

## PROFILE: REV. KOE CHOON HUAN

Rev. Koe Choon Huan is an ordained Baptist Minister and serves as the Senior Pastor of Reservoir Garden Baptist Church (RGBC), Penang, Malaysia. He has been with the Church ever since he gave his heart to Jesus as a teenager.



Rev. Koe has contributed much to the growth of the Church. He has served tirelessly in varied leadership positions as the **Church Youth Leader** and **Choir Director** in the 1970s & `80s and was also the **Church Secretary** and the **Church Chairman** for a number of years. In 1985, he answered the call of the Lord to serve full-time and studied in the International School of Ministry in Christchurch, New Zealand, where he obtained a **Certificate in Ministry**. Upon his return, he resumed the role as **Administrative Pastor** and then as the **Associate Pastor** and was also the **Acting Sr. Pastor** in 1990. Two years later, he pursued his Theological Studies and received a **Master of Arts** in Columbia Bible College and Seminary, South Carolina, USA. Upon his return in 1994, he resumed his pastoral duties and later was ordained, and served as the **Church Senior Pastor**. RGBC is currently a thriving and growing Cell Group Church with multi-language congregations and dialect ministries under the care of Rev. Koe.

Together with fellow Pastors in Penang, the Love Penang Network (LPN) was initiated in 1999 and Rev. Koe continues to serve as the **LPN Chairman**. The affectionate bond of unity and fellowship among the LPN Pastors in the city is greatly to be admired. LPN's vision is for the transformation of Penang for Christ Jesus! He also has a very close working relationship alongside the Penang Pastors' Fellowship towards unity and to foster care & concern for all Pastors. A very much loved Pastor by all, Rev. Koe is a real asset to fostering networking among the Churches in the city. In April 2008, he led a delegation of Pastors to welcome the new Government of Penang, and especially the new Chief Minister, YAB Lim Guan Eng. Together, they took the opportunity to pray for the Chief Minister and his Exco Team. Rev. Koe is also the **Chairman of the Christian Federation of Malaysia, Penang** and is a Board member in the Pastoral Training Centre of Malaysia that offers Zone Pastoral Training for Churches transitioning into the Cell Church.

In fulfilling a part of the Church vision to "*establish a network of care services that addresses social concerns in the community*", Rev. Koe heads the **Community Care Focus**, a Christian charitable entity that cares for the needs of the community's poor & needy as well as care for the Senior Citizens. He is also a Board Member of Charis Hospice, which gives palliative care to cancer patients.

Rev. Koe is very much a "people-oriented" person and those who know him, describe him as "bubbly" and full of the joy of the Lord. He is a fine preacher and is a caring Pastor, always giving hope to the hopeless and bringing encouragement to all. As a "dreamer" for God, he is constantly challenging the Church to greater heights in reaching their potential and realizing their dreams in life and ministry.

Rev. Koe is married to Jin Choo and they have two children, Crystal and Christopher. His wife is a talented & godly woman who has been a great encouragement to many. A music teacher by profession, she chose a higher calling to serve God alongside her husband in the ministry and to raise their children in the Lord. Jin Choo is very involved with the Worship Ministry where she leads worship and is currently the Worship Coordinator of the Church. She has served actively in RGBC since her teenage years and currently ministers alongside her husband in the Church. She is also the Malaysian representative of ELI360 in placing students for USA studies.



Dear Pastors/Church Leaders,

The above is a picture of me & my family: From left to right – Choon Huan, Christopher Koe, Crystal Koe and my lovely wife, Jin Choo.

I count it a privilege to serve in the MBC as the new secretary-general in 2010. As such, please allow me to visit you and your Church in the coming New Year. I would love to know you and build a friendship with you in our partnership for the gospel sake. If I can be of assistance and serve you any way, please do not hesitate to call on me. And, if there are opportunities, I would also be available to preach/teach and minister in your Church. Please excuse me as I can minister most effectively in the English language – Lord willing, in due time I will learn other languages as well ☺ !

O yes, do pray for me and my family! Thank you & God bless!

*Choon Huan*

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