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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



WEEKLY DEVOTION

24 MAY

Kisah Para Rasul
10-12

Ayat Renungan:
Kisah Para Rasul
10:35

“Setiap orang dari bangsa mana pun yang takut akan Dia dan yang mengamalkan kebenaran berkenan kepada-Nya.”

25 MAY

Kisah Para Rasul
13-15

Ayat Renungan:
Kisah Para Rasul
15:16-17

“ Kemudian Aku akan kembali dan membangunkan kembali pondok Daud yang telah roboh, dan reruntuhannya akan Kubangun kembali dan akan Kuteguhkan, supaya semua orang lain mencari Tuhan dan segala bangsa yang tidak mengenal Allah, yang Kusebut milik-Ku demikianlah firman Tuhan yang melakukan semuanya ini,”

26 MAY

Kisah Para Rasul
16-18

Ayat Renungan:
Kisah Para Rasul
16:31

“Jawab mereka: “Percayalah kepada Tuhan Yesus Kristus dan engkau akan selamat, engkau dan seisi rumahmu.””

27 MAY

Kisah Para Rasul
19-21

Ayat Renungan:
Matius 28:19

“Karena itu pergilah, jadikanlah semua bangsa murid-Ku dan baptislah mereka dalam nama Bapa dan Anak dan Roh Kudus,”

28 MAY

Kisah Para Rasul
22-24

Ayat Renungan:
Kisah Para Rasul
24:16

“Sebab itu aku
senantiasa
berusaha untuk
hidup dengan
hati nurani yang
murni di hadapan
Allah dan
manusia.”

29 MAY

Kisah Para Rasul
25-28

Ayat Renungan:
Yosua 1:8

“Janganlah
engkau lupa
memperkatakan
kitab Taurat
ini, tetapi
renungkanlah
itu siang dan
malam, supaya
engkau bertindak
hati-hati sesuai
dengan segala
yang tertulis di
dalamnya, sebab
dengan demikian
perjalananmu
akan berhasil
dan engkau akan
beruntung.”

30 MAY

Yosua
1-2

Ayat Renungan:
Yosua 1:9

“Bukankah telah
Kuperintahkan
kepadamu:
kuatkan dan
teguhkanlah
hatimu?
Janganlah kecut
dan tawar hati,
sebab Tuhan,
Allahmu,
menyertai
engkau, ke mana
pun engkau
pergi.”



Your word is a lamp
for my feet, a light on
my path
- Psalm 119:105 -

TRUSTING GOD AMIDST UNCERTAINTY

In the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, few industries have been severely impacted, such as tourism and hospitality. Travel ban and social distancing are mitigating actions to reduce virus spreading. But unfortunately, it jams the economy.

The BIC bulletin team set up virtual meetings with three BIC members, who work in the industries, to hear their stories and experiences.

Let us pray for God's strength and hope for our brothers and sisters who are impacted by the pandemic financially.



Bella Callista is one of the impacted people. She works in Laksa King, Flemington.

Q: How has COVID-19 impacted your workplace?

Laksa King experienced the impact of COVID-19 even before the lockdown had taken place. Diners associated Laksa King with Chinese food and Chinese chefs, so they refused to dine in. Therefore, there was a decrease in customer level since early February. However, when Melbourne was officially affected by the coronavirus, that was the pivotal point of plummeting. Some Laksa King branches were closed because the coronavirus cases were confirmed around the suburb.

After that, came the lockdown period where the government forbade all restaurants to open (for dine in). I was worried because that meant me and my sister, who also works in Laksa King, would not earn any income. It also affected all restaurants so I could not find any other job to cover our expenses. However, two days after that, Laksa King called me to help out their take away service.

Q: What can you learn from this situation?

I learnt that God is gracious and always helps His people through many ways. I am so grateful knowing that God always provides all of our needs. Even in hardship and turbulent situations like now, I got reminded to depend on God more. During this challenging time, somehow God conditioned us to take a rest from our busy life to draw closer to Him.



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According to a Sydney Morning Herald article, economy analysts predicted growth in online food delivery revenue by 26.5% in 2020. However, the industry is still waiting for the business boom, which is still yet to happen.



Let's hear from one of our BIC bulletin correspondences, Nicolas Natanael, who works in Uber Eats.

Q: How has COVID-19 impacted your workplace?

As the government requires all restaurants and café to close all dining areas, takeaway has been the only way to enjoy restaurants during lockdown. Of course, there was an increase in takeaway demand. However, this situation paralleled with the supply of the drivers. The rise of unemployment rates causes the increase of food delivery service drivers.

For example, I can see five riders every 100 m or even 40 riders in the suburb. These days, Collingwood is one of the busiest areas for food delivery. It used to be my favourite spot to get an order, but now I tried to avoid

this area because there are too many food riders from all companies in that location. During lunchtime, I choose to go to the South Melbourne area where Schnitz and Miss Chu are really busy. I guess we need to be clever to find a 'hot spot' where we can get the orders effectively with less waiting time.

Q: What can you learn from this situation?

During difficult times, people still care for one another with small kind gestures like giving tips to riders. I thank God for everything and He still finds a way to fulfill my needs. So, I just want to give encouragement to everybody during this difficult time.

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It is hard to take a snapshot from the magnitude of losses in tourism due to the coronavirus outbreak. If the pandemic continues, the Tourism Council projected trillions dollar and millions job losses. The domino effect started when the Australian government decided to close its borders. Moreover, domestic travel was also being banned and it became a big hit for airlines and tourism.

Let's listen to our dear friend Pawasut 'Mook' Sutadwanich. She works in the hotel industry.

Q: How has COVID-19 impacted your workplace?

The wave has started since late January where my company saw the declining trend in booking and the cancellation number ballooned up. I know the industry will be affected but I didn't expect to be this hard. Comparing figures, usually my company has 70-90% occupancy rate in our properties. But by the beginning of March, it nose-dived to a single digit. Our branches in the USA and Europe have to let go many workers or freeze employment for two months. During March, the management cannot make any plan for the business as they take things and make decisions based on the day-to-day conditions. Fortunately for Australian branch, we don't have to let anyone go.

As we are entering the lockdown period, all of us need to work from home. To be honest, there is not much difference in terms of the workload itself. I just need to shift responsibilities and manage priority to do

more on ad-hoc projects. On the one hand, I enjoy not commuting to the office as I spend too much time on going to and from work.

However, since we are always at home, somehow I am more attached to work. My home becomes my office and vice versa. You can never 'walk away' from your office and naturally you will work longer hours. The first two weeks' work from home was not easy. I struggled mentally as I have no physical contact with other people except Elbert and Esther. Nevertheless, we have to get used to it as we don't know when lock down will be lifted and we can have the same interaction prior to coronavirus.

Q: What can you learn from this situation?

Beginning 2020, job uncertainty never crosses my mind at all. In particular, my company was doing so great in 2019 and no one sees this pandemic effect coming. I learn that nothing is certain in this world. Our security should be in the Lord and I am grateful for Him, for whatever He does. During this period, we should try to be healthier and spend more time with family and the loved ones.

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VOCAL



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MUSICIAN



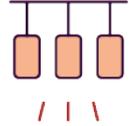
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SOUND



Steven Santika

USHER



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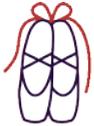
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DANCER



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DRAMA



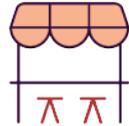
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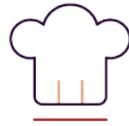
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Ravello Satria

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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**

8.30 am

11.00 am

5.00 pm

You can go to the link below:

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