

追思紀念王夏星長老

一九二八年正月十五日至二零一六年十一月廿一日



Celebration of Life

Elder Johnny K. Lima

January 15th, 1928 – November 21st, 2016

耶穌說：「復活在我，生命也在我。信我的人雖然死了，也必復活。」

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies,"

詩篇第一篇

不從惡人的計謀，不站罪人的道路，不坐褻慢人的座位，
惟喜愛耶和華的律法，晝夜思想，這人便為有福！
他要像一棵樹栽在溪水旁，按時候結果子，葉子也不枯乾。凡他所做的盡都順利。
惡人並不是這樣，乃像糠粃被風吹散。
因此，當審判的時候惡人必站立不住；罪人在義人的會中也是如此。
因為耶和華知道義人的道路；惡人的道路卻必滅亡。

Psalm 1

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.
But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.
He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.
Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.



承蒙諸主內弟兄姊妹及親朋好友，撥冗參加安息禮拜，感激不盡。願神祝福你們。
**The Lima family would like to thank everyone for coming to the memorial service today.
May God bless you.**

王夏星長老安息禮拜程序

Service in Celebration of the Life of Johnny K. Lima

二零一六年十二月四日(星期日)下午三時半

December 4th, 2016 (Sunday) at 3:30PM

Chapman Funeral Home

主禮：張舉輝牧師

Presiding : Rev. Matthew Chong

翻譯：張靜姐妹

Interpreter : Maria Drew

序樂

Prelude

司琴

Organist

宣召：張舉輝牧師

Call To Worship : Rev. Matthew Chong

唱詩：『奇異恩典』，會眾

Hymn "Amazing Grace" : Congregation

祈禱：胡恩慈牧師

Invocation : Rev. Ann Cheng

讀經：詩篇 23 篇，任麗麗

Scriptures Reading : Psalm 23 , Rev. David Palmer

生平略述

Eulogy

幻燈片：張愷文弟兄

Video Presentation : Calvin Chong

追思：家屬/朋友

Tributes : Lima Family Members/Friends

獻詩：樂齡團契

Anthem : Happy Age Fellowship

信息：張舉輝牧師

Message : Rev. Matthew Chong

唱詩：『我心靈得安寧』，會眾

Hymn : 'It is well with my Soul' , Congregation

家屬致謝

Appreciation from the Family

祝福：張舉輝牧師

Benediction : Rev. Matthew Chong

瞻仰遺容

Viewing : Congregation

詩篇 23 篇

耶和華是我的牧者，我必不至缺乏。他使我躺臥在青草地上他使我躺臥在青草地上，領我在可安歇的水邊。他使我的靈魂甦醒，為自己的名引導我走義路。我雖然行過死蔭的幽谷，也不怕遭害，因為你與我同在；你的杖，你的竿，都安慰我。在我敵人面前，你為我擺設筵席。你用油膏了我的頭，使我的福杯滿溢。我一生一世必有恩惠慈愛隨著我，我且要住在耶和華的殿中，直到永遠！

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd,

I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters.

He restores my soul;

He guides me in the paths of righteousness

For His name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow

of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil;

My cup overflows. Surely goodness and loving kindness will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

帖撒羅尼迦前書 4 章 13-18 節

論到睡了的人，我們不願意弟兄們不知道，恐怕你們憂傷，像那些沒有指望的人一樣。

我們若信耶穌死而復活了，那已經在耶穌裡睡了的人，神也必將他與耶穌一同帶來。

我們現在照主的話告訴你們一件事：我們這活著還存留到主降臨的人，

斷不能在那已經睡了的人之先，因為主必親自從天降臨，有呼叫的聲音和天使長的聲音，又有神的號吹響；那在基督裡死了的人必先復活。以後我們這活著還存留的人必和他們一同被提到雲裡，在空中與主相遇。這樣，我們就要和主永遠同在。所以，你們當用這些話彼此勸慰。

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.

For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

奇異恩典

奇異恩典，何等甘甜，我罪已得赦免；
前我失喪，今被尋回，瞎眼今得看見。
如此恩典，使我敬畏，使我心得安慰；
初信之時，即蒙恩惠，真是何等寶貴！
許多危險，試煉，網羅，我已安然經過；
靠主恩典，安全不怕，更引導我歸家。
將來禧年，聖徒歡聚，恩光愛誼千年；
喜樂頌讚，在父座前，深望那日快現。

Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.
T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear.
And Grace, my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear
The hour I first believed.
Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far
and Grace will lead me home.
When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.

提摩太後書 4:7-8

『那美好的仗我已經打過了；當跑的路我已經跑盡了；所信的道我已經守住了。從此以後，有公義的冠冕為我存留，就是按著公義審判的主到了那日要賜給我的；不但賜給我，也賜給凡愛慕他顯現的人。』

2 Timothy 4:7-8

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the
righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all
who have longed for his appearing”.

我心靈得安寧

有時享平安，如江河又平穩，有時憂傷來似浪滾，
不論何環境，我已蒙主引領，我心靈得安寧。得安寧。

撒但雖來侵，眾試煉雖來臨，但有主美證在我心，
基督已看清我乏助之困境，甘流血救贖我。賜安寧。

回看我眾罪，全釘在十架上，每念此，衷心極歡暢，
主擔我重擔，何奇妙大恩情，讚美主！我心靈。得安寧。

求主快再來，使信心得親見，雲彩將捲起在主前，
號筒聲吹響，主再臨掌權柄，願主來！我心靈。必安寧。

副歌

我心靈，得安寧，我心靈，得安寧，得安寧。

It Is Well with My Soul

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

It is well, with my soul,
It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blessed assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

4. And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

自傳

簡單之自傳 王榮醒（夏星）二零一四年九月廿一日書於美國

序：當我寫這自傳時，雖然我還健在，但是免不了悲從中來，並非愛惜自己的生命，而是想到將與最親愛的家人永別……除基督徒篤信的“靈”的永生之外，誰能逃過在世的生老病死呢？故人生在世應該樂觀而積極，臨死也不必過於悲痛恐懼，一切處之泰然，這是人生應有的正確觀念。

家史：吾家原屬福建省晉江市金井炳洲鄉引后份。祖先源自周王後代子喬公，出自太原。至四十九世祖閩王審知公官福州，始稱開閩……炳洲自杏田分支為一世祖，至十一世我輔公，十二世兆瑞公，十三世嘉斌公，十四世維朱公，十五世毓嬾公，十六世章見公，十七世華糖公，十八世國巧公，十九世先父尚檀，傳至我廿世，兒輩為炳洲廿一世矣。

本人：吾生於民國十七年，農曆七月初八日辰時。即西曆一九二八年八月廿二日。上有早年寡居的姐姐珍蓮，哥哥榮椿（早歿），終老的榮錦（螟），及於一九四一年十二月十七日乘搭哥黎希律輪遇難炸歿的親兄榮萱。下有菲妹五人。吾自幼父兄旅菲，一九四四年農曆四月廿日家遭突變，母亡於難，遂奔姐家。一九四八年元月廿六日父逝於菲，同年六月廿一日我以遊客身份渡菲，孑然一身，幾至流離失所，幸潔身自好。一九五四年任教僑校。一九五五年五月八日與同事阮瑞霞（父籍廣東省台山縣端芬鎮塘底上塘尾人）結婚。一九五八年蒙堂兄珍唱資助貳仟元開始營商，後雖付清，且時時報恩，未敢稍忘於懷，尤其在其病中，往往分外資助，尚恐未足，實人之常情也！一九六一年商業臨近破產，不得已於一九六五年南遷納卯市，歷盡商業上嚴酷之考驗。至一九七二年商業稍有成就時，家庭事無大小，任我主決，是即專心發展。一九七四年被當地土著民族封為拿督。一九七六年創立拿督行。一九七八年競選國際獅子會301E區之總監。自斯將全盤生意交次兒維仁掌管。一九七九年中選國際獅子會總督，同年五月十七日赴加拿大宣誓就職，遍遊美加，前後並考察東南亞之印尼、新加坡、以及泰國、緬甸、印度。歐洲之英國、法國、意大利、荷蘭、瑞士、德國、西班牙、列支登斯敦、梵帝岡、摩洛哥和奧國。遠東的日、韓。美洲的墨西哥、阿拉斯加、夏威夷和前後旅行美國三十州。南半球的奧大利亞和紐西蘭、一九九六年的南非之行、一九九七年的聖地追蹤：包括以色列、約旦、埃及、土耳其和希臘等五國。著有聖地追蹤一書。當然還有中國和台灣、香港、澳門等地。一九九九年的巴拿馬運河及加勒比海諸國。一九八零年被描絲蘭島回教徒及其領袖晉升為榮譽蘇丹。任滿國任滿國際獅子會監督之同年創立拿督行第一分行於南古島高崙那叻。一九八一年五月第二分行於將軍市開幕。一九八三年創拿督行第三分行於渥佬區。一九八五年初因菲政局紛亂赴港避難。後輾轉於香港及美國之間。雖經策劃，終於難成氣候，惜甚！……拿督行之輝煌成就，也可歸功於妻兒之努力。身為創始人，未作全力之貢獻，實於心有愧耳！尤其拿督行之後期，或因我之未能親身經營，致受同途之淘汰，遂成終身另一憾事。上述兒輩名字：廉、仁、德、敦、敏、大，都含潔身自愛、奮發圖強之意。憶自年青，遭遇雖劣，但對國家社會，更加關注。

