



POPE FRANCIS IN SINGAPORE

Fishing for Men in the Lion Sea

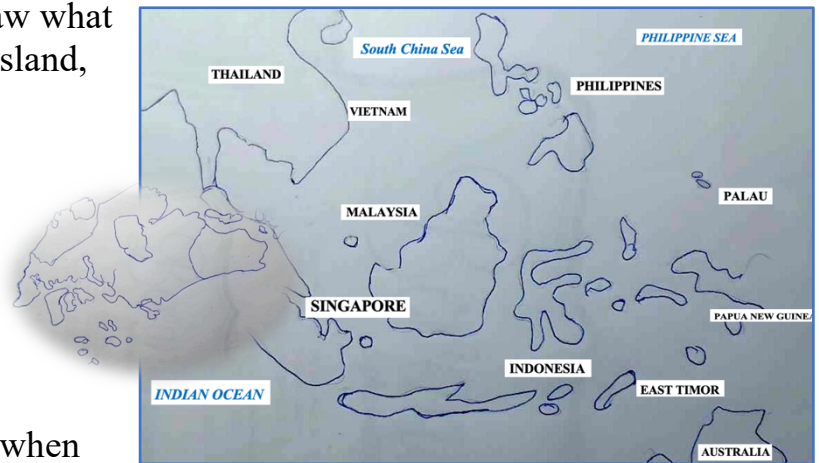
IN the 14th Century, a visiting priest saw what he thought was an Asiatic lion on the island, and so the country earned the name, *Singapura*, meaning *The Lion City*.

We also know that aside from being *Lion*, Singapore is an Asian *Tiger* as it is a highly developed country. In simple terms, it's rich.

Though wealthy, Singapore used the simplest and one of the oldest golf buggies as a vehicle for Pope Francis, when he visited Singapore on September 11, 2024.

A new luxury car would not be appropriate for Pope Francis, who, after all, embodies simplicity. So, the world saw Pope Francis riding a golf buggy as he arrived to celebrate Papal Mass at Singapore's National Stadium on September 12, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.

Above, Feast Singapore Builder Noel Dela Cruz lifts a hand to honor and welcome Pope Francis.





Singapore consists of one 30-mile-long island called Pulau Ujong, meaning *mainland Singapore*, surrounded by 62 smaller islands.

Yes, the islands are surrounded by seawater, the reason the country's original name was *Tumasik* or *Temasek*, taken from the Javanese word *tasek* which means *sea*. Surrounded by seawater, early settlers were fishermen.

Today, we have Feasts there fishing for men to be disciples of our Lord Jesus, our Light of Jesus Family core mission inspired by the Lord's mandate in Matthew 28:19: *Go and make disciples of all nations*.

Pope Francis joined the "fishing" when he visited Singapore on September 11-12, 2024-- part of the Pope's 12-day Asia-Pacific Tour.

Speaking of simplicity, this issue shares *A Glimpse of God's Promise*, the latest in our Mercy Ministry, Jeremiah 33:6-7 Foundation, maintaining a simple yet life-giving shelter for sexually abused minor girls, *page 7*.

This month of October, we are blessed with the continuation of our Feast Talk series, *Come and See*. See introductions by Bro. Bo Sanchez and Bro. Alvin Barcelona, *page 11*.

Yes, we are fishing. Come and see.



All Glory to God,

VIC ESPAÑOL
Region Head
Feast International





The Pope's Message

Feast Singapore was blessed to participate in Pope Francis' Mass, which was an open invitation to all leaders and members of the Community.

Some 100 Feasters attended, receiving Pope Francis' significant message to Feast Singapore: *Love is the very center of the Gospel. Love is the foundation of great works. God is the foundation of our capacity to love. Share God's love with others.*

Receiving such Divine Grace, Feast Singapore has vowed to continue the Light of Jesus mission to make disciples for Jesus.



Bro. Noel Dela Cruz told *The Feast International*: "To share God's love with many, we will continue pursuing our mission to reach out to the unchurched, not only in Singapore but to the countries where we have connections. We will also strengthen our Light Group structure that will cut across different Feasts."

Feast Singapore has relentlessly pursued its mission for 13 years now since it was registered as the Light of Jesus Family (Singapore) on March 2, 2011, with headquarters at the LOJ Center, 601 Macpherson Road #05-02 Grantral Complex, Singapore 3682.



