

# BIC CONNECT



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"Sabbath School is the heart of the church." I have heard this phrase many times. Yet lately, it hasn't always felt that way in our own church.

When the clock strikes 9:00 a.m., many of the seats are still empty. Even as the minutes pass, the room often remains quiet, only gradually filling much later in the morning. It makes me wonder where everyone is and why so many have stopped coming to Sabbath School.

To be honest, my own family has struggled as well. Over the past few months, we have found it difficult to arrive early.

Then one bright Sabbath morning, everything slowed down. Our family had caught the flu, so we decided to stay home and rest. We hadn't said anything to our son, assuming he would simply follow along with the change in plans.

But as the morning went on, he looked at us and asked, "Why are we not getting ready for church? Are we going to Sabbath School?"

So I explained that Mom was not feeling well and that he needed another day to fully recover. As I spoke, I saw the sigh and the sadness on his face when he heard it.

While my son was clearly disappointed about not going to church, hearing him ask those questions filled my heart with joy. In that moment, I realized that perhaps we had done something right. As parents, it has always been our prayer that our child will not depart from the lessons and faith we try to teach at home.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**BIC Evangelistic Meeting**

April 29 - May 1

**Church Retreat**

May 2 - 3

**BIC Elephants Camp**

May 8 - 10

**Mission Trip**

June 21 - 28

## NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

*Dear Church Family!*

May this year 2026 be the year when we look beyond our differences and decide to work together for the Lord. We can see how fast times are changing, we can see the signs fulfilling. Now is the time we unite in prayer and in work.

Our church has been active in various ministries, and we praise God for that! Let us also strengthen our ministry and outreach corporately and individually, that we may bring the good news of Christ's soon return to this city. Let me leave this beautiful quote to you! May the Lord bless us continually!

"If Christians were to act in concert, moving forward as one, under the direction of one Power, for the accomplishment of one purpose, they would move the world."  
— Testimonies for the Church 9:221.



**Pastor Karlo Diel**  
BIC Church Pastor

# BIBLE TRIVIA



“**Accept each other, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.** Romans 15:7

Did you know that, according to the National Institute of Health, *as of 2024, a roughly estimated 32% of the global population is at risk of social exclusion* by the same human race they were born into? Beggars on the street who can barely get by are ignored by passersby. Elderly people, as well as refugees and isolated populations, are also neglected. Even the people in our church, either some of our youth or new attendants, leave the church after a few years or days, disappointed, disillusioned, and bitter.

*Why is this?*

It could be financial problems or digitalization, but the most important factor that has emerged is neglect-driven disappearance. We leave people out and fail to recognize those who need guidance or a little help around the place, and sometimes we focus on one person and leave the other hanging, or just straight up do not notice them.

Even in the time of Jesus, the beggars and widows, the poor and the publicans were all rejected by society and left out.

Jesus himself was rejected and forsaken by people. But Jesus showed that in His kingdom, in His church, it was different. Those who were left out by others were treated well and shown help and care. Those who were hurting or forsaken by their friends were shown love and acceptance by the early church. In God's eyes, no one is left out. Everyone is equal.

Over the years, the church has started to overlook those who are in need or in poverty and pain. Believe it or not, it's time to stand up and come back to accepting people in the church and in the world outside, too. They need Christ more than ever in their lives, and we must guide them to know His love. Let's not leave people out; rather, let's include them because we are all part of the family of God.

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“ The Bible reminds us of this responsibility: **“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.”** Deuteronomy 6:6–7

Faith is not taught only in church or during Sabbath School. It is nurtured in everyday moments, at home, in conversations, and in the quiet examples we set. When children begin to ask about worship and long to be part of it, it shows that the seeds of faith are growing. Perhaps the heart of the church does not beat only in the Sabbath School room. It also beats in our homes, where faith is lived and shared. As parents, we carry the sacred responsibility of bringing our children to the feet of Jesus.

This responsibility can sometimes feel overwhelming because of work, responsibilities, and daily concerns that easily fill our schedules. Before we realize it, the time we hoped to spend teaching our children about God becomes rushed or postponed altogether.

And the truth is, our children are always watching. They observe how we live, what we prioritize. And often, they mirror what they see in us more than what they hear from us.

Sometimes I quietly ask myself these questions: **“Am I doing enough to help my child know Jesus? Am I too busy to sit down and go through the Sabbath School lesson together? Does my child see me reading my Bible and spending time with God?”**

These are not easy questions to face. They remind me that parenting in faith is not always simple. Many parents share the same struggle. We want to guide our children toward Christ, yet we wrestle with our own limitations, our tiredness, our distractions, and the demands of everyday life.

Yet God does not ask for a perfect parent but for faithful ones. Every small effort matters. Every prayer whispered over a child, every Bible story shared, every moment spent pointing them to Jesus plants a seed in their hearts. As I learned that Sabbath morning when my son asked about going to Sabbath School, those seeds began to grow in ways we cannot always see.

