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My name is Margie Hall and I am happy for the opportunity to share some of the highlights in my life's story thus far with you.

I am 6th generation Australian born into a strong ancestral Christian faith on both sides of my family of which I am very grateful to God. My parents were secure in their love for each other and faith in the Lord which gave me a safe environment within our home life.

By the time I was 14 years old, life seemed empty, even possessing all this world offered, an education at a Private School, an older brother and a younger sister, and many friends, my heart was crying on the inside but for who knows what?

After many boy friendships, and after my Nursing Training at RNSH I was hoping these experiences would reveal the purpose for my existence. Although the friendships were temporarily exciting and the exposure to others health needs gave temporary satisfaction, the niggling thoughts from my early teens was not relieved and so I continued to smile on the outside while crying on the inside.

I Praise the Lord that at 21 years with only one year before finishing my training He stepped into my life. He knew for 7 years of my secret search for meaning and purpose to life and that the Lord chose the 1959 Billy Graham Crusade to reveal His love, mercy and grace to me, in such a way, that I could not resist Him. I knew Jesus Christ had changed me and allowed me to see life through His eyes. The world looked brighter to me in every way.

That experience was many years ago and in those 52 years I have learnt many lessons from Jesus.

I met Tony in December 1959, engaged in Feb 1960 and married in November 1960. When I look back at that amazing time, I realized that God had a plan for us both which was given by the Minister that married us, which was.....

Proverbs 3v5&6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path"

The Lord knew I would need those scriptures as a reminder of Him when life for me was in a dark place. Our home destroyed by fire, the difficult birth of our 3rd baby with days of uncertainty, the depression that plagued me while caring for a large family, the many times we faced Tony being unemployed. God did not promise that our road would be smooth but He did promise to walk with us and would bring us through with a greater understanding of who He is. I would not change any of the past ordeals or trials as they have fashioned me into who God wants me



to be. God continues to use circumstances to change me and my directions and all Praise to Him.

Tony and I parented 5 children the best we could and with the Lord's help, experienced great joy in watching them all come to Christ. Gabrielle at 4, Matthew at 3, Philip at 6, Tim at about 11 and Rachel about 12. Although they had come to Christ for the forgiveness of their sin there was another time later when they gave themselves to Him. The "exchanged life" when they gave Jesus their sin and took from Jesus His life in order to be used by Him. Four of our children are married and have given us 16 grandchildren to enjoy and so we pray for their salvation and that they will be an influence for God in their generation.

God has promised that blessing on many generations and Tony and I believe that by faith.

It has been some years since we were family, but while we were, the Lord took us along experiences that caused us to be totally depended on Him. We saw miracles of provision in so many ways that the reality of who God is had a great impression of our children and of course us too. We had no doubt that God loved us and was interested in the details of our lives. It caused us to have greater confidence in the Triune God. Tony and I taught Scripture in Killara High School for many years and I was able to share in the classroom not only the set lesson but the personal experiences I had with the Lord.

I marvel at the way the Lord directs our lives and in that concept wish to share some events that not only changed others but changed me. I'll tell one event in detail.

While working between 1969 and 1972 on night duty at a small nursing home in Chatswood (no longer exists) on Wednesdays and Saturdays, there were opportunities to share the love of Jesus with some patients.

One Wednesday night at 2am the Lord encouraged me to share Him with a Mrs. Taylor who had been diagnosed with a terminal disease with not many days to live. Although I was strongly reluctant to wake her, the pressure I felt from the Lord was very obvious and I knew there would be no peace for me if I continued to resist. On going into Mrs. Taylor's private room, her hand was outstretched towards me so I confidently took hold of it and started to relate the story of Jesus. At each explanation of Jesus, Mrs Taylor would say "you can believe that dear, but I can't" so after several attempts and with different angles of explaining who the Cross was for, an hour had past, I conceded that pray would have to be my next action. The

on him and he came back to life, able bodied. He stayed with us for a week and I heard of his experience while in Heaven.

family prayed too, so on the Saturday with a Bible in hand I arrived for duty to be told that Mrs. Taylor had died on Friday.

Oh no, I failed the Lord and Mrs. Taylor.