惟兒輩名字冠以維字（若按左昭右穆應為芳字），後悟與第十四世祖維朱同，乃吾族中昭穆之重複。念時代日新，外國人以自己名字為後代名字者甚眾，亦可為先代芳名之流傳。按吾昭穆，自我輔公開始，左昭為：日兆嘉維毓，章華國尚珍，芳名垂遠著，懿德慶長新。積善傳孫子，定昭福祉臻。右穆為：啓發仲景雋，文心達性天，高才光海宇，立志繼淵源。試爾登科第，簪纓奕禩綿。

吾於 1950 年 11 月 11 日接受洗禮成為基督徒。1983 年旅居香港期間，在香港參加的是閩南三一堂，從那時開始勤讀聖經，迄今廿五年的時間，約等於三分之一的人生，豈是短暫？吾亦曾編寫有關基督教輔導教材，計有：新舊約聖經輔導教材 890 頁，類似啓導本，但加插圖，所有人物名稱及地名都附有英文，內容包括聖經點滴，聖經精華，聖經金句，新舊約聖經簡述與問答，新舊約聖經人物等等。

旅居美國期間，定居亞凱迪亞（Arcadia），參加本市的好牧者及信心聯合衛理公會（Good Shepherd UMC, Faith United Methodist Church），教會張舉輝牧師頗有愛心，會員也十分親切可愛，上述輔導教材多用在家庭查經及教會主日學。

A simple Autobiography and Farewell by Johnny K. Lima (his own words)

Foreword: Although I am still healthy when this FAREWELL was written, sad thoughts had arised from the chamber of my heart, it dose not mean that I love my very own life, but because I am about to depart **forever** from my dearest familyExcept the Christians believe in eternal life, who else may escape from the birth、maturity、sickness and death? Therefore, it is advisable **to live in a optimistic、enthusiastic、active and positive life**, neither fear nor anxiety may cause us at the point of death. Accept it as a fact peacefully, this must be the correct concept of life.

Family History: My birth place is 福建省晉江市金井炳洲引后份. We may trace our ancestor 子喬公 -the eldest son of 周靈王 King of Chow Dynasty at Tai Guan City, Shansi Province. The 49th generation 審知公 became the King of Fookien Province in Foochow.....The first generation of our village was branched out from Hington宏敦村. The 11th generation 我輔公,12th generation 兆瑞公, 13th generation 嘉斌公, 14th generation 維朱公, 15th generation 毓嬾公, 16th generation 章見公, 17th generation 華糖公, 18th generation 國巧公, 19th generation 尚檀 -Antonio Lima. I am the 20th generation, our children will be 21st generation of our village.

Brief Biography: I was born 8 o'clock A.M. on August 22nd, 1928, or the 17th year of Republic of China, the 8th day of 7th month of Chinese calendar. My oldest Sister Wong Sook Sun is older than me by 17 years, a widow since her young age. Next to her was bother Engtoon who past away during his childhood, then, adopted brother Fernando Oscaris who past away at good age in the Philippines. My pure brother

Ongengsuan who was a victim of the bomb during Japanese invasion on board of an interisland vessel Corridor on Dec. 17, 1941 at 12:00 midnight, and, five younger sisters in the Philippines. I had spent my childhood life in the village, while my brothers and father were all abroad. It was a disaster on June 10, 1944 that resulted the death of my mother, then I went to joint my sister Wong Sook Sun. On June 21, 1948 I went to the Philippines as a temporary visitor after the death of my father on January 26 of the same year. Thereafter, a lonely, hopeless, homeless poor boy wandering from place to place. Fortunately, I could exercised self-control as to protect my own future. I was invited as a Chinese school teacher in Surigao on 1954, and married my co-teacher Juana de Jesus on May 8, 1955 -her father originated from Canton Province. It was with the help of a fifth degree cousin Ongtinchiong in the amount of two thousand pesos, and started our business on 1958. Although we had paid our debts to him accordingly, but, we can never forget such generous help and repay him more conscientiously. Specially during his illness, we have to extent to him extra help, this is but human nature. On 1965 we were forced to transfer to Davao City due to the business situation, where I had suffered and started again in a extreme difficult way of life. With a little achievement on 1972. I was respected as the head of the family, everything under my control. I had to concentrate for its development. I was nominated as DATU by the Mindanao minority on 1974. Then established Datu Complex, Inc. on 1976, and was running for the position of District Governor of Lions International on 1978. Since then, I had entrusted the whole business to Walden. I was elected as Governor as above mentioned on 1979, and had oath taking in Montreal, Canada on May 17 of the same year, then tour Canada and America. In the past years I had visited the nations in Southeast Asia such as: Indonesia 、 Singapore 、 Tailand. Burma, India. the European countries such as: England 、 France 、 Italy 、 Holland 、 Switzerland 、 Germany 、 Spain 、 Liechtenstein 、 Vatican 、 Monaco 、 Austria. Japan and Korea in Far East. Mexico 、 Alaska 、 Hawaii and about 30 states of United States of America. Australia and New Zealand those at the south, the tour of South Africa on 1996, the Holy land Tour on 1997, that included Israel 、 Jordan 、 Egypt 、 Turkey and Greece five nations, (the book of Holyland Tour was published in the same year.) and, of course, China 、 Hong Kong 、 Taiwan and Macao, Panama Canal and Caribbean countries.....I was promoted again by the Basiland tribes as Honorary Sultan on 1980. The first branch of Datu Complex, Inc. in Koronadal, South Cotabato was established immediately after serving the term as Governor. The second branch was established at General Santos City. In May 1981 we opened Lima Department Store. The third branch of Datu Complex, Inc. was established in Agdao on 1983. I went to Hong Kong to avoid the disorder of Marcos regime on 1985, wandering between America and Hong Kong, it is a pity to have many plans but failed.....The glory of Datu Complex, Inc. is due to the endeavors contributed by Juana and the children, being the Founder, it is shameful to note that I didn't shoulder the full responsibility! Most specially, Datu was eliminated by the giants in the absence of my personal management, that became the greatest regret in my whole life. The names of all our children had very good meaning if in the Chinese characters, they are more on encouragement for self control and struggle for good virtue. During my young age. I have to struggling for life, likewise I had contributed for the betterment of the community and the nation as well, most specially, the education of my children. Usually, there are three characters in a Chinese name, first stands for the family name, second for generation not middle name,

third for the first name, the second character of all names of my children supposed to be 芳 FONG, but I name them 維 WEI, in fact, it is a repetitions of our 14th generation ancestor 維朱 WEICHU, it is similar to the practice of the other people who name their children after the name of their forefather as Junior for it is being known to the people. (List of the characters in Chinese those stand for different generation).