Feast Singapore is fulfilling its discipleship mission through various Feasts:

1. **Feast Expo Singapore**
 Established September 18, 2011
 Schedule: Sundays, 1:00 p.m.
 Venue: LOJ Center,
 601 MacPherson Road #05-02 368242
 Builder: Arween Perez
2. **Feast North Singapore**
 Established September 1, 2012
 Schedule: Saturdays, 7:00 p.m.
 Venue: LOJ Center,
 601 MacPherson Road #05-02 368242
 Builder: Noel Dela Cruz
3. **Feast Singapore Orchard**
 Established February 6, 2014
 Schedule: Thursdays, 8:00 p.m.
 Venue: TCT Room, Level 4, YMCA,
 1 Orchard Road
 Builder: Paulo Hernandez
4. **Feast Suntec Singapore**
 Established February 23, 2014
 Schedule: Sunday, 1:30 p.m.
 Venue: Suntec Convention Level 3, room 336
 Builder: Jun Alde
5. **Feast West Singapore**
 Established October 10, 2015
 Schedule: Saturdays, 7:00 p.m.
 Venue: The Salvation Army
 500 Upper Bukit Timah Rd, Singapore 678106
 Builder: Jeff Vargas
6. **Feast ORS Singapore (Orchard Sundays)**
 Established May 6, 2018
 Schedule: Sundays, 10:00 a.m.
 Venue: Juniper Rm (Level 2)
 Orchard Hotel, 442 Orchard Road S238879
 Builder: Arnel Bulosan
7. **Feast FOY Singapore (Orchard in YMCA Sundays)**
 Established February 26, 2023
 Schedule: Sundays, 1:00 p.m.
 Venue: Function Room 3, Level 4, YMCA, 1 Orchard Road
 Builder: Paulo Hernandez
8. **Mission Feast Suntec**
 Established August 11, 2024
 Schedule: Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
 Venue: Suntec Convention Level 3, room 336
 Builder: Jun Alde

Feast Singapore's Response

Inspired by Pope Francis's message, Feast Singapore is determined to intensify its mission especially to support our Mercy Ministries.

Bro. Noel added: "We will develop a training plan for all servant leaders to be effective in doing our mission and reaching out to many. We will be more active in coordinating with various LOJ Mercy Ministries."



Here are the Feasters happily recording their participation in the Pope's Visit through, of course, wefies, *from left*: District Builder Noel Dela Cruz; Jeff Vargas, Feast West; Gerry Cortez, Badette Cruz, Jun Alde, Annie Cortez, Corrie Alde, Liza Francisco, all of Feast Suntec; and Arnel Bolosa, Feast Orchard Sundays.



Suntec Feasters are all smiles. *At right*, Jodie Muaña, also of Feast Suntec, and son Yohan pose right on as Pope Francis rolls by on a golf buggy.

Blessings

Bro. Noel particularly has been passionate about fulfilling his mission since he joined the Light of Jesus Family and The Feast in 1999.

At the time, his girlfriend, Evelyn Mangaoang Canja, happened to be already a member of LOJ, serving as Light Group head in Esther, the LOJ singles group in Mandaluyong. Evelyn invited Noel to join LOJ.

Noel promptly joined LOJ as he saw this as a continuation of his life as a missionary since he was an active servant as lector/commentator in his parish church in Marikina City

Noel is an overseas Filipino worker (OFW) living in the United States and then in Singapore. Thus, leading Feast Singapore is for him a great grace.

Plus, he counts more blessings: good health, financial provisions, and a great career.

He graduated with a degree as Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering (*cum laude*) from Don Bosco Technical College.

Thus, on March 19, 2012, he started to serve as senior business analyst at the Bank of Singapore. He leads a team of Private Banking Information Technology (IT)T Testing for Digital Channels implementation. He serves for Client Onboarding and Compliance with Regulatory requirements.

Best of all blessings are Noel and Evelyn's children with impressive courses from notable schools: Lareina Noelle, 22, BS Information Technology, major in Business Information Systems, Monash University, Melbourne; Yoanna Lynne, 19, BS Social Work, Singapore University of Social Sciences; and Eleona Evonne, 18, Diploma in Immersive Media and Game Development, Temasek Polytechnic.



Here's the family after attending Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne, Australia, from left: Yoanna, Evonne, Noel, Evelyn. and Lareina.

Amid his achievements and blessings, Bro. Noel remains humbly a servant of the Lord living his favorite Bible verse in Proverbs 11:2: *“When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.”*

It is this wisdom that sustains the Feast Singapore blessed by the visit of Pope Francis.



MERCY MINISTRIES

*God blesses those who are merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.*

--Matthew 5:7



A Glimpse of God's Promise

By **GAIL P. BAYTO**

I SERVE in the Media Ministry in the afternoon session of The FEAST at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) every Sunday.

Yes, I help out at The FEAST, but it is I who receives grace upon grace through this Ministry.

One blessing recently was when my co-servants and I visited the Jeremiah Foundation, our home for sexually abused minor girls located in Montalban, Rizal.

