



# Grapevine

## A word from the Editor,

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Dear readers, welcome to the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2012!

We trust you've had a spiritually fruitful first half of the year? => In the previous quarter, we took the opportunity to welcome our new PGY1s into the working world in May - if you see them around the wards, remember that we were once in their shoes, so do give them some encouragement and your prayers!

Coming up in this quarter, we have our annual Residency Discernment forum, and don't miss out on signing up for our 60<sup>th</sup> AGM Mass and dinner in October!

And of course, we bring you our regular articles on our Doctors' Blogs - keep those articles coming!

Take out your highlighters and start shifting those appointments in your diary, for we hope to see you at our upcoming events!

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*Photos from HO Welcome Tea in May*

## † Upcoming Events:

### 1. Overseas Missions Trip

CHARIS is working on an upcoming mission trip in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity.

This is a house building trip for victims of Mt Merapi volcano eruption in Indonesia .


- 9-15<sup>th</sup> Sep: Jogjakarta, Indonesia, for victims of Volcano Merapi eruption

Do sign up early to facilitate planning and logistics!

- Contact: CHARIS Secretariat  
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Follow the link [here](#) to sign up!

More information, details and photos of past mission trips are found [here!](#)



**JOGYUDAN DISASTER RESPONSE PROJECT**  
"When the mud flow comes"

When we visit Yogyakarta, we can find many landmarks there. One of which is well-known as Tugu (monument), located in the center of Yogyakarta city. Tugu has become a famous icon of its city. If we are from Adisucipto airport, all we have to do to get to that icon is just going straight to the west. Approximately 500 meters before we get to the Tugu, we will pass through Gondolayu bridge which standing firmly above Code River.

Below the bridge we will see Jogoyudan village. There are many houses along the riverbank. Those people who live there can be grouped as pre-prosperous people for they have low-income.



Some of the houses are semi-permanent built from bamboo or old-plywood, no bathroom, small-alley between houses and limited access to sunbeam.

Worst of all is when the Volcano, Merapi, erupts. Last November 2010, Merapi erupted. It mess everything around the volcano up, especially areas which only 5 until 10 kilometers far from the crest. Abundance of ash covered those areas and caused houses' roof and trees' leaf broke. Many houses, bridges and another infrastructure ruined. Materials like stones and sand became a second disaster when heavy rains came.

Heavy rains assisted to bring the materials from top to down through rivers.

Along the journey from top to down, the materials made the width of the rivers larger even made a new path or new river because of its large volume. Code River which became one of the ways used to bring the materials brought a bad impact for people who live along the riverbank.

Jogoyudan's people whose their house are only 5 until 10 meters from the Code River swallowed the worst impact. Their houses were buried by sand until 2 meters high. The river itself became shallow filled up by sand. Until now some people still live in evacuation camp or in their relative's. Besides being buried, their houses were also ruined. The fact is even though the mud-flow did not come, their houses are still not healthy and decent place to live in.

### 2. 60<sup>th</sup> CMG AGM, Mass & Dinner

It is our pleasure to invite you to join in our celebration of our 60<sup>th</sup> birthday! We'll be having our AGM, followed by a celebration mass presided by Archbishop Nicholas Chia, and subsequently a fellowship dinner.

- Date: 27<sup>th</sup> October 2012, Sat
- Time: 4-6pm AGM, 6-7pm Mass, 7.30pm-10pm Dinner
- Venue: Hotel Grand Pacific, Level 2, Pacific Ballroom 101 Victoria St, S(188081)
- Dinner: \$100 per pax, \$3000 per table (10) to support CMG activities (comes with a bottle each of red & white wine)

- Register: [contactus@cmg.org.sg](mailto:contactus@cmg.org.sg); or register at: [www.cmg.org.sg](http://www.cmg.org.sg)

More details [here](#)

### 3. Residency Discernment Forum & Mass

- Date: 20<sup>th</sup> August, Monday
- Time: 1-5pm (Mass at 4pm)
- Venue: Mt Alvernia Hospital Seminar Room
- RSVP: [contactus@cmg.org.sg](mailto:contactus@cmg.org.sg)

Still feeling undecided on your future specialty calling? Into its 3<sup>rd</sup> year, our Residency Discernment Forum gives you an opportunity to talk to Catholic specialists in various fields as they offer you a perspective into their various disciplines, and how you can marry religion and work.

So book your dates with us, and RSVP with us early! =)

## † What's New on Doctor's Blog:

### ▪ "Ruminations on Love"

God is love, and love is God.

A short prose to remind us about the love that is present all around us, in this cold concrete city.

[Full article](#)

### ▪ "Saving Fragile Lives"

The third in a series of soul-touching articles, Dr Alison explores the fragility and beauty of a newborn life - a timely reminder that no matter how health problems may waylay a life, every life is precious in the eyes of the Lord.

[Full article](#)

### ▪ "Am I to Blame?"

Every doctor's nightmare - to have unintentionally done harm to a patient despite our best wishes. We pray for guidance and strength in our daily vocations so that we may heal and touch those who have come through our hands...

[Full article](#)

## † Regular Events:

### 1. BYOB (Bring your own Bible)

- Date: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> August,  
6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> September

- Time: 7.30 - 9pm

- Venue: 11 Keng Cheow St #07-06  
The Riverside Piazza  
Singapore 059608

(Exit B from Clarke Quay MRT, next to Park Regis Hotel & Ministry of Manpower)

*Join us for an evening of bible sharing and fellowship as we share on the readings of the mass for the week!*

*\*Dates subjected to change, so keep a look out in your emails!*

### 2. Outram Campus Weekly Mass

- Every Wednesday, 12.15pm

- Venue: Medical Alumni Association Hall, Level 1 (Junction of College Road & Outram Rd)

More details [here](#)

*If you would like to advertise for your upcoming events; or are seeking assistance in any functions - feel free to email us:*

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