I was baptized on November 11th, 1950, and became a Christian. Since 1983 when I was residing in Hong Kong , I attended services at the Fujian SanYi Fellowship; and I have been a devout student of the Bible for 25 years since then, which is one third of my lifetime, a considerably long time! I have written and edited Bible-related works in the form of study aids, including but not limited to : the New and Old Testament which totals 890 pages, materials which are similar to mentoring with illustrations, translation of the characters and places from Chinese to English, bits of pieces, the essence and the gist of the Bible. Last but not least, the concise introduction and the Qs and As section of the Bible, and all the characters in the New and Old Testament. These materials have been used during our fellowship gatherings and Sunday School Bible studies.

In the US, I reside in Arcadia, California, and I became a member of the United Methodist Church, first with The Good Shepherd UMC and now with Faith UMC., Our pastor, Matthew Chong is a very kind and faithful servant of God, so are my fellow members of the church.

Johnny K. Lima
September 21, 2014, U. S. A.

阮瑞霞

提起筆來,我真的不知道要寫些什麼?心情很亂,我心裡一直想起我的-----您.爲什麼會這樣呢?難道都是上帝的安排嗎?我不能接受.....

記得 11 月 20 日的晚上,你和兒子們還有我在看電視,講了很多話,心情輕鬆.....21 日早上七點多,我們又一起喝咖啡吃早點,沒想到 10 點多,你的身體感到有問題,很難呼吸.肺部有很多痰,心跳很弱.....所以我們請醫生到家裡來.....沒有辦法漸漸地,你知覺沒有了,心也有問題了,就在下午 4 點 40 分回天家了.

親愛的夏星,我們結婚已經有六十二年,你不是說還要慶祝七十周年嗎?爲什麼您不再等多幾年呢?

親愛的星,我覺得,我認爲您是一個很偉大的丈夫,好爸爸,您愛上帝,我知道上帝會替我們安排的.....您放心吧/

When I picked up my pen, I could not think of anything to write. My heart is troubled. All I could think of was you, my beloved... Why did it happen this way, is this God's own deed, I just could not bear to accept this...

I remember the evening of the 20th, how we spent time together with our sons watching TV together, and you talked much and we were all relaxed with ease of mind... The next morning on the 21st, around seven o'clock, we had breakfast and coffee together. What was not expected was that later around ten you felt something wrong with your body, had trouble breathing, there were phlegm and your heart beat became weak... We then called the doctor, and he came to our house... There was nothing he could do, you were gone little by little, you lost conscious and your heart was in trouble, and then at 4:40 you went to heaven.

My dearest, we had been married for sixty two years, didn't you say we were going to celebrate our seventieth anniversary? How is it so that you won't wait for another few years?

My beloved, I know you had been a wonderful husband, great father, and you loved God, I know God will make arrangements for us... Rest your heart!

悼念敬愛的舅父

外甥女陳明麗

香港時間十一月廿一日清晨(美國十一月廿二日),菲律賓表妹越洋電話告知:

敬愛的舅父和我們永別了,這晴天霹靂令我措手不及,本來和表弟妹約定,十二月一起到美國,和舅父母歡度聖誕,如今卻陰陽兩隔,我悲痛傷心,思緒萬千.....

回憶童年相依為命,雖然生活清苦,但親情深厚,家母是老大,舅父老么,姐弟相差十七歲,姐代母職,疼惜呵護照顧唯一的小弟弟,舅父大我四歲,舅父曾說:雖然是舅甥,但情如兄妹.舅父從小有生意頭腦,教我學習打算盤,讀古書,為我釋疑解難,鼓勵我追求學問.

舅父一生孜孜不倦地學習新事物,緊跟時代潮流,1996年,我從菲律賓回香港定居,79高齡的舅父,教導65歲外甥女學電腦,舅父誨人不倦的精神,感動了我,也鞭策我----活到老,學到老,在之後志工道路上發揮功能.慈濟師兄姐聞名舅父,羨慕我有如此仁慈能幹的舅父,雖然信仰不同,但彼此互相尊重,讚嘆.

舅父博學廣聞,多才多藝,小學學歷,竟能作曲作詞,寫作著書.

舅父有過人膽識,百折不撓壯志,一生克勤克儉,在舅父一生字典裡,沒有"困難"和"疲倦"的字.舅父每次回香港,即時馬不停蹄地處理一切事務.舅父分秒不空過,善用人生,是我的學習的典範.

舅父白手起家,名成利就,舅母功不可沒,賢慧的舅母,體貼支持,同甘共苦,建立輝煌成果和幸福美滿的家庭.

我一生最敬仰的舅父,我永遠懷念您.

感恩敬愛的舅父母,對我的疼惜照顧.

祝願敬愛的舅父,在天國輕安自在.

Tribute to my beloved uncle

His niece Mingli Chen

Early in the morning on November 21st, (November 22nd in the US), my cousin called from the Philippines to inform us that our beloved uncle had passed away. We were so shocked because we were not ready. I had made plans with my cousins to go to the US on the first of December, to celebrate Christmas with uncle and auntie. Now we are separated by death forever. I was grief stricken, and my thoughts went way back....

I remember the days in my childhood, although were poor and plain, but we had each other, and as a family we were close. My mother was the oldest in the family, uncle was the youngest, they were seventeen years apart. Being the older sister, my mother took care of her youngest brother - to my uncle she was like a mother. My uncle was only four years older than me. He once said although he was my uncle, we were actually like siblings. At young age, he had a mind of an entrepreneur, he would teach me how to use abacus, to read the ancient books and explain them to me while answering my questions, he encouraged me to study further.

Throughout his life uncle diligently studied and learned new knowledge to keep himself current with the time. In 1996 I moved from the Philippines to settle in Hong Kong. Uncle was 79 years old and he taught his 65 year old niece computer. His spirit and tireless zeal of teaching motivated me and compelled me to learn...and I truly believe that one is never too old to learn, which helped me to take the path of being a volunteer in the CiJi organization. My fellow brothers and sisters in the organization envy me for having such a kind and able uncle. Although, we differ from each other in our religious beliefs, but we respect each other. How wonderful it is.

My uncle was very well-learned and well informed. Although he only received grade school education, he could compose music and write lyrics, he could write to publish books. My uncle surpassed others in intelligence and determination. He was dauntless; never lose heart despite repeated failures. He practiced economy and diligence. In his “dictionary”, the words such as “difficulty” or “tired” cannot be found. . Every time he was in Hong Kong, his schedule was always fully booked, working non-stop taking care of business. He would not waste any minute by idling, he lived his life to the fullest, and his way of life will always be my paragon.

Uncle rose in his life by his own effort, and was tremendously successful. My auntie had played a very important part ; a wife of many virtues, she had been supportive and understanding, they went through life together, and established this wonderful life with a beautiful and happy family.

My most honored and beloved uncle, I will remember you forever.

Thank you and auntie for caring and loving me.

May you be free and without worry in Heaven.

Tribute to Papa

Papa is a great achiever. He has done many great things not only for our family but also for others. He is a man who came from rags to riches, and although as human beings, we cannot evade failure and sin, we can see that his life and Mama's life came back to the fold of Christ.

Aside from being an achiever, he was very wise. He had taught me the principles of Confucius and Sun Tzu. He taught me about leadership, and how to stand alone in difficulties and hardships, of which is something that I really appreciate. We will never forget you, Papa. You have shared to us your life's wonders and wisdom of whom no one could ever have taught us. We will see you again in heaven where there is no suffering and pain, where there is just happiness in Jesus' everlasting presence.

am very thankful for my brothers and sisters along with their better halves that took care of Papa and Mama while me and Bay were in the Philippines. I am also very thankful to all of the people who loved and took time to take care of Papa. You have been a great help to him and also to our family. Again, thank you so much for spending your time and effort with us in this time of grief!