2 weeks later a phone call from the only other Christian nurse on night duty told me that as she approached Mrs. Taylor's bed, she repeatedly called out "I have to know God's forgiveness", with that plea from her, the nurse was able to share a prayer to receive Jesus Christ and recite the 23rd Psalm before she died. What a relief. My thoughts were directed to the obvious fact that Mrs. Taylor had someone who loved her enough to pray. Was it a believing mother of friend? and maybe for many years pleaded with the Lord to save her. I had the privilege of being just one of the last links in her chain of life.

At the same Hospital I meant a Eve Gardener about 60 years old who came to Christ one night and although she was gravely ill, the Lord healed her completely and within a few months was heading to Ireland with her husband to see her family.

There was a Ellen Taylor at the Hospital who was unable to sleep well, so I would spend time with her. We often spoke about Spiritual things and Jesus but I realized that Miss Taylor needed help both spiritually and physically (suffered with polio) so when she was discharged to go home I continued to visit her as did our Alliance Pastor at Frenchs Forrest. After some years Ellen passed away but with the assurance of salvation in Christ. In her will she left \$500,000 to the C&MA. I had no idea of her wealth as she lived very frugally. How amazing is our God!

As a nurse, I have seen death. The passing from this life both for the young and old and I know when the Christian has the assurance of life after death it shows on their faces while being ushered into the presence of the Lord. Death is a doorway.

We lived at Killara for 15 years and the Lord required of me to have an open home to others but first my heart had to be open to the idea of widening my generosity in time, words and money if I was going to bring honour to Him in this way. Consequently I have met some very wonderful people, some needing love, prayer and counseling and others needing a resting place. Many wonderful Christian men and women have been at our meal table and shared their life with the family. One very memorable gentleman was a man who had died a quadriplegic but God had mercy

A couple of times I needed protection from my enemy (Satan) as he has not been happy with me but I say, Praise the Lord!



The C&MA commenced in our home on 26th Jan. 1969 with about 15 people and under the leadership of Rev. Robert (Bob) Henry. It was the beginning of a new experience for me of Church life and came to understand about Jesus being Saviour, Sanctifier, Healer and Coming King. My background was within the Anglican teaching and although very good, I was expanding my knowledge from what I knew.

I attended many Bible Studies over the years and while studying in my 8th year of BSF (Bible Study Fellowship) and knowing that Tony's retirement was coming in 2007, I asked the Lord what will we be doing. The reply was from Ps. 92 v 14. "They will still bring forth fruit in old age" What will that mean to us both.

When Rev Li and Marianna came to visit us 2 years ago and offered us the care of the English speaking congregation, I was shocked. I wondered if they knew how old we were and if the young people really wanted two old gray heads (me more that Tony) honouring over them. We prayed and remembered the promise from Ps 92.and after feeling "at home" when meeting with the leadership a few weeks later, we were happy to come.

My delight is really in the Lord that He is allowing me the chance to pass on to the next generation the lessons I have learnt and the opportunity to teach about the love of Jesus

Christ and the Word at this stage of my life. I thank you for giving me the privilege of serving young people at HCAC .

What have I learnt so far in my life?

- The Christian life is not able to be lived without the Holy Spirit dwelling fully in my life.
- That prayer and faith opens doors to eternal situations.
- I must die to what I want because it is Jesus only.
- What I do comes out of who I am. What defiles me is what is within me.
- I should walk before God in Holiness (this is what God asked of Moses) and although I fail at times, confession is required of me in order to be restored.
- Relationships are very important to God and He requires of me to love with His Love in order to have an effect on people around me. This is possible when my relationship with God is good.
- Forgiveness and love goes hand in hand. If I love I will forgive and I can forgive because I love.

How long do I have on this earth only God knows. I guess there is one thought I carry and that is, "have I done and am I doing all that God requires of me"?

Stay blest by Jesus.



Chinese Translation: 黎慶玲 Janet Yu

Latest news of Adrian Tang

Adrian is settling well at HCAC-English!
He enjoys sitting at the back and getting up and down to the music.
He is friendly and gets along with everyone.
We all enjoy having Adrian around.

李樂恆 Rachel Li



Chinese Translation: 李劉德麗師母 Marianna Li



Having a grateful heart

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You can only be satisfied with all you have and cherish those around you with a grateful heart. This will then lead you to a meaningful and colourful life.

