Jelly, as well as Mee Hoon and Fried Rice for helpers.

To make sure that our generous donors' financial contributions were not irrelevant we had asked the children in advance what Christmas gifts they would like. Apart from motor cars and bicycles, we were able to fulfil this expectations in a modest but much appreciated way. They thanked us all very graciously as they left - after a morning which absolutely encapsulated the Golden Circle Motto and Mission of "Faith, Fellowship and Fun."



St. Mary's Cathedral Golden Circle Committee wish to record its sincere thanks and gratitude to all St. Marians, especially our very generous donors for your continued support for all our programmes. May Our Good Lord bless you always.