紀念父親

爸爸是一個有著偉大成就的人。他做了許多的大事，不止是爲了我們的家庭，更爲他人。他是一個白手起家致富的人，雖然他和常人一樣有失誤有罪過，但是我們看到他和母親的生命是在基督的懷抱裡。

除了他的成就，父親是個有智慧的人。他教導我孔子和孫子的處世原則。他教導我如何做一個領袖，如何在困境和難處中獨處，這是最感激和珍惜的。我們永遠懷念你，爸爸。你和我們分享人生的美好和智慧，沒有人向你這樣教導我們。我們將在天庭再見面，在那裡不再有痛苦與受難，只有在永恆耶穌裡的歡樂。

我非常感謝我的弟弟和妹妹們，以及他們的另一半，我和 Bay 遠在菲律賓，謝謝你們照顧爸爸和媽媽。也要特別感謝所有愛父親和花時間照顧他的親朋好友。謝謝各位給我們家庭和父親的幫助。另外，更要謝謝各位在我們哀傷的時刻與我們同在。

Tribute to my Father

I wish to first thank my mother, Juana J Lima, for spending her best 61 years with Papa, Johnny K Lima. Without Mama beside him, life would have been totally different. The story of my father is one of a life well lived. His life story was written by the best person who knows him best -- himself. He wrote "A Simple Autobiography and Farewell" - in Sep 2014, and "My Incredible Life Journey" in Feb 2016. I wish to share with you some very simple yet fulfilling memories of our time together.

My Father -- The Student

In 1985. During one of my trip to Hong Kong, I introduced my father to the world of computers. We spend two days in computer shops in Sham Shui Poo, bought a computer and lots and lots of books. You can call my father a book worm, and he almost always finish a book in one sitting. Seeing my father trying to learn computers by reading computer books, I extended my usual few days visit to a three-week computer teaching visit. I am so honored to teach my most eager student -- My father. The experience resulted in his learning more than what I can teach. He was then 57, when he started using computer. My father mastered Visicalc (long before Excel was written), became very proficient in Microsoft Office (where he contributed to much of our Church newsletter for many years starting from 2007 to 2011. He also became an expert with Finale, the software that he used to compose numerous Christian Songs that we still sing today. When I checked his 2 computers today, Nov-27, I realized that the last time he used his computers was on Oct-27.

My Father -- The Teacher

During my parent's residency in Hong Kong, they were introduced to an exercise practice called Luk Tong Kuen or LTK, a 40 minutes exercise that starts at 6:30 am everyday. Upon their joining the Church of Good Shepherd in Holly Avenue in the nineties with Pastor Matthew, he introduced LTK to a few church members, and in a few weeks, I see my father -- the teacher, leading a large group of LTK participants everyday at 6:30 am. Some of my father's best and closest friends today were part of that daily LTK exercise. My father's last Luk Tong Kuen exercises was on Sep-6, 2016.

Many years later in 2004. My father asked me to buy 20 brand new Dell notebook computers. He then offered to teach computers to our church members. The training lasted for 2 weeks -- my mother was one of the student. After completing the training session of Chinese email and Chinese word processing, he announced to sell the "used but brand-new" computers to his students at \$100 less for the cost I paid for. The very hectic 2 weeks training days, was one of the proudest moments of my entire life. He is my father, the teacher.

He wrote a comprehensive teaching of the Bible that we still use on Wednesdays and Sundays Bible time, and a thorough translation of Rick Warren's Purpose Driven Life. 2 of this works, I will forever treasure.

My Father -- The Carpenter (Snow in May?)

In 2011, after visiting the village of Lake Arrowhead, my father decided to live in the mountains. It was not only for the beautiful gentle lake nor for the amazing giant mountains, he was all too eager to go back to one of his first love - being the carpenter. Throughout his active business life, my father have personally designed and supervised the construction of his homes and his businesses. His last project was their house at the 6th Avenue in Arcadia. Although we were not fortunate enough to secure a permit to build a small worship chapel, it was still 50% fulfilling for him to invite friends to visit his work. My father have always wanted to show his works, That morning on May-1 in 2012, with 55 church members and friends in a chartered bus, we drove from the Church ground in Temple City up to the mountains of Lake Arrowhead. Later that afternoon, as we started boarding the bus, 3 pm of Tuesday, it started to drizzle, and unbelievably, it started to snow, and it snowed and it snowed. The whole group turned ecstatic. To this date, I

still wonder in awe - Snow in May?

God Walks in a Mysterious Way

I never was keen to having my own children and actually never really wanted. However, in 2001, I committed a severely serious mistake in my married life. Leaving my homeland, the Philippines, was like dying. My father, my mother and my sister Wilda, gentle but firm convinced me to move to California. It was a gift that I am forever indebted to my father, my mother and Wilda and my Wife Rene. On Mar 3 2005, we received the gift of life(s) -- twin boys, Matthew and John. I was 47, and Rene was 48.

Although I have always been my father's biggest fan, it was not until 2005, after the birth of our twins that I started to push myself closer and closer to my parents. For many months, I would take my wife and twin babies to go see Grandpa and Grandma, first every Tuesday night, and later extending to Friday nights, then Saturday brunch and further unto our Sunday get together with our brothers and sisters. I learned from my Papa what it was like to be a father myself. To this day, my boys still say in Fookien dialect, "Do you know I love you Grandpa/Grandma?"

In 2007, after one of our regular Tuesday night dinner with Papa, Mama, my wife and the boys. I received a call from my father. He said. "We are departing for Hongkong tomorrow, when we return, you do not have to come bring us to dinners anymore" -- I was shocked, but did not object nor did I question and I said "Ok". After a month, my parents were back in California. And, on the first Tuesday, I brought Rene Matthew and John, and went as usual with my parents for our Tuesday dinner. My father never said anything about this, nor did I ever ask why he said that. I only confided to Rene that I was very hurt. On the day Papa passed, I finally understood why.. My father, being the busiest man on earth, never wanted wasted time, every minute counts. He wanted me to spend more time with my own family. Thank you Papa. I now understand why you say what you said.

Lease(s) of Life

In April 26 of 2002, my father undergone prostate treatment by radiation. The treatment went well and eliminated the disease, he received God's gift of a second chance in life. The success did not come easily. The 5 day recovery at the hospital was one of his most harrowing nightmare. He "felt" wrongfully treated. Not only was it painful, it was short of abuse and slander. He would wrote a letter to the Head of the Hospital about the incidents. Coming home, he started to preach forgive and forget.

In May 21, 2015, my father went through colon operation, It took more than 3 hours for what was supposed to be a 1 hour operation. We later learned that a major error was committed, what was supposed to be 1 quarter removal ended up with almost 3 quarters of his intestine removed. For 3 nights that I stayed beside him, the world was upside down, Coming home, I recalled our brothers and sisters furious, outraged and bitter, but then my father again says forgive and forget. It was in fact the start of a third lease of life.

13 months later, in June of 2016, my father started lung cancer treatment. The first 2 months of treatment was easy for him, on the third month to November, he went from walking by himself, to walking with cane, to walker and to wheelchair. It was fast and painful. I was with my father

and mother during his very last night of sleep -- for the first time in a month, he did not sleep in their bedroom but was instead in the living room. After two life lease renewals, 2002 and 2015, my father's lease of life expired. He passed on Nov-21, 2016 at 4:40 pm.

All things must pass

At the age of 88, my father passed. My father did not win a Nobel prize, but if you are looking for an example of a great man, you do not have to look any further than Johnny K Lima. We love you Papa, you are beautiful when you pass as you were beautiful in life. We will all miss you, yet we will never forget you, we will always have stories to tell our children and our children's children about the life of one of the greatest father who ever lived. Can you hear your grandson, John-John saying "Do you know I love you Angkong?"

