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JOIN THE TEAM

We are inviting more writers to our ministry. If you enjoy reading, writing, listening to other people's stories, or simply want to know more about our ministry, you are more than welcome to contact us.

A heart to serve the church and the people through writing has been our main purpose of doing this ministry.

All of the testimonies, stories, or articles are written that we may see the goodness of God, the power of God, which leads to seeing more of His glory.

We always seek for improvement in our ministry. If you have any suggestions, feedbacks, critics, or if you have stories or testimonies you want to share with us, please do let us know.

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HELLO *new comers!*

Welcome to Bethany International Church Melbourne.
So glad that you are here with us. We want to help make your
first experience at BIC Melbourne a great one!



GET CONNECTED

Christian journey shouldn't be alone because it is a community project. Join our Community of Love (COOL) every Friday 7PM!

LET US CONTACT YOU



Lastly, please enjoy a cup of coffee on us! 



COOL LIST



MAIN

Canaan
Ephratah
Berea - Bethesda
Bethlehem
Jordan
Horeb
Bethany
Bethel
Cana
Philadelphia - Pniel
Moriah
Ephraim
Ekklesia
Emmaus
Galilee
Gennesaret
Gilgal - Carmel
Hebron - Philippi
Zion
Eden

Kezia, Freddie
Steven, Henry
Romy
Felix, Fransisca
Sony, Wilfred
Ferry, Febria
Paulus, Erina
Christy, Elvina
Bobby
Dwi, Vero
Elve, Calista
Kevin L, Sonia
Edo, Ica
Fabian, Priska
Kevin Y, Corine
Reinetta, Albert
Erika, Mike
Yoseph, Rian
Monica, Raymond
Jennifer

FAMILY

Antioch
Tiberias
Doncaster
Jerusalem
Mt Hermon
Phillipi
Shekinah
Tabernacle
Westal

Andy, Iwan
Andre, Albert
Michael, Rudy
Edwin, Gerda
Lily, Unggul
Hariyanto, Ivan
Alice
Sandi
Michael

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Macedonia
Shiloh

Eric, Alicia
Daniel, Clarissa

NEXT GEN

Judea
Judah
Israel
Jeremiah
Heaven

Valentina, Sylvio
Aldo, Kezia M.
Catherine, Jerry
Sinta, Kevin W.
Pauline



FINDING FAMILY IN CHRIST

STORY NATALIA WIJAYA

I had always joined COOL (at that time the name was still FA / Family Altar) ever since I became a born-again Christian in 2005. I felt so welcomed from my first day joining in the first one. At that time, I was still a single, young professional. Years later, I met Adi, got married and moved to Indonesia. We also joined COOL during our two years living in Jakarta.

In 2012, we returned to Melbourne with our 15-months old first daughter. We lived in a suburb and joined the nearest family COOL, which was in Point Cook. Three years later, the second family COOL (COOL Tiberias, with younger children) was formed, and we have settled in this COOL until now.

Having become part of such a community for so many years indeed has blessed me in many ways. Yes, dependence and fellowship with the Holy Spirit hold the utmost importance for a Christian to grow spiritually. Yet just like sheep, we weren't created to be alone. A supporting community of believers is necessary and beneficial. Together as a group, the flock is there for one another, following the voice of our Great Shepherd faithfully.

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In COOL, there is an opportunity for everybody to become involved. We are not just numbers (spectators). Each one of us is a unique individual, who has the opportunity to worship the Lord, to pray together, to learn from the Word, to experience the working of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, to see miracles and healings, and to enjoy loving relationships with our fellow Christians.

Each one of us has an opportunity to be used by God to minister to the others in the group. Each one becomes a family member with the others, and we are free to discuss our problems and seek counsel and prayer for them. I also feel the relationship goes beyond counsel and prayer; the members really take care of one another.

One time at 3 am, our friend dropped off her first child at our home before the delivery of her second baby. Due to Covid19, her parents couldn't visit and help. Most of us raise our kids without assistance from any extended family members. So, we totally understand the similar situation others have and we were more than happy to help. We know if we were in their situation, our COOL members would be there for us too.

