

# Unexpected answers

A season of intense prayer and worship



During the last day of Unity Week of Prayer, Josh Yeoh (in red) sang with the worship band on the Bald Spot.

## Josh Yeoh '07

If I had been told, as a comps-ing, resume-writing, job-hunting senior, that I would be spending the first year out of college back at Carleton, not doing research or anything else “academics-worthy,” but pouring my life into ministry and prayer, I would not have believed you.

But that’s exactly where God put me the year after I graduated. Through a series of dramatic events—as a teenager I had prayed, “Lord, if you ever want me to go into full-time ministry, You have to interrupt my life and show me that it is your will!”—the Lord altered the course of my life and dunked me into the prayer movement, a diverse, worldwide 24/7 prayer-and-worship advance. Be careful what you pray: He just may answer!

After a powerful time at a OneThing regional conference in Minneapolis, a group of us felt led to fast and pray for the campus for 40 days. (OneThing is a youth conference sponsored each De-

Gary Hvass baptized Kristen (Miller) Faroe '08.



cember by the International House of Prayer in Kansas City, one of several major prayer movements around the globe. Similar regional conferences are held in various places throughout the year.)

We met every morning at 7 at the Cottage, rain or shine (or snow), which in itself was something of a miracle for a bunch of college students who avoided 1A classes at all costs. Those mornings were powerful. As we worshiped and prayed, God spoke to us and shared His heart with us for the campus and for the people around us.

The following term, He led us to meet for worship and prayer for three hours on Friday nights—typically when sin abounds—because that’s when grace needed to abound even

more. One powerful night I remember Lynn Yang '09 leading us in worship. We belted out “How Great is our God” through the windows over the campus!

My “fifth year” culminated in a 24/7 week of prayer where we saw the Lord move miraculously. We were loaned a 20-foot-square prayer tent almost free of charge, and God met all of our other financial needs (money appeared in mailboxes)!

We saw a few injuries healed, and there were backslidden Christians who spontaneously recommitted their lives to Jesus during the nightly worship times at the prayer tent. We went on “treasure hunts,” where we asked God to direct us to an individual (“the treasure”) on campus, and saw the goodness of God minister to that person.

On the final day of the week of prayer, there was a 12-hour consecration, including a concert, right on the Bald Spot: Jesus was lifted up at Carleton College!

That year was the foundation for what God has called me to do now. Many of the things He taught me then, have become foundational to what is happening in Penang now. If you ever feel called to the nations, ask Him about it. He may just have you come to Malaysia! ♦

After spending a year ministering at Carleton, Josh Yeoh '07 returned to Penang, Malaysia, where he serves as the founder/director of



the Penang House of Prayer (PenHOP), a 24/7 house of prayer in the spirit of the tabernacle of David that is a nexus of worship, intercession and missions.



A week of prayer was held in a 20 x 20 tent near Skinner Chapel, 24/7 for a week, spring term 2009.