紀念父親

首先我要謝謝我的母親，過去 61 年與父親共渡此生。沒有母親在旁陪伴，父親的生命會是完全不同的光景。父親的人生是美好的，父親人生最佳的詮釋者就是他自己－父親生前早已寫好了一份遺書：“一生略述與訣別”- 時間是 2014 年的 9 月，另外就是他在 2016 年 2 月寫了一本回憶錄“難以置信的人生”。以下我要和各位分享一些我和父親共處的時光，雖然平常但是意義深遠。

我的父親－永遠的學生

1985 年。我去了一趟香港，就在那時我介紹父親認識了電腦。我們花了兩整天的時間在九龍的深水埗逛電腦店，買了一台電腦和許多的書。父親可以說是個書蟲，坐下來可以一口氣讀完一本書。看著父親努力地讀有關電腦的書學習電腦，我把通常只有數日的行程延長到三個星期的電腦教學之旅，我深感榮幸能夠教到這麼一個認真學習的學生－我的父親。結果父親學習進步之快超過我所教給他的。那一年，父親 57 歲，初學電腦。之後父親精通 Visicalc（早在 Excel 程式寫成之前），他也對微軟電腦的辦公軟件很熟練（2007-2011 對我們教會的通訊週報發行做出相當的貢獻）。他也成為 Finale 軟件的專家，用來譜寫了無數的聖歌，我們到今天還在唱。11 月 27 日我打開他的電腦，發現他最後一次用電腦的日子是 10 月 27 日。

我的父親 - 永遠的老師

我父母親在旅居香港的期間有人介紹他們學習健身運動“六通拳”，每天早上 6 點 30 分開始運動。我當時也加入和他們一起健身。1990 年間張舉輝牧師曾經把這個健身運動介紹給在好牧者教會的一些會友。幾個星期之後，我看到父親這個老師帶領著一批人每天早上六點半練拳。許多父親的好友就是在那時練拳的時候認識的直到今日，父親最後一次練六通拳是 2016 年 9 月 6 日。2004 年的後半年，父親要我替他購買 20 台全新的 Dell 牌的筆記型電腦。他用這些電腦免費教教我們教會的弟兄姊妹使用電腦。課程是兩個星期，母親當時也是學生之一。在課程結束之後他將這些電腦當作“全新的二手貨”，以低於我當初購買時價錢 100 元美金的價錢轉讓給他的學生。那兩個緊張忙碌的星期，是我人生中最值得驕傲的一段時間。我的父親是教學的老師。他寫了許多全備的聖經課程，每個星期三和星期六在教會的團契中使用，甚至將理華克牧師所著的“有意義的人生”全書自己翻譯成中文。這些都是我要珍藏終生的。

我的父親－木匠（五月天的雪？）

2011年父親到箭頭湖遊覽，決定要在山上購置房產。不僅是因為寧靜優美的湖光和壯麗的山色，主要是因為他想要重溫舊時的夢，就是木工。父親一生當中，不論是住家或是辦公大樓的建築都是親自督工。他最後的一個建築工程就是亞凱迪亞六街的住宅。雖然我們無法在箭頭湖的住宅申請建小教堂的執照，但是能夠邀請親朋好友上山去看他的成品，還是讓他非常開心。記得當時是2012年的5月1日，教會中弟兄姐妹55人在停車場集合共乘一輛遊覽巴士，從天普市出發前往箭頭湖。到了下午大家上車回家的時間是三點鐘，開始下起毛毛雨，沒想到不久竟然飄雪。全體同伴都興奮極了。直到今天我還為那日感到震撼－五月天的雪？

神的道路無比奇妙

我一直對小孩子沒有什麼興趣，更不用說我自己要有孩子。但是2001年我的婚姻出了嚴重的錯誤。離開家鄉菲律賓對我來說生不如死。我的父親，母親和妹妹，苦苦相勸要我移居加州。結果這是我一生中最珍貴的禮物，永遠感激父親，母親和妹妹和我的妻子 Rene。因為2005年3月3日，我得到了兩個生命的禮物，一對雙生的兒子，Matthew和John。當時我47歲，我的妻子48歲。雖然我一直是父親的頭號粉絲，但我是在2005年兒子們出生後才和我的父母親有了親近的關係。孩子出生後好幾個月，我常和妻子帶著兩個小寶寶去探望阿公阿媽，起先是每個星期二晚上，後來加上星期五的晚上，接下來加上星期六中早餐，有時星期天其他的兄弟姐妹也會一起團聚，在這種時候我總會在父親的身上看到為父的榜樣。直到今日我的孩子們常會用福建話對我的父母親說：“阿公阿媽，你知道我愛你嗎？”2007年有一個星期二，在我們全家和父母親共進晚餐回家之後，父親打了一個電話給我。對我說：“明天我要去香港，我們回來之後，你們不用送晚餐到我們家來了。”我聽了非常吃驚，但是沒有反對，也沒有問為什麼，我只是回答說：“好的。”一個月後父母親回來了，我還是照常在星期二的晚上去和父母親共進晚餐。父親也沒有說什麼，我也沒有問他為什麼。只是和妻子談到我當時感到很傷心。父親過世的那一天，我終於明白他的心意。我父親，是一個極為忙碌的人，從不浪費時間，每一分鐘都珍惜。他要我多花時間在自己的家庭。謝謝你，爸爸。我現在明白你的心意了。

加添的年歲

2002年4月26日，父親因攝護腺癌開始接受放射治療。治療的結果良好，病症被消除，上帝賞賜父親第二個人生。但是治療成功得來不易。在醫院五天的恢復期間，是父親一生當中最痛苦的惡夢。他“感覺”被虐待。因為他不僅身體痛苦，他覺得受到凌辱。他曾寫信給醫院的院長，投訴他所受的待遇。但是回家後，他開始教導我們要忘記過去而且要赦免。2015年5月21日，父親接受直腸手術。原本只需1個小時的手術，竟長達3個小時。後來我們得知手術出了嚴重的錯誤，原本只需切除4分之1的直腸，結果竟切除了將近4分之3的小腸。我在醫院陪伴父親三天三夜，我們的世界翻覆了。我記得回到家後，我們兄弟姐妹極其憤怒，苦毒，但是父親再一次要我們赦免要我們忘記過去。這一次上帝給了父親第三個人生。13個月後，2016年的6月，父親開始了肺癌的治療。頭兩個月的治療對父親來說沒有困難，從第三個月開始直到11月，他從能自己步行到使用拐杖，到使用步行架再到坐輪椅。病情的惡化很快也很痛苦。我一直陪伴著父母，直到父親最後一夜－在那一晚，也是一個月以來，他第一次不要睡在自己的臥房，而要睡在起居間。在神給他續

約兩次的人生之後，2002 和 2015，父親的生命期滿。他在 2016 年 11 月 21 日下午 4 點 40 分去世。

一切都要過去

父親 88 歲去世。他沒有得過諾貝爾獎，但是你想看一個偉人的榜樣，不需到處去找，他就在我們當中，就是王夏星先生。我們愛你，爸爸，你去世的時候和你在世的時候一樣美好。我們會懷念你，我們更永遠不會忘記你，我們會把你的故事傳給你的子子孫孫，告訴他們你是我們心目中最偉大的父親。你聽到你的孫子們在說“阿公，你知道我們愛你嗎？”

It is very sad that we lost our father despite of his strong will and determination.

My father had always loved us and often times would worry about us. During Sundays' family gatherings, sometimes when my oldest son Timothy could not join us, he would always look for him. Then he would advise me to always look after my family.

I had always looked up to him as a role model. And had always admired my father how he became successful in business, how he handled things in depth details, and how he enjoyed his life with Mama and us.

During the past 3 months was the toughest. I saw his health declined so terribly fast. How I wished we can pause the days to run so we can have more moments with him. After his chemo for 3 months, he was so depressed. I tried to cheer him up and told him to look forward to our family reunion this Christmas but he sadly said, he might not reach Christmas anymore. It really broke my heart and I cried.

I came back from Asia just in time to see my father lying in bed, in pain had difficulty breathing. I felt his pain so much. Just after few hours, he passed away. I am very glad that I brought my family on his side during his passing. One by one we talked to him and I had the chance to say "I love you Papa." He could hardly move and yet he opened his palm to reach for my son Trevin's hand. It really broke my heart to see him fade away. It was my saddest moment and I cried so much that day.

When my mother was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma in 2008, my father was very concerned and worried. He often told us how difficult it would be if he would live without my mother. I would accompany them to bring my mother to City of Hope to get treatment and soon enough my mother's condition is well controlled. Until early part of this year, when my father was diagnosed with lung cancer, he could no longer accompany my mom to City of Hope because he himself, is also getting chemo treatment. My father's health declined very fast. Now he is already in God's hand in heaven, I and my siblings have to take care of our mother. Papa, we all love you! Please don't worry about Mama, we will take good care of her.