We know about Jeremiah Foundation and our Mercy Ministries in our Feast sessions through posters and announcements-- but visiting in person is an entirely different experience.



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Jeremiah Joy



Jeremiah Executive Director Jing Saavedra kindly welcomes our group.

The Jeremiah girls happily welcomed us. Far from loved ones-- or those who were supposed to love and care for them-- they are ecstatic when visitors come and stay with them even just for a while.

With bright smiles, the girls said, "Thank you!"

Then, they promptly entertained us with a wonderful program-- singing and dancing as if they didn't long for a glimpse of God's promise of healing and wholeness here on Earth.



Here are our Jeremiah girls reflecting on Praise song I am blessed to share, playing with my guitar.

Time for Healing

When we talk about God's promise, we think of its fulfillment in the heavens. Fr Bob McConaghy, our beloved priest at The Feast Bay Area, said in one of his homilies that there is no more pain when we get to Heaven. All is joy.

We're not there yet, but we experience the fulfillment of God's promise when we wake up early in the morning to have our quiet time with the Lord, when we build relationships with our families and friends, when we empower and lift each other, when we help those in dire need.

Like our girls in Jeremiah.

The Ministry is named Jeremiah 33:6-7 Foundation based on the Bible verse: *⁶ "Nevertheless, the time will come when I will heal Jerusalem's wounds and give it prosperity and true peace. ⁷ I will restore the fortunes of Judah and Israel and rebuild their towns.*

The verse refers to the situation in Jerusalem at the time when Babylon, an ancient city on the lower Euphrates River in Mesopotamia (within today's Hillah, Iraq), was the world power in 587 BC-- five hundred years before the time of Jesus. The Babylonian Empire imposed taxes on tribes under its rule, such as Judah, the tribe of the Jews. Judah refused to pay taxes, so Babylon captured its main city, Jerusalem, and the Jews were exiled to Babylon from their home in Israel, and served there as slaves for 70 years.

The prophet Jeremiah thus gave hope to the Jews, declaring God's promise in Jeremiah 33:6-7 which our Jerimiah Foundation has claimed as God's promise to minor girls suffering captivity in sexual abuse.

Under this Word, the Foundation provides a shelter for the girls.

The goal is to guide the girls in their journey towards a happy, healthy Christian living. To do this, Jeremiah provides psycho-spiritual counseling for the girls while providing for their daily needs.

A brainchild of Reylando E. Ortega, a longtime, devoted supporter of the Light of Jesus Family, the Jeremiah Foundation opened a shelter in Dansalan, Mandaluyong, on November 27, 2012, first taking in two girls.

Ten years after, with more girls to take care of, the Foundation, led by Ester Palacio as Executive Director, transferred the shelter to a vacant lot within the sprawling greenery property of our Anawim Home for Abandoned Elderly in Montalban, Rizal.



Blessings



Yes, Jeremiah Foundation provides the girls a home-- free board and lodging. They enjoy health care services -- doctors and nurses ready to attend to them when they get sick. Plus, social workers and caregivers ready to listen to their woes and help them find solutions to their problems.

While we went to minister to them, they were the ones who ministered to us with a wonderful program of songs and dances.

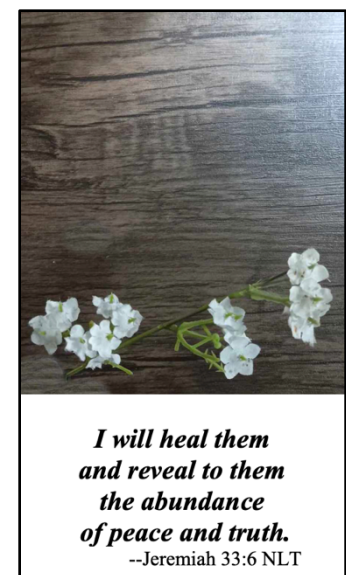
For the Jeremiah girls, the fulfillment of God's promise often comes through generous supporters. The presence and attention of benefactors convey God's message to them: "I will never leave you; I will take care of you. I will provide for you."

Our shared brokenness allows us to be aware of our desperate need for Jesus and the longing to experience God's promise of healing and abundance for us.

May we always be compassionate with each other as a glimpse of God's promise being fulfilled in this, our corner of the world.

May we walk this life knowing that the love and wholeness of God will overcome our brokenness.

To our Jeremiah girls, again, we declare God's Word>



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FEAST THIS MONTH

IT's already the month of October,
the start of the last quarter of the year!

We ended September with another
overwhelmingly victorious GRAND FEAST
with 3,600+ attendees. Congratulations
and thank you!