That simple question lingered with me long after the day ended. It gently reminded me that while we may falter, while we may arrive late or even miss a Sabbath School here and there, what helps shape a child's faith is the consistent, everyday witness of a home centered on God.

Faith is formed little by little—at home, in daily life, and in the quiet choices we make as parents. When we continue to bring our children to Jesus, trusting Him with their hearts, the true heart of the church continues to beat—not only in our Sabbath School rooms, but also in our homes.

And perhaps those empty seats we see each Sabbath are not just signs of absence, but invitations—calling each of us to return, to reconnect, and to rediscover both the joy of Sabbath School and the deeper calling we have as families of faith.

And sometimes, it takes a child's honest question to remind us what truly matters.

## INSIDE STORY



### **We agonized before we organized!** *by Shielou Fernandez*

On the Sabbath afternoon of February 21, 2026, Bangkok Adventist International Church was filled with eager hearts. Our church welcomed not only regular members, but also parents and participants from neighboring churches for a special event: our first Parent Leadership Training, themed **“Discipling the New Generation.”**

This was not an ordinary AY program. Organized by the BIC Children’s Ministry Department, it featured the Alive in Jesus curriculum and brought together ten dedicated Sabbath School teachers and an Elder who answered God’s call to minister not only to children, but also to their parents.

Were we equipped or experienced enough to lead such a training? Honestly, no.

We did not see ourselves as experts. There was nervousness and even fear. I felt overwhelmed by the number of attendees and stepped away several times before the program began. Yet deep in my heart, I held on to this truth: **The God who calls us is faithful, and He has the power to accomplish what He has called us to do.**

I kept repeating the promise in 2 Timothy 1:7: **“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”**

This promise kept me at peace throughout the entire program.

The training itself was not the result of long-term planning. It began with a personal encounter with the Lord during a quiet time of prayer. One evening, while prayer-walking, I poured out my heart to God, asking for a clear vision for the Children’s Ministry. I questioned my ability to lead, yet believed that God does not make mistakes in calling people to serve Him. No answer came immediately, but I knew God was working.

Our God is a relational God. If we want our children to have a personal relationship with Him, we must remember that He desires that same personal connection with each one of them. It breaks my heart to see children learning about Jesus without truly knowing or experiencing Him. This convinced me that our calling is not just to teach, but to guide them into a living relationship with Him.

That night, unable to sleep, I read a booklet titled “How to Start Children’s Ministry in Your Church.” As I prayed, the Holy Spirit impressed this powerful truth on my heart: **God’s heart for children is to be disciplined by Him.**

The question was: How will we do it? Where should we start?

The next day, while preparing for Sabbath School, I revisited the Alive in Jesus app and was led to the training videos. As I listened, key words rooted in **Deuteronomy 6:5-7** stood out:

**“And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might... And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them... when thou sittest in thine house... when thou walkest by the way... when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.”**

In that moment, the vision became clear: **Discipleship happens daily, relationally, and intentionally.**

Through the Alive in Jesus curriculum, children will not only learn about Jesus but also experience Him personally. As their relationship with Him deepens, they will find joy in witnessing for Him.

The greatest realization was this: The best place for disciple-making is the HOME.

While the church plays an important role, God’s design places the primary responsibility for spiritual formation within the family. Parents are not just supporters of ministry; they are partners in discipleship.

This Parent Leadership Training was born from that conviction—to equip and encourage parents to intentionally lead their children to know and experience Jesus in everyday life. Through simple, consistent moments—morning and evening worship, conversations, prayer times, and daily living—children begin to see a living faith modeled before them. Discipleship becomes not just a program, but a lifestyle.

One of the most beautiful highlights of this journey was the unity within the Children’s Ministry team.

We came from different backgrounds and experiences, yet we were united by one purpose: To obey God’s calling and serve wholeheartedly.

From the beginning, we chose to seek the Lord together before making any plans. Every idea, step, and decision was surrendered in prayer. It was never about individual ability, but about collective dependence on God. Each member played a vital role—teaching, organizing, supporting, and encouraging. In uncertainty, we lifted one another up and reminded each other of God’s faithfulness.

Psalm 133:1 encouraged us: **“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!”**

Before organizing anything, we committed ourselves to Bible study and prayer. We often say, “We agonized before we organized.”

What began in uncertainty became a Spirit-led movement, guided clearly by God’s hand.

This training was not the product of human expertise alone. It was the fruit of:

- Prayer
- Bible Study
- Fasting
- The power of the Holy Spirit working in willing hearts

God reminded us that He is not looking for eloquence or perfection, but for obedience. When we say “yes” to His calling, He equips us and fulfills His purpose through us. We did not stand in our own strength, but in the confidence of Jesus and His promised power.