哀哉！雖然他是那麼的堅強是那麼的有毅力，我們還是失去了我們摯愛的父親。父親是這麼的愛我們，常常顧念我們。每次週日家庭聚會的時候，當我的大兒子 Tmothy 不能參加時，父親總會問起他。之後父親會提醒我要照顧好我的家庭。我很崇拜父親，他是我的楷模。我常常想到他成功的事業，他處理事情鉅細無遺的態度，他和母親相敬如賓快樂的夫妻生活。

過去這三個月是一場艱苦的奮戰。我目睹父親的身體急速地衰弱。我多麼希望時光能夠暫停，讓我們能夠有更多的時間和他共處。在接受化療三個月後，父親非常的沮喪。我試著鼓舞他，跟他說我們要一起過聖誕節，但是父親哀傷地說他可能過不到聖誕節了。當時我心碎地哭了。

我及時從亞洲趕回來，見到父親在病床上呼吸困難。我感同身受他的痛苦。之後幾個小時父親就過世了。我感到很安慰，能夠見到父親最後一面。我們一個一個地對他說“爸爸，我們愛你。”雖然他很衰弱，但是他向我的兒子 Trevin 伸出他的手掌。親眼看見父親漸漸離我們而去，真是使我心碎。這是我人生中最哀戚的時刻，我整日哭泣。

2008 年母親被診斷患了多發性骨髓炎時父親非常擔憂。他常常對我們說如果母親不在他的日子會非常難過。那時，我常常陪他們去 City Of Hope 接受治療，很快地母親的病情控制住了。今年年初父親被診斷肺癌之後，他不能再陪母親去接受治療，因為他自己也需要接受化療。父親的病情很快地惡化。現在他在天堂，在神的手中，我和兄弟姐妹們會照顧好母親。

親愛的爸爸，我們愛你！請不要掛慮，我們會好好照顧母親。

Hi Papa,

It was very difficult for me to see you go. But I am thankful that you are now in a better place where there's no more pain and suffering. A place that is full of love and happiness. I know God is with you now. And I know someday we will meet again. You left us with so much memories, but the last part of your life stands out the most. I am thankful that I have the opportunity to serve you on the most difficult moment of your life. Although I have to deal with my back pain while tending on you many months, it was my most gratifying moment, to serve the greatest inspiration of my life, that's you Papa. I love you so dearly.

When we were young, you gave us numerous invaluable advice that I took for granted. Now looking back, I realized how those advices shaped my life and brought me to where I am now. It's still fresh in my mind when we stayed together in Hongkong for 2 years where I prepared our meals everyday. On Sundays we played chess all day with a bag of peanut on each side. Thank you for spending the time to teach me play chess. Most of all, thank you for choosing to spend the time with me.

Every time I am with my friends, I constantly talked proudly of you. To date, I have not seen anyone as smart as you. Although you were only able to reach fifth grade, your intellectual level is beyond PHD. I am always amazed of your mathematical skills. You even beat the calculator. I missed those times when you passionately talk to us about China's history. Those memories will be with me forever.

Even though I said goodbye to you when I stayed with you all the way till your last breath, I know deep in my heart that one day I will see you again. Pa, you had a great life. God loves you and blessed you all your life. Now you are sitting right next to God. That is the reason I have to be joyful instead of sorrow. I love you Pa. Someday I will see you again.

親愛的爸爸，

看著你去世好難過。但是我心中充滿感恩，知道你是去到那更好的地方，不再有痛苦，不再受難。去到那充滿愛與歡樂的地方。我知道神與你同在。我也知道有一天我們會再見面。你留給我們許多的回憶；但是你人生的最後一段時間最值得我們紀念的。我也感恩，讓我在你人生中最困難的時刻有機會服侍你。雖然我有背痛的問題，但是照顧你這幾個月，是我人生中最滿足的一段時間，因我在服侍一個在我人生當中給我最大啓發的人，我的父親。我好愛你。

我們年幼的時候，你給了我們無數無價的忠告和教導，我卻認為理所當然。現在回想起來，才明白這些教導塑造了我的人生，使我有今日的成就。在香港同住的兩年，我每天預備飯食的記憶猶新。還有星期日我們一起下棋，一邊一袋花生。謝謝你花時間教我下棋。最重要的是要謝謝你在諸多事中選擇和我共渡時光。

每當我和朋友相處時，我時常會談起你，以你為榮。直到今天，我還未見過比你更聰明的人。雖然你受的教育只到五年級，但是你的知識程度遠遠高出博士。你的數學能力總會使我驚奇。你比計算機還快。我也懷念你熱情地講述中國歷史的時光。這些記憶將永遠伴隨我。

雖然我在陪伴你到人生最後一刻，向你道別，但是我心中深深地知道我們會再見面。爸，你有一個美好的人生。上帝一生愛你祝福你。現在你就在祂的旁邊。所以我要歡喜而不是悲傷。我愛你，爸。有一天我會再見到你。

Tribute:

My father is an extraordinary person. Extraordinary not just because he is my Dad, but it is because this is the truth.

Fighter

A fighter 'til the end. In May 2015, he went through colon surgery. Survived it despite the major mistake by his gastroenterologist. Instead of marking his descending colon, the doctor marked his ascending colon for incision. For a supposedly quick surgery of less than an hour, he went through more than 3 hours of procedure. Instead of cutting his colon by less than a foot, his surgeon ended up cutting more than a third of his intestines. Of course recovery was hard for him, he went through delirium not to mention the physical and emotional pain. His will power was so strong. He fought even harder so he can continue to stay with us. During this fight, knowing that we, his children may have this same cancer gene, he was at the same time remorseful that he had us, not because he does not love us, but because he loved us so much that he does not wish that we experience this same ordeal as he did. Many times, I saw him fought back tears. Maybe, as was always true with his life, God and luck always follow him. He not only survived and recovered from the surgery, he also rid himself of colon cancer. God gave him a new lease in life...until when... he had to meet another cancer, that of the lung.

In June of this year, he was scheduled for his second major surgery. This time, to take out the cancer from his lung. After waking up and learning that surgery was aborted, he insisted: "We must take out the cancer." Unfortunately, cancer had already spread and surgery was of no use. We were told, the next step was chemotherapy. Being a fighter, father agreed.

During his first day of chemotherapy, Walter asked how he was feeling. My father replied: "Great! Superman is my best friend." Even with such adversity, he still found humor and cheer. His fighting spirit never fading.

When he was already under hospice care, no longer able to stand on his own, memory already fading away, when the nurse came to visit him and asked him he how he felt, he replied: "Happy!"

Summer Star

One day, I had to take off from work as there was no caretaker. I had a chance to ask him about the calligraphy hanged on their living room wall. I asked him whether he wrote them. He said yes. And I asked him what they meant. I know the first and third words were his Chinese name. I could clearly see, the dim of his eyes lit up and said: "Summer Sun, Summer Star, brightly shining to million miles away." This is exactly how he lived his life. He started

from nothing. He arrived the Philippines an orphan...and homeless. Through perseverance, hard work, luck and God's help, he achieved so much more than any ordinary person could. He was alone and yet he now has us, children and grandchildren.

5 Blessings

He had always said. There are 5 blessings in life. Longevity, prosperity, good health, nobility and lastly, peaceful passing... When we learned that his cancer was spreading very rapidly and so aggressively, and treatments were no longer working, his hope and sense of purpose started fading. I had to remind him how lucky he was for having achieved all 4 lucks. Now, he just needed to get that fifth luck. A week before he passed away, I told him I am going to run some errands, he held my hand and said, "I am going." I asked: "Where to?" "To Heaven." He replied. He was saying goodbye to me. On the day he passed away, we said farewell to him before he passed. I told him if he would like to go, it is okay. God is there. Just follow the light. Think of God. Ankong, Ama, Ako and Ape are all waiting for him. Not to worry about us as we are all fine here...With God's help, he received his fifth blessing on Nov 21, 2016 at 4:40 pm. 4:40 pm (think about 4, 4 means death), how he timed it to 4:40 is just so him. Just like when he celebrated his birthday in 2008. He had to time it at 8:08pm on Aug 8 of 2008.

