

**PERSONAL TESTIMONY BY PATRINA TAN**  
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My name is Patrina Tan. I received Jesus as my Lord and personal Saviour in 1991 and have been worshipping in an Assemblies of God church since then. The following is my personal testimony on what the Lord has done in certain areas of my life in the past few years.

On 11 November 2009, the Lord impressed upon my heart to pray for the salvation of my mother, Chua Beng Keow. I did so faithfully every day without fail. I committed to the Lord that I would accompany my mom, who understands only Hokkien, to church service every week after she is saved. I was prepared to make sacrifices and spend my Sundays accompanying her to another church for Hokkien Service in addition to attending the English Service in my own church that does not conduct Hokkien Service. In July 2011, I observed that my mom's heart was ready to know the Lord. I began to seek the Lord for a godly church that conducts Hokkien Service and is near her house. I googled under the list of the Assemblies of God churches and felt led to go to Zion Full Gospel Church (ZFGC) which conducts Hokkien Service on Saturdays. It is only 2km away from my mom's house. In August 2011, I came to ZFGC alone to check if it is a godly church even though ZFGC is an Assemblies of God church. I made known to Pastor Joyce Yeo the purpose of my visit. A few days later, Pastor Joyce visited my mom. During the visit, my mom, who was then 84 years old, accepted Jesus as her Lord and personal Saviour. She began attending ZFGC the following Saturday. She would joyfully look forward to Saturdays for the worship services. She was water baptized on 6 November 2011. Though she has not been well for the past few months, her faith and trust in the Lord is steadfast. I am indeed very encouraged with what the Lord has been doing in her life.

On 28 October 2012, my sister, Tan Siew Hoon, suffered a stroke. It was very traumatic for her during this period. The stroke left her with slurred speech and she was not able to move her arms and legs. The Hokkien Prayer Meeting covered her with prayers. In one of the visits by Pastor Joyce and the leaders, Siew Hoon accepted Jesus as her Lord and personal Saviour on 15 November 2012. Siew Hoon was discharged from the hospital on 20 November 2012. Seven weeks after the stroke, her speech became clearer and she was able to walk without any walking aids and could take the public transport. Praise the Lord for the speedy recovery! Siew Hoon began attending ZFGC Hokkien Service in December 2012. She was water baptized on 30 June 2013.

In early 2013, my mom invited my cousin Chua Gek Eng, who is already a Christian then, to join us in the Hokkien Service. She is happy attending the services here and decided to worship in ZFGC. Gek Eng was water baptized on 25 January 2014.

At the same time in early 2013, Gek Eng's brother, Francis Chua, also joined us in ZFGC. He invited a few friends to attend as well. Francis Chua and his friends are from another church. They are English-speaking and are very enthusiastic to attend Hokkien Service so that they could learn and share the gospel with their Hokkien-speaking relatives and friends. They have been attending the services regularly. One of them invited an elderly relative Sim Poh Tin, who is also a Christian then, to join us too. Poh Tin is also happy attending the services here. Poh Tin was water baptized on 5 October 2014. Poh Tin's daughter, Rena Tan, who worships in another church, would accompany her in the weekly services.

Attending both ZFGC and my own church became a struggle for me. I realized that I could not serve the Lord effectively in my own church. My heart seemed to be divided between the two churches. After seeking the Lord for His leading, I made the decision to stay in one church, ie ZFGC. It is a challenge for me as I am not conversant in the Chinese language. With the blessing of my pastor, I transferred my membership to ZFGC in January 2014. I believe the Lord knows my heart's desire to want to serve Him wholeheartedly. I was given the opportunities to do so in different areas of service in ZFGC. It is worth the sacrifices and I find it most satisfying whenever I complete every assignment because I know that the Lord is with me.

When I was pondering how I should end this testimony, the Lord showed me a piece of puzzle as an illustration. As I availed myself to God, it was like a piece of puzzle. He connected me to other pieces (my mom, sis, cousins and friends) and formed a very beautiful picture. I thank God for His grace and mercy. I shall continue to avail myself to God and be of use in His Kingdom. May the Lord extend this picture to as big and as beautiful and glorious as He would desire. His Kingdom come, His will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. It's not about me. It's not about us. It's all about Jesus, the Author and the Finisher of our faith. All glory to God. Amen!