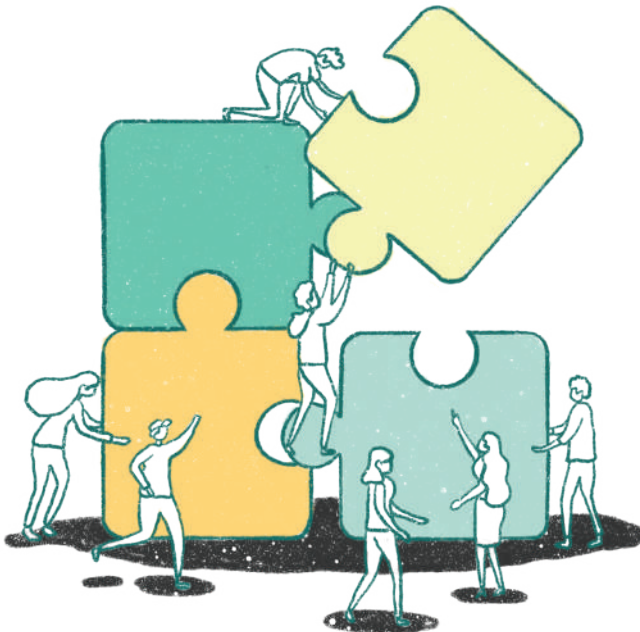
Like **Romans 12:15** says, *“Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn”*, we celebrate joyful moments (birthdays, newborn baby arrivals, housewarmings, and other important milestones) as well as be there for

one another when one member is in hardships.

My husband is my best supporter and encourager. And yet it was still very comforting and helpful when the COOL members extended their help and care, especially in my difficult season (e.g. losing my mum last year, my job during the Covid19, and when I just had an accident a few weeks ago). Many delivered home-cooked meals to our home. Personally, this simple gesture meant a lot. It warmed up my heart and comforted my soul. I feel like I have a solid support system. Giving and receiving is just a wonderful cycle in our COOL.

We know that we are loved and cared for, and that is the kind of security many people never find in churches that do not have cell groups.

If you haven't joined any COOL yet, do reach out to someone you know from BIC Melbourne and join one (or find more info about the available locations in the website). If you have joined COOL, let it be a satisfying faith journey to become a blessing to others and be blessed too! Whatever your life season is, having a supportive community of love is just amazing as we grow together in knowing Jesus and serving the Lord.



WEEKLY DEVOTION

05 JULY

Galatia 1-3

Ayat Renungan:
Galatia 2:20

“namun aku hidup, tetapi bukan lagi aku sendiri yang hidup, melainkan Kristus yang hidup di dalam aku. Dan hidupku sekarang di dalam daging, adalah hidup oleh iman dalam Anak Allah yang telah mengasihi aku dan menyerahkan diri-Nya untuk aku.”

06 JULY

Galatia 4-6

Ayat Renungan:
Galatia 5:22-23

“Tetapi buah Roh ialah: kasih, sukacita, damai sejahtera, kesabaran, kemurahan, kebaikan, kesetiaan, kelemahlembutan, penguasaan diri. Tidak ada hukum yang menentang hal-hal itu.”

07 JULY

1 Samuel 1-2

Ayat Renungan:
1 Samuel 2:30

“Sebab itu -- demikianlah firman Tuhan, Allah Israel -- sesungguhnya Aku telah berjanji: Keluargamu dan kaummu akan hidup di hadapan-Ku selamanya, tetapi sekarang -- demikianlah firman Tuhan --: Jauhlah hal itu dari pada-Ku! Sebab siapa yang menghormati Aku, akan Kuhormati, tetapi siapa yang menghina Aku, akan dipandang rendah.”

08 JULY

1 Samuel 3-4

Ayat Renungan:
1 Samuel 2:3

“Janganlah kamu selalu berkata sombong, janganlah caci maki keluar dari mulutmu. Karena Tuhan itu Allah yang mahatahu, dan oleh Dia perbuatan-perbuatan diuji.”





09 JULY

1 Samuel 5-8

Ayat Renungan:
Galatia 5:13

“Saudara-saudara, memang kamu telah dipanggil untuk merdeka. Tetapi janganlah kamu mempergunakan kemerdekaan itu sebagai kesempatan untuk kehidupan dalam dosa, melainkan layanilah seorang akan yang lain oleh kasih.”

10 JULY

1 Samuel 9-12

Ayat Renungan:
1 Samuel 10:6-7

“Maka Roh Tuhan akan berkuasa atasmu; engkau akan kepenuhan bersama-sama dengan mereka dan berubah menjadi manusia lain. Apabila tanda-tanda ini terjadi kepadamu, lakukanlah apa saja yang didapat oleh tanganmu, sebab Allah menyertai engkau.”