Learning to be grateful can minimise a lot of complaints. One less complaint can improve your mood immensely.

Being able to wake up every morning, eat your breakfast, groom yourself, and smile as you welcome each new day are all little things that you should be thankful and grateful for.

We should also carry a thankful and grateful heart as we meet those around us because they are placed there by God.

Be grateful to those who compete with us as they enhance our knowledge and wisdom. Be grateful to those who rebuke us as they remind us of our own weaknesses.

Be grateful to all those who made us improve and made us stronger. Anything or anyone around us can make us grow.



Finally, having a grateful heart can lead you to a more joyful and positive life. Be it raining or sunny, you can always enjoy and thank what the Lord has given you each day.

English Translation: 李佩恩 Carol Li



Latest news of Chris Giang

李智峰牧師 Rev. Almon Li

In the midst of Chris' illness, he has experienced God's grace and healing. He feels that he has experienced a miracle from God as he was told that not many people can be exempt from the rejection of a new kidney.

Unfortunately, due to the lack of immunity, Chris' body is very weak against germs. Therefore, he cannot attend church and worship with us for the moment even though he misses church terribly. Thankfully, two weeks ago, he was able to attend cell group activities. Chris knows that brothers and sisters have been praying for him consistently and is very grateful and thankful.

Chris has to pay a visit to the hospital everyday to check his body. The doctor said that Chris' progression is going rather smooth and that his visits to the hospital can be

reduced. Please continue to pray for our brother, that he can be fully healed and join us once again to worship our Lord.

Brother Chris really wanted to come back to church and join us in worship, so please pray for him. His daily life has also been very boring as it revolves around either the house or the hospital. He is not able to come in contact with others as there is a risk of being contaminated with germs. Although we cannot visit our brother, we can contact him via the phone. He really enjoys having a conversation with us.



We pray that the Lord will fully heal our brother Chris and let him join us once again to worship Him in unity. Amen!

English translation: 李佩恩 Carol Li





Quincy & Esther's Wedding Photos



Christmas Eve Event Photos





Application for DA

王耀全 James Wong

In June 2010, Hills Christian Alliance Church bought a property positioned next to Pennant Hills Station to worship our Lord and train His disciples. Also in the same month, I was chosen to become a deacon, and was assigned to apply for DA. In October 2010, God prepared an experienced architect for us and we officially applied for DA.

Troubles have never left the course of our application. Our neighbour initiated a string of complaints and our DA plan has had been altered three times to accommodate their complaints. On 4th March 2011, we officially submitted our DA. But problems kept turning up on our doors. Neighbours kept complaining about parking spots, the noise we made, the number of congregation, fire exits, etc. The complaints were more than we can ever imagine. A complaint even went straight to The Alliance, who understood our plight. God also prepared a very good lawyer for us, who helped us respond in accordance. But our neighbour did not stop there. They sent a letter of

complaint to council, which highly distressed us. I even go out of my way to explore many reference books to get some consultation as to what we can do. But man's ways are nothing when God wants to accomplish His plan. Finally, on 4th July 2011, Hornsby Council approved our application.



God has blessed us with a great leader to lead us in our application of DA. We are also blessed with the unity of our three congregations, a Christian architect, a Christian lawyer, the understanding from The Alliance, the willingness of brothers and sisters to support financially, the support in time and prayers. The most important thing is that we have a heart of faith, trusting that anything is possible.

English Translation: 李佩恩 Carol Li



2012 Church Major Events

李智峰牧師 Rev. Almon Li

Date	Event	Location
5 Feb 2012	Thanksgiving Sharing Meeting	Main Hall, after Sunday Service
6 April 2012	Baptism and Good Friday Service	Epping Gospel Chapel
11 June 2012	Church Picnic	TBA
3 June 2012	AGM and Election of Deacons	Main Hall, after Sunday Service
20 Sep 2012 – 24 Sep 2012	Mission Week	TBA
6 Oct 2012	Evangelistic Music Event	Pennant Hills Community Hall
7 Oct 2012	Church 11 th Anniversary	Pennant Hills Community Hall
24 Dec 2012	Christmas Eve Evangelistic Event	Pennant Hills Community Hall

English Translation: 李智峰牧師 Rev. Almon Li