Proclaim this: "I Will Receive
More of God's Blessings in the Last Quarter
of 2024!"

In Jesus Name. Amen!



Jesus Meets You Where You Are

Believe it because no matter where you
are now or what you may be going through, Jesus is there!

Are you feeling frustrated, depressed, broken, alone? Are you hiding and living
in shame and guilt?

Or are you successful, powerful, influential, and busy? Yet, you feel so tired
and weary, empty and seeking deeper meaning, direction, peace, and real rest?

YOU NEED JESUS... and JESUS MEETS YOU WHERE YOU ARE!

We continue our deep dive into the Gospel of John in our series,
COME and SEE. In Talk 4, which we tackle today, we'll learn more about two
very intriguing Bible characters – Nicodemus the Pharisee and the
Samaritan Woman.

You'll see yourself in either one of them-- or both
of them. They needed Jesus, and Jesus met them where they
were – and their lives were never the same again.

Get ready for another deeply moving Feast!

Mayroong Magandang Mangyayari Sa 'Yo!

Alvin Barcelona

WELCOME
to our ongoing
Feast Talk Series:
COME and SEE
Talk 4:
Jesus Meets You
Where You Are

Jesus Is Your Resurrection

THE rest of October, we are blessed with three talks of our series, *COME and SEE*:

October 13, 2024: Talk 5, titled *Waters of Bethesda and Bread in the Desert*, unpacks two amazing stories in John 5 and 6: (1) Healing the invalid in the Waters of Bethesda and (2) the Feeding of the multitudes. There's one powerful message underneath these two stories: *Seek Your Life-Giver*.

Don't just seek life.

Seek the Life-Giver—His name is Jesus.

October 20, 2024: Talk 6 is about one of the most fascinating stories in the Gospel of John: the healing of the blind man.

As mentioned in previous talks, there are seven miracles in John, but he doesn't use the word *miracle*. He uses the word *sign*. Because each miracle in John is just a signboard pointing to something more important than the miracle itself.

Talk 6 is about *Healing the Spiritually Blind*.

The One Big Message: *See Jesus—He Is Healing You!*

October 27, 2024: Talk 7 is titled *The God Who Grieves* because it's about the death of Jesus' friend, Lazarus. Jesus deeply mourned.

Why would Jesus mourn? Wasn't He going to raise Lazarus, anyway? That's the point. When you suffer, God weeps. Even if He knows there's going to be a happy ending, at that moment, God mourns. Whenever you experience the destructive power of death in your life, Jesus grieves alongside you. Even if God will, one day, turn your sorrows into joy, and your mourning will turn to dancing, your suffering still breaks His heart.

Just like He raised Lazarus from death, Jesus will raise you on the last day.

Death is a problem, and Jesus was on His way to defeat it.

The big message of Talk 7: *Jesus Is Your Resurrection*.



May your dreams come true,

Bo Sanchez

Bo Sanchez

WELCOME
to our ongoing
Feast Talk Series:
COME and SEE
Talks 5, 6, and 7



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Thank you for being with us. We pray that you find your daily source of inspiration from the resources that we send to you. We pray too that you may consider giving to The Feast Mercy Ministries. No gift is too small.

Thank you very much in advance for your gift. Our prayer is that God will continue to reward you as you give.

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Thank you for the Love. Your monthly donation helps us to continue extending support to our Light of Jesus spin-off organizations, including our partner beneficiaries. Your gift will sustain our operations and, we hope, help us reach out to the persons our Lord has called us to make disciples and give them renewed hope.

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provides shelter and pastoral care for street children.



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grants scholarships to indigent students.



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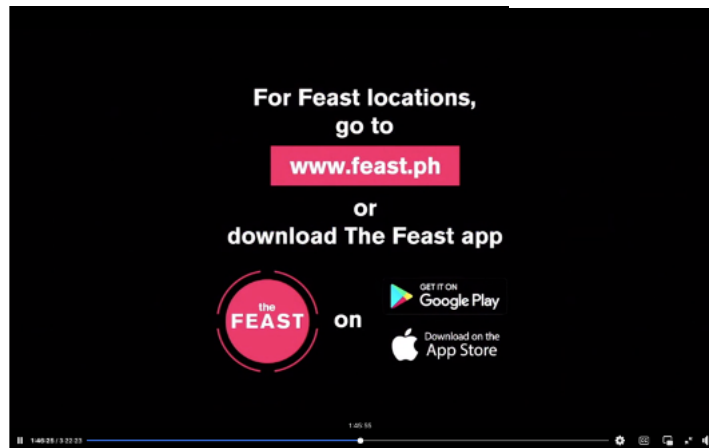
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— Matthew 28:19