11 JULY

1 Samuel 13-15

Ayat Renungan:
1 Samuel 15:22

“Tetapi jawab Samuel:
“Apakah Tuhan itu berkenan kepada korban bakaran dan korban sembelihan sama seperti kepada mendengarkan suara Tuhan? Sesungguhnya, mendengarkan lebih baik dari pada korban sembelihan, memperhatikan lebih baik dari pada lemak domba-domba jantan.”

WIFE'S ROLE IN THE MARRIAGE

STORY ADELEINE CHRISTIENE TUMIWA

In this opportunity, Adel shares what it means to be a wife, and its joy and struggles in the marriage life.

What is the most important role as a wife in the family?

I believe a husband and wife have different but equal roles in a marriage. One of the most important roles I have is to love and submit to my husband as the head of the household (Ephesians 5, without getting into too much detail). But I do not believe this means I can't think for myself, can't work, don't have any opinions, can't make decisions. On the contrary, it means being a strong and godly woman that respects and supports my husband as the leader in our marriage, though I can only do this if I first submit to Christ as my king. When I receive Christ's love and spiritual nourishment, then I can function the way He intended in a marriage. I also believe it's important to support my husband in prayer so that he is able to fulfil his role as a leader.

How do you implement that in your family life?

Our marriage feels stronger, more united and solidified when we're grounded in Christ as our foundation. It's important that each of us have a relationship with Christ to be able to love each other as Christ designed, so we implement devotional time (together and individually) and ensure we build each other up in prayer. Specifically, I pray and bless my husband because I believe God can provide him with exactly what he needs - much more than I can provide. Another part of respecting my husband is making every effort to communicate openly about any issues. I believe everything can be said in a straightforward but loving manner, which is much better than holding things in, then losing control of your emotions. I also trust my husband to make key final decisions

because we have open communication, and I know he's also standing on the Word of God.

What are your struggles in undertaking the responsibilities?

No matter how perfectly a couple fits together, there will always be challenges. Personally, it was challenging for me to accept his way of doing things, which I'm sure it went both ways. But that's also the beauty of marriage - it can develop us in ways we never thought possible. Also, before marriage, I was rarely home and liked to keep busy - between a demanding full-time job, ministry, friends and family. I thought that would always be my dynamic. However, after marriage, I had to re-prioritise so that my marriage came first. At the start, I struggled with time management. That was a challenge and didn't resolve itself overnight; we had to keep working and actively cultivating the commitment.

What would you do when you fail to do those responsibilities?

When I feel like I've made a mistake or failed at something, I bring it into God's hands because I know He's the only one that can equip and strengthen me. He's the only one that can shape me so I can grow more in Christ and in turn bring that back to my marriage. It helps to always, always go back to the Scriptures because that's my single source of truth - everything goes back to God, not to our own thoughts or logic. From a practical perspective,



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I also try to reorganise commitments to ensure my marriage is my first priority. It doesn't mean I only live to serve my husband, but it is knowing that marriage is a sacred covenant God has blessed us with, so I must honour and nurture that in the best way I can.

Could you share your joy of being a wife?

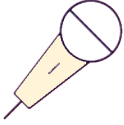
It's one of the best things that has ever happened to me! I love being married. I love my husband very much. Not only did I gain a best friend to walk through life together, but I've learnt more about myself and the

true meaning and purpose of marriage. God designed it, so when we follow His purpose, it brings us closer to Him as well. Marriage is so much more than a romance or fairy tale, it's a covenant-keeping love. It's a constant training ground on how to love others, how to forgive, how to accept your own flaws (because there's no hiding anywhere!), how to be humble, how to serve - I love every moment, whether good or bad and I thank God for my marriage. To loosely quote John Piper, "to God be the glory, when two imperfect people forge a life together by relying on Christ".



MINISTRY LIST

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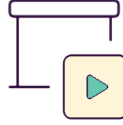
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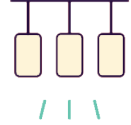
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USHER



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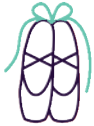
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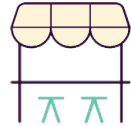
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"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms"

**We invite you to join our
online service every Sunday**

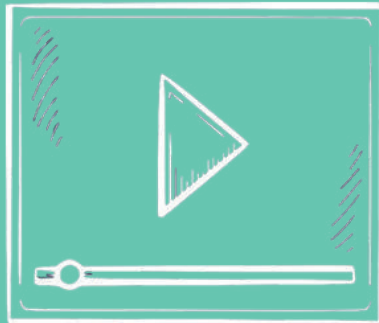
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**Let's celebrate the Lord's Day
together!**