



Grapevine

A word from the editorial team,

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October has just gone by, and November brings change in many ways... For our HOs and MOs, the new month brings a new posting! And with a new posting comes new working environments, new colleagues, new patients, new set of problems to solve...

For a select group of MOs, the new month heralds life back in the “sacred” green uniforms - trading the cold ward walls and computer terminals for the humid jungles and warm wildlife of native Singapore...

For the spiritual you, November brings the start of Advent, beckoning the birth of Christ! Its almost time to bring out those pink and purple candles again, along with the Christmas tree and its embellishments!

With the promise of a new month and a new beginning, we have also lined up, our 2010 annual year-end retreat! Riding on the high and excitement of our recently concluded AGM, we want to strengthen the fellowship of our community with this year’s retreat and our upcoming caroling events! So start keeping those dates free!

May we all find the strength to push on when faced with difficult times in these new postings; may we all be able to find God in our times of need; and may this Advent bring you and your family much spiritual joy and happiness. =)

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October 2010 – BAC Report

On 22nd September 2010, the Bioethics Advisory Committee (BAC) released its report on Human-Animal Combinations in Stem Cell Research 2010.

Details on its full press release can be found [here](#).
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Touching on several areas including creation of cytoplasmic hybrid embryos and the establishment of a national body for monitoring research – the implications are far reaching for all of us, especially in our roles as Catholic doctors.

CMG sent a response to the Straits Times, which was published in the Review section on 8th November 2010.

Read CMG’s full response to the BAC report [here](#).

† Upcoming Events:

1. **2010 CMG Year-End Retreat**
 - Time: 11-13th December
 - Venue: Aloha Changi Seafront Chalet Unit D

Missed our AGM? Join us for our inaugural year end retreat held at a Changi chalet for more spiritual growth, fun and fellowship!

† Regular Events:

1. **BYOB (Bring your own Bible)**
 - Time: 11th, 25th November, 2nd December 7.15pm
 - Venue: CANA, 2nd floor CWS building, 55 Waterloo St

Join us for our weekly BYOB sharing and fellowship!

2. CMG Monthly Mass

** This month, our monthly mass has been **brought forward** to celebrate the feast of **St Giuseppe of Moscati** on the 16th of November. He’s the first modern doctor to be canonized, and also a patron saint of doctors! =)*

*If you’ve missed the mass on the 16th November, we hope to see you at our next one! **

3. Outram Campus Weekly Mass

- Every Wednesday, 12.15pm
- * Last 2 masses for 2010 on 24th Nov, 1st Dec. Masses resume on 5th Jan 2011 *
- Venue: Medical Alumni Association Hall, Level 1 (Junction of College Road & Outram Rd)

More details [here](#)

† What’s New on Doctor’s Blog:

- **“Saying Goodbye”**
Some people find that saying “sorry” to be the hardest word... But have you had to say “goodbye” recently?

[Full article](#)

October 2010 – 58th CMG AGM

Our 58th CMG AGM was held on the 17th November 2010 at the Mt Alvernia Chapel, and celebrated by Archbishop Nicholas Chia!

We thank His Grace for celebrating the occasion with us!

It was certainly heartening to see both familiar and new faces that evening with supporting family members in tow. We thank our newly appointed CMG committee members who have willingly stepped up to serve!

Master	Dr Sally Ho
Deputy Masters	Dr Gabriel Seow Dr Colin Ong
Hon. Secretary	Dr Lam Meng Chon
Hon. Treasurer	Dr Daniel Chor
Chaplain	Fr Colin Tan
Imm. Past Master	Dr John Hui
Elected Members	Dr Victor Loh Dr Karen Nai Dr John Lim Dr Gilbert Yeo Dr Maureen Chua Dr Ong Yew Jin Dr Alvin Tng
Co-opted Members	Dr Mavis Ang Dr Yvonne Tan



† Volunteering Opportunities:

1. Padang, Indonesia Mission Trip

- Dates: 28th Nov – 4th Dec 2010
CHARIS (Caritas Humanitarian Relief & Initiatives, Singapore) is organizing a mission trip to Padang to help rebuild houses and schools which were destroyed in the earthquake on 30th September.

Contact: mission@charis-singapore.org

2. Cambodia Mission Trips

This upcoming Advent Season, CMG bring you 3 medical missions to different parts of Cambodia around the 3rd week of December!

Project Sabai (6th Mission)

- Dates: 12-16th December
Health screening for 3 schools around Phnom Penh and clinic for villagers.

Contact: Dr Priscilla Lim 96992566 or familees@singnet.com.sg

Project Battambang

- Dates: 13-17th December
With a hospice recently set up, we aim to establish sustainable projects to improve nutrition and health of Battambang villages.

Contact: Dr Joseph Ong ongyewjin@gmail.com

Project Lokun (8th Mission)

- Dates: 12-16th December
Working with CROAP, students have funded a part-time Cambodian doctor all year round, and are aiming to expand into nutritional programs!

Contact: Dr John Lee 97327137 or familees@singnet.com.sg

More details on mission trips, [here](#).

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