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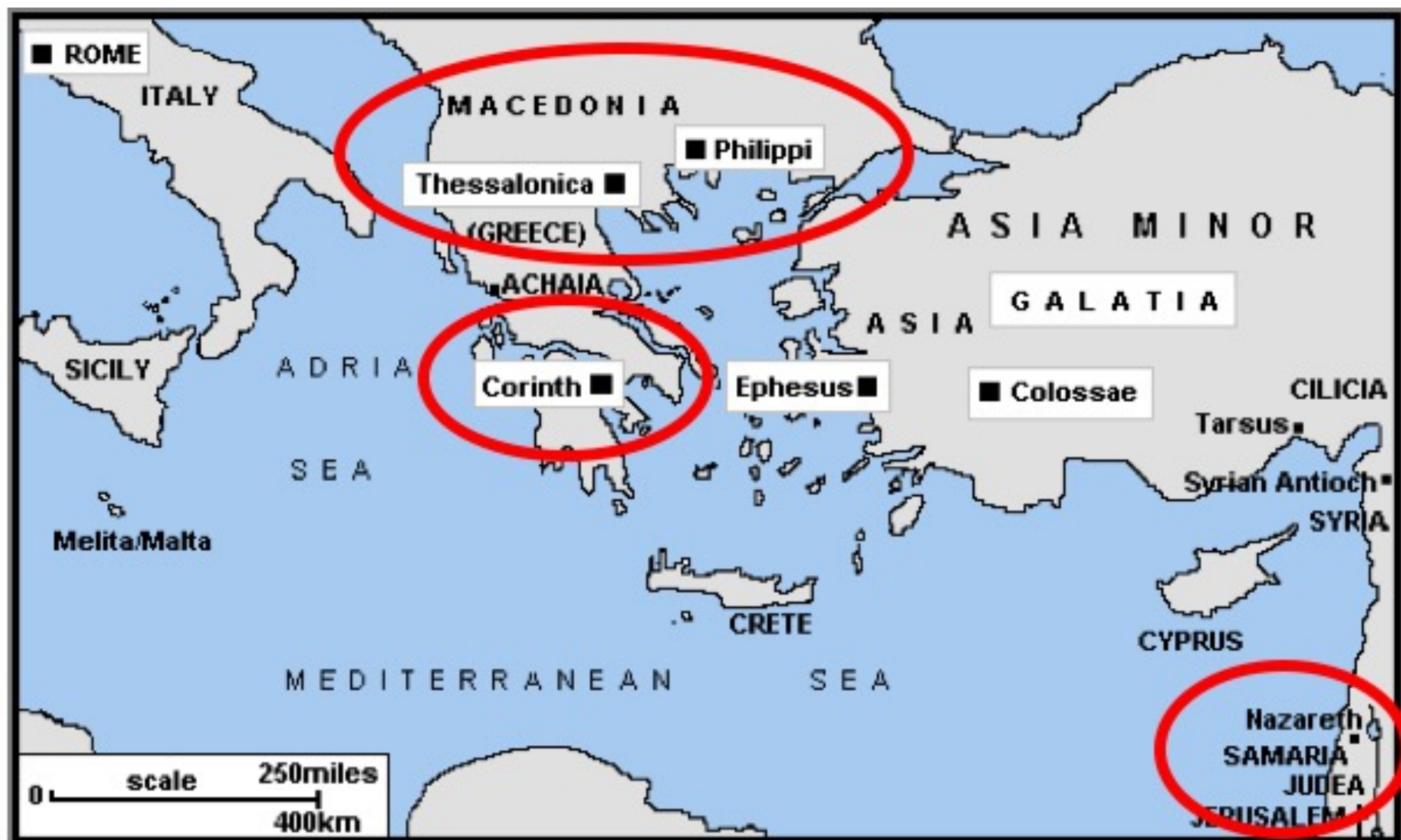
Galatians 2:10

Only, they asked us to remember the poor,
the very thing I was eager to do.









2 Corinthians 8:10

And in this matter I give my judgment: this benefits you,
who **a year ago started** not only to do this work
but also to desire to do it.

2 Corinthians 8:11

So now **finish doing** it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have.

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Q&A ON FINANCIAL GIVING

2CORINTHIANS 8:10-24

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2 Corinthians 8:12

For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have.

2 Corinthians 8:13

For I do not mean that others should be eased
and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness

2 Corinthians 8:14

your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness.

2 Corinthians 8:15

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Quote from Exodus 16, the story of Manna.

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