Long life

I thank God for giving him such a long life, and for giving him to us. Through him, I get to appreciate God's purpose. I saw so many times, how things just fall into its place. Events that seem to have no purpose in the past, they just fall into place and show their purpose later on. I realized: I am a Pharmacist because one of God's purpose was for me to be there for him. Walter has a hospice business, Dad eventually needed it. I am certain, under God's guidance, we were able to persuade Valerie (his granddaughter) to go back to school to become a doctor. She came here to study for the medical board exam, not knowing she was really here just in time to help release Dad from his failing body.

Today, in this gathering, we are not really here for his funeral. We are here to celebrate the amazing life of my father, an extraordinary person. We are here to thank God's everlasting graciousness.

紀念父親

我的父親是一個不尋常的人。不是因為他是我的父親，而是因為這是事實。

鬥士

他是一個奮戰到底的鬥士。2015年5月，父親接受了直腸手術。雖然手術中因為他的腸胃科醫生的緣故發生重大的失誤，但是他恢復了。醫生所犯的錯誤是誤將上段的直腸切除而非應切除的下段部分。致使原本只需1個小時的手術長達3個小時。原本只需切除1尺的直腸，他的外科醫生竟將他小腸3分之1切除。手術後恢復的過程對他而言誠然艱難，他經歷了手術後的澹妄症，以及身心的痛苦。但是他意志堅強。他更勇敢地奮戰，為的是要能繼續和我們在一起。在這一場奮戰中，他認識到他的子女可能會有同樣的癌細胞基因，他表示後悔生了我們，這不是因為他不愛我麼，而是因為太愛我們，他不希望我們和他一樣受苦。好幾次我看到他忍住不流淚。也許他的人生確有神與福氣隨著他。他不僅從手術恢復，他的直腸癌症完全消除。神又給了他新的年歲...直到...他又要面對另一個癌症，是肺癌。今年6月，他又接受了第二次重大的手術。這一次是切除肺部的癌症。父親在手術後醒過來之後得知沒有進行切除的手術，他堅持：“我們一定要切除癌細胞。”不幸的是，癌症已經擴散，手術是無效的。醫生告訴我們下一步是接受化療。父親這位鬥士同意了。在第一天接受化療的時候，Walter問他感覺如何。父親回答說：“好極了！超人是我最好的朋友。”雖然他處在這樣的困境中，他還是很幽默的鼓舞我們。他奮鬥的精神將永不褪色。當他已經開始接受安寧療護時，他已經無法自己站起身來，他的記憶力也逐漸衰退，當護士來看他時，問他你感覺如何，他回答說。“快樂！”

夏日之星

有一天，因為沒有看護照顧父親所以我必須請假照顧父親。我有機會問起父親客廳牆上的對聯。我問他上面的書法是不是他的手筆，他說是的。我又問他對聯的意思。我知道第一個和第三個字是他的中文名字，這時我看到他原本黯淡的眼神亮起來，他說“夏日之陽，夏日之星，在萬里之上發光。”這就是父親一生的寫照。他從一無所有開始。去到菲律賓的時候，他是一個孤兒...無家可歸。靠著毅力，勤奮，運氣和上帝的幫助，他的成就遠遠超出常人。他曾經孑然一身，但是現在他有我們，他的子女和他的孫兒們。

五福

父親常說，人生有五福。長壽，富貴，康寧，好德，最後是善終...當我們得知他的癌症在迅速地擴散，所有的治療無效時，他心中的希望和目標逐漸消失。我得常常提醒他，他是多麼地有福氣能夠享有四福。現在他要得到第五福。在他去世前一星期，我跟他說我得出門辦些事，他握著我的手對我說，“我要走了。”我問他：“走去哪裡？”“去天堂。”他回答說。那是他在和我道別。在他去世的那天，我們每個人都在他走以前和他道別。我對他說，他可以放心地去了，“神在那裡。只要跟著祂的光走就是。”想著神，想著阿公，阿媽，和阿姑和阿伯他們都在等你。不要擔心我們，我們會在這裡好好的...藉著神的恩典，父親2016年11月21日下午4點40分得到了第五福。4點40分（四和死福建話是同音），他怎麼能算得那麼準，這就是父親，就像他在2008年慶祝生日是一樣。他一定要在8月8日8點08分準時開始。

長壽

感謝神給了父親長壽，也感謝神將父親賜給我們。藉著父親，我更明白神在我生命中的目的。無數次我見證到神如何使事事合宜。許多在當時看似沒有特別目的的事成就了，到後來我們可以看到神的目的。我現在明白，我成爲一個藥劑師，是爲了能夠在父親的身邊支持他。Walter 從事安寧療護行業，父親最終有需要了。我也確信神在帶領，讓我們說服女兒 Valerie 再回學校讀完醫學院成爲醫生。她這次回來是要準備醫生執照的考試，不想她及時在場幫助處理父親生命結束後的事宜。

今天我們聚在一起，其實不是來參加喪禮。我們是來歡慶紀念父親奇妙美好的一生，紀念一個極其不尋常的人。我們在這裡是來感謝神無盡的恩典。

Papa

It was so difficult to have not seen and stayed with you on your last journey here on earth. How guilty I felt. I have been so busy with my own things in the Philippines that I kept delaying my trip to the US not till recently when I already heard the news about your last few hours. Although I rushed to come hoping to say my farewell to you, unfortunately, it was too late. You already left even before I arrived.

Regretting how I wished I could have spent more time with you does not do any good anymore. But somehow, I hope you could hear me say 'I love you Papa and will always do.' You shaped our lives, you gave your all to us, THAT we will never forget.

On the light side Papa, I want to thank you...that somehow, I could sense I have that special soft spot in your heart. You always treated me like a baby even when I am already in my fifties. Imagine being tucked in bed by dad in my fifties! That's how lucky I was! Even at this age, whenever I am with You, you tried to make all effort to show me how much you love me.

Countless good memories...one such good memory was that You went with me to Cu ci tunnel in Vietnam. You were already an eighty yr old man when we went inside that tunnel. wow!!

Good memories like when you and mama sent me off for my wedding day or when you came again to see me give birth to Abby. Memories like that will never be erased in a lifetime.

Papa thank you so much for coaching me all these years. I will try my best to follow your advices and hope to see you in heaven someday.

爸爸

沒能陪伴你，看著你走過在世最後一段人生的旅程，我實在難過。心中充滿了愧疚，我因為在菲律賓太忙了，甚至在已經知道您時日無多還遲遲沒有來美國探望你。雖然趕過來，還是太遲了。在我趕到之前，您已經離我們而去。

雖然心中滿是懊悔沒有能多一點時間和您共處，也只能悲嘆徒然。但是我還是多麼想要讓你聽到我親口對您說“爸爸愛您，永遠愛您。”您塑造了我們的生命，把你的所有都給了我們，我們永不忘懷。

我要謝謝您，爸爸...我知道我在您的心中有著一個特別的位置。您總是特別疼愛我，甚至我都五十歲的人了，您還當我是小寶貝。誰能想像一個五十歲的人父親還會在睡前替他掖被子！我實在是太幸運了！甚至在我這個年紀，只要我們共處的時候，你總是特別要讓我知道你有多愛我。

我心中有太多美好的回憶...其中一件是您和我一起去越南遊覽古芝隧道。那時您已經是八十歲的老人家，還自己走進隧道裡，太棒了！

其他美好的回憶例如，我結婚那天，您和媽媽一起送我出門，我生第一個孩子 Abby 的時候您來探望我。這些美好的回憶在我一生當中都不會淡忘。

爸爸，非常謝謝您這些年來教導帶領我。我會盡力按照您的教導，盼望我們有一日再相會。

悼念王長老/奇妙的以馬內利。

朱兆晞，張靜

『必有童女懷孕生子；人要稱他的名為以馬內利。以馬內利翻出來就是神與我們同在。』
(馬太福音 1：23)。

各位弟兄姐妹，平安。我們夫妻從 2008 年來到本教會，最大的一個祝福就是認識了王長老夫婦。長老不但熟讀聖經，熱心聖工，愛主愛人，更重要的神用長老那謙卑順服的屬靈生命，啟發了我們，帶領了我們。我們在長老的身上看到的是一個『良善又忠心的僕人』典範。

