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MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

Dear RiverLife Family,

This season, God has impressed on my heart the need for us to undergo a spiritual revamp as we anticipate what God will do in the 40th anniversary of Billy Graham's declaration that Singapore would be the Antioch of Asia. It is my prayer that this season will be fruitful for you as we take time to encounter God daily, hear His voice and obey His instructions.

In this issue, you will read more about God's call over Singapore to be the Antioch of Asia and God's call over RiverLife Church to be a blessing to the nations. I am excited about what God is going to do in Singapore and our church, and it is my desire that all of us will labour in the place of prayer for God's call to come to pass.

*In His Love,
Senior Pastor Lionel Goh
On behalf of the Elders Board & Pastoral Team*

SINGAPORE, THE ANTIOCH OF ASIA

In 1978, Billy Graham declared that Singapore would be the Antioch of Asia. At that time, we were just 13 years into nationhood and our future was uncertain.

In the last 39 years, we've seen the Church in Singapore grow and rise up to be a voice to the nations. Mega-churches have been raised and Singapore has produced strong and charismatic global church leaders.

At the Kingdom Invasion Conference in March this year, a seasoned prophet shared his sense that 2018 would be a significant year for Singapore (with it being the 40th anniversary of the prophetic word given in 1978). He prayed that the body of Christ in Singapore would press in to see the fulfilment of the prophecy.

Since then, there has been a greater resonance among church leaders in Singapore that 2018 would be significant for Singapore. We also hear of more believers across denominational lines and generations gathering to pray in one accord.

This increasing burden for prayer is also felt in our church. More and more of us are being drawn to experience God's tangible presence in our Wednesday prayer meetings. The young adults are also gathering in Batam for a time of prayer from 14-16 October.

Let's continue to unite with other churches in Singapore as one body to pray for our nation to rise up to our call as the Antioch of Asia!



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WE ARE
RIVERLIFE

26TH ANNIVERSARY

On 20 August, we celebrated 26 years of God's faithfulness upon our church!

In his anniversary message, Senior Pastor Lionel Goh reminded us that God conceived us through the prayers and sacrifices of His people in 1991.

Over the years, we grew not only in size but in maturity and our love for God and people.

Senior Pastor Lionel Goh called the church to anticipate and prepare our hearts for a fresh season of ministry - to be used by God as His river of life to bring healing and restoration to the community and nations.



In his anniversary message, Senior Pastor Lionel Goh shared that God wants to propel us towards being:

- **A House of Worship & Prayer**
- **A Centre for Healing & Restoration**
- **A Centre for Discipleship & Leadership Training**

As we prayerfully respond to God's call over our church to be a blessing to the community and nations, we believe it is important to recap God's vision for us:

A Vibrant Family Where Sons And Daughters Mature And Reveal The Father's Glory From Generation To Generation

There are four aspects of this vision that we will be continuing to work on in the days ahead:

- **Vibrant Family**
 - Growing In Relationships
- **Maturing Sons & Daughters**
 - Growing In Discipleship
- **Revealing The Father's Glory**
 - Growing In Our Missional Call
- **From Generation To Generation**
 - Growing Stronger With Every Succeeding Generation

We are humbled and excited that God wants to use us to display His glory in Singapore and the nations, and are committed to prayerfully respond to God's call over our church.

RIVERLIFERS SHARE!

In one word, what is RiverLife to you?



WARMTH

“I’ve always felt a sense of endearment from RiverLifers of all ages. Love and honour is the unifying language, and everyone looks out for the needs of others.”

– Randy Ng (*HighLife*)

GENTLENESS

“Our leaders guide and mentor with a gentle spirit. The church respects and treats every RiverLifer as a child of God by encouraging, challenging but never forcing.”

– Linda Lim (*English Adults*)



EMPOWERING

“The community is friendly and helps me to grow. The sermons never fail to inspire me to become more like Christ.”

– Ethan Lim, (*MegaLife*)

HOME

“During my first visit to RiverLife, I felt like I was coming home. There is a sense of family in this community where each individual serves unconditionally. I thank God for placing me in RiverLife Church as well as RiverLifers for their contribution!”

– Sim Sze Liam (*Chinese*)

HUNGER

“I sense that there is hunger for God in RiverLife. Many desire for more of God and His presence in their lives. As we go through a spiritual revamp, we need to commune with God daily. As we grow in intimacy with the Lord, His glory will fill this place!”

– Diana Tan (*English Adults*)



STABLE

“My community in MegaLife gives me stability that I cannot find elsewhere.”

– Claudia Steiner (*MegaLife*)

“RiverLife is my spiritual home where brothers and sisters care for and love each other. My children and I got baptised here and my entire family worships in this house. I am flowing with this river of life and being cleansed, refreshed and nourished by it.”

– Mary Goh (*Chinese*)

CHURCH LEADERSHIP MATTERS

- **Lead Pastor Lionel Goh** (as he then was) has been recognised as our Senior Pastor. For the avoidance of doubt, this is neither a promotion nor a re-designation, but an endorsement of Pastor Lionel’s role as lead shepherd of our church. Pastor Lionel has also been elected as an Elder of our church. The Elders believe it is important for the Senior Pastor to be a member of the Elders Board. This is to ensure unity and oneness at the highest level of leadership in our church.
- **Elder Andrew Goh** has been re-elected as an Elder of our church. The Elders believe that he will continue to play a significant role in our church.
- We recently purchased a residential property at 2E Loyang Besar Close (located a few metres from our church) for our church needs. We are in the midst of finalising what we will use the property for and hope to provide further updates in due course.
- **Benjamin Koh, Bill Leung, Lee Chek Shih** and **Roger Ng** have been appointed as Lay Pastors. **David Phua** has been appointed as Lay Pastor-in-Training.