We held on to this quoted truth from The Ministry of Healing:

**“Prayer and faith will do what no power on earth can accomplish.”**

**“Truly, this experience is one we will always remember. It strengthened our faith, deepened our obedience, and opened our eyes to what God can do through a united, praying team. To God be all the glory.”**



# GLOBAL YOUTH DAY

## *Communion in Action*

GYD 2026 at BIC was more than just an event—it was a deeply joyful and meaningful VBX experience that reflected the beauty of coming together in service and mission. Students from TICA, BAIS, AES, EIS, nearby communities, and friends gathered not only to participate but to connect, learn, and grow in a shared purpose.

Each department's involvement added something unique and heartfelt. The Children's Ministry planted seeds of faith through Bible stories; Sabbath School nurtured creativity through arts and crafts; Music filled the space with songs of joy; and the AY Department created moments of laughter and connection through games. These simple yet intentional acts became powerful expressions of care and unity.

Beyond the activities, the day embodied compassion in action—through free medical services from the Health Department, a meaningful tote-bag workshop by the Family Ministry, and meals lovingly prepared by the Women's Ministry. The Pathfinders' opening set a tone of dedication and inspiration, reminding everyone of the spirit behind the gathering.

It was truly a picture of total member involvement—each person offering their time, gifts, and heart in service. With gratitude to the church family and BAIS for the shared space, GYD 2026 stood as a beautiful reminder that mission is not just something we do, but something we live together.

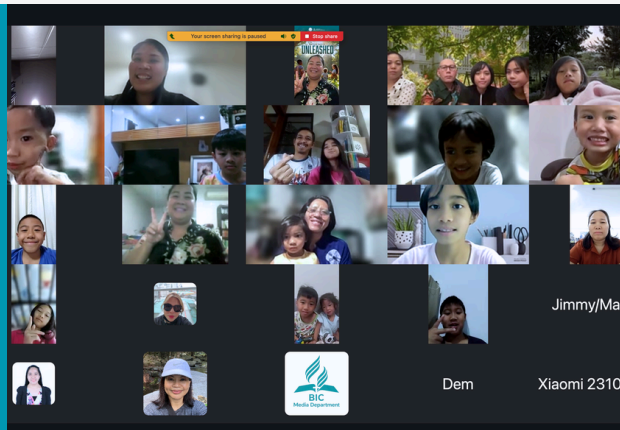


## CHURCH LIFE

This first quarter has been deeply rooted in prayer and family-centered programs, and it has been inspiring to see our church come alive with a shared passion for seeking God. From our children to our adults, there is a genuine eagerness to gather, uplift one another, and pray together. It has truly been a beautiful and powerful season of unity, faith, and prayer as one church family.

### JANUARY WEEK OF PRAYER

We began the year with a meaningful 10 Days of Prayer, as our children gathered each evening to learn about Jesus, grow in faith, and discover the power of prayer. It was a beautiful time of connection, reflection, and spiritual growth.



Where God's love begins in us.

Feb. 11, 18, 25 & 28 (Saturday)



### FEBRUARY

Love starts here!

The AY Department has been actively leading the way, playing a vital role in sharing the message of where love truly begins. Through their nightly series, they continue to remind us of God's unfailing love.

### MARCH

International Women's Day

The Women's Ministry hosted a truly meaningful program, reminding everyone that a woman's strength is rooted in trusting God and seeking Him through prayer. It was a powerful time of faith, reflection, and encouragement for all who took part.



### BIC Family Day

A day filled with joy, fun activities, and heartfelt laughter, bringing everyone closer together. Moments like these remind us that at BIC, we are more than just a church; we are a family.

## FEATURED MINISTRY



“Prung Ni” (Tomorrow) is a meaningful Thai song that reflects on life's uncertainties and gently reminds us to place our trust in God each day. Whether tomorrow brings joy or challenges, the song encourages us to move forward without fear, holding on to the assurance that Jesus is always with us and will guide us through every circumstance.

This year, the Media Ministry is excited to revive long-set-aside projects and create new music videos. These productions not only provide

a platform for members to share their talents, but also serves as a powerful way to spread the inspiring message behind each song.

Marking this meaningful return is a new production featuring one of our talented BIC members, Mr. Leo, with the song “Prungni.” This heartfelt piece beautifully echoes the promise of God’s constant presence in our lives.

We invite you to watch and be encouraged, visit our BIC YouTube channel to see the video.

### our creative crew!



### Editor's Note

*your story matters to us!*

As we release the third issue of the BIC Newsletter, we look back with humble hearts at how this journey began. It is truly a testament to God’s guidance that He has faithfully led not only this publication but the entire church along the way.

This newsletter not only gives us a glimpse of what we are doing as a church but also shows how abundantly God has been blessing us at every step.

Thank you for your prayers and support in making this newsletter possible. And even a simple click-and-read means so much to us.

If you feel inspired to be part of this ministry, we warmly invite you to join our team. We are currently looking for writers, an editor-in-chief, and more. Come and be part of what God is growing!