在每個主日，崇拜開始之前，長老總是獨自坐在前排默禱，我們往往受聖靈的感動，上前去握住他的手和他一同禱告。禱告中，聖靈就讓我們感受到他胸中那顆柔軟謙卑的心，使我們不由自主地流淚。

可是，今天我們要和各位分享的不是長老一生中如何帶領了我們。我們要報告的是我們看見主耶穌如何在長老最後的日子裡，親自地安慰了他，鼓勵了他。主在天國裡為長老預備了上好的座位，長老現在天國裡和主一同座席，同享主的喜樂。

在 2014 年，長老及瑞霞姐的舊居因為水管破裂，以致淹水，無法居住。他的兒女們就集資購置了現今的新居給他們。長老入住之後，非常喜歡，他先替愛妻裝了電梯，又精心佈置了每個房間，還開放家庭，歡迎教會的弟兄姐妹們前往聚會。

在佈置新房的諸多事項中，最重要的一件就是，他將他在二零零八年八月八日手書的八呎橫幅，也就是他最喜愛背誦的【詩篇二十三篇】裱好鑲框，高高地掛在大客廳裡最醒目的那面主牆上。橫幅左下角，謙卑的落款，自稱『沐恩人王夏星』。

橫幅左右是鑲嵌了夫婦名字的一對豎聯：

右聯，【夏日星輝千里情】，

左聯，【瑞祥霞彩萬世興】，

橫幅正下方，兩聯之間，也就是主牆的正中央掛的是夫妻【金婚紀念】的金牌。

長老最喜歡坐在大廳那面主牆前的白沙發裡靜坐默想，思考上帝對他們夫婦一生的諸般恩惠。

朱弟兄有一次到長老的府上聚會，他見了大廳的佈置，對長老說：『王伯伯，您的橫幅高高地掛在大廳主牆之上。橫幅的正中，也就是在整棟房屋主位的主位之上，展現的經文恰好是詩篇二十三篇的兩句：【也不怕遭害，因為祢與我同在】。這“祢與我同在”原文就是“以馬內利”。而在馬太福音裡，“以馬內利”就是耶穌的名字。所以，耶穌好奇妙啊！

祂讓您在冥冥之中不知不覺地就把祂的名號，放置在這棟房屋主位的主位之上。王伯伯，主耶穌告訴您，不要害怕，安心的住著，我的施恩寶座就在這裡。這裡不只是您的大客廳，這裡是主耶穌親自為您設立的聖殿啊！』

在長老生命中的最後一個月，醫療團隊在客廳設立了一張活動床，以及各種醫護設備，希望長老能在客廳睡覺，以便於照顧。可是，長老沒有告訴大家是出於什麼原因，他一直都不肯在客廳睡覺，每晚他執意要退到他的臥室去安眠。

十一月二十日，也就是長老離世的前一天，他只能用手勢與人溝通。白日裡，他好久的時間，都坐在那橫幅之下，他最喜愛的白沙發裡默想。到了晚上，他凝視著那一面大牆，不斷的對瑞霞姐及孩子們揮手，他雖然無法用說話來表達，意思彷彿是向大家告別，告訴大家耶穌來了，要接他回家了。夜深時，長老一再地拒絕回到他的臥室去，堅決地留在客廳過了一整夜。二十一日的下午四點四十分，長老呼出了最後三口氣，平安地由主接回天家了。

詩篇二十三篇的總結說道【**我一生一世必有恩惠慈愛隨著我，我且要住在耶和華的殿中直到永遠。**】是的，這的確就是王長老的寫照。在他最後的日子裡，主耶穌與他同在，他在主為他所預備的聖殿裡，等候主，迎接主，主親自帶他回了天家。

願一切榮耀頌贊都歸於主耶穌基督。阿門。

Tribute / The Wonderful Emmanuel
by Charles and Maria Drew

***“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel”
(which means, God with us). (Matthew 1:23).***

Dear Brothers and Sisters: May peace be upon you. Since we came to this Faith Church in 2008, the biggest blessing to us has been to know Elder Johnny K. Lima and his wife Juana. Elder Lima was extremely knowledgeable of the Bible, very enthusiastic with all types of Godly work. He loved God as well as all people around him. His humble and obedient spiritual life has inspired us and led us to understand how a “good and faithful servant” was like.

On each Sunday, before the beginning of worship, Elder Lima always sat alone in the first row, silently praying. We were often touched by the Holy Spirit, went forward to hold his hands and prayed with him. In prayers, the Holy Spirit made us feel his soft and humble heart, so that we often could not help but shed tears.

However, today, what we want to share is not how his life had inspired and led us. What we are going to report today is how we witnessed our LORD Jesus Christ had personally comforted him and encouraged him in his final days. In the Kingdom of Heaven, the LORD has prepared a seat for Elder Lima, and now he is sharing the joy with the LORD in heaven.

In 2014, because of a rupture of water pipes in the old house, Elder Lima and his wife had to move out. Their children raised funds together and bought a new home for them.

Having moved into the new home, Brother Lima liked it very much. He installed an elevator for Juana, carefully decorated every room, and opened the new house to welcome Church members to visit.

One important thing Elder Lima did was that he hanged an eight-foot long well-framed large banner on the most eye-catching high side of the main wall in the large living room. The banner was a brush painting of his favorite scripture, [Psalm 23]. He inscribed it on August 8, 2008. To the lower left corner of the banner, he humbly called himself "Mu En Ren, Wang Xia Xing", which means "A person immersed in Grace, Johnny K. Lima"

On each side of the banner is a vertical couplet, mosaic of the couple's names:

Right Alliance, [Summer Starlight (Xia Xing) thousand miles of love]

Left Union, [Splendid Sunset (Rui Xia) ten thousand generations of prosperity]

Below the banner, between the couplets, on the center of the main wall is a gold medal signifying their [Golden Wedding Memorial].

Johnny liked sitting in a white sofa in front of main wall, meditating God's grace throughout his life.

One day Brother Charles came for a visit. He saw the banner then said to Elder Lima: "Uncle, your banner is hung high on the principal wall, in the most important room of the house. In the middle of the banner, it proclaims '***I will fear no evil: for you, my LORD, is with me***'. The central phrase 'LORD is with me' in its original writing is Emmanuel. And according to Gospel of Matthew, Emmanuel is the name of Jesus Christ. Jesus is wonderful! He made you unknowingly place His holy name in the prime location of this house. He is telling you 'Be not afraid, my Throne of Grace is here'. This hall is not just a large living room; this is the temple that LORD Jesus Christ has personally set up for you."

In the final month of Brother Johnny, the medical team came. They set up a movable bed and a variety of medical equipment in the living room. They were hoping that Johnny would sleep in the living room for easy care. However, without telling why, he constantly refused to sleep in the living room. Every night he insisted on going to his bedroom to sleep.

November 20, the day before his death, he would only use gestures to communicate. During the day, he spent a long time, sitting under the banner, in his favorite white sofa meditating. In the evening, he stared at the big wall, frequently waving to his beloved wife Juana and his children. Although he could not express with words, he seemed bidding goodbye, and telling that LORD Jesus was coming to take him home. Late at night, he repeatedly refused to return to his bedroom. He resolutely stayed in the living room over the night. In the afternoon of the 21st, at 4:40 PM, after three long deep breathes, he went home with the LORD in peace.

Psalm 23 concludes with '***Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.***' Yes, this is indeed a portrait of our beloved Elder Johnny K. Lima. In his final days the LORD was with him, and in the temple that was prepared for him, Elder Lima waited for the LORD and the LORD himself brought him back to heaven.

May all glory and praise be to the eternally Father, Holy Spirit and the LORD Jesus Christ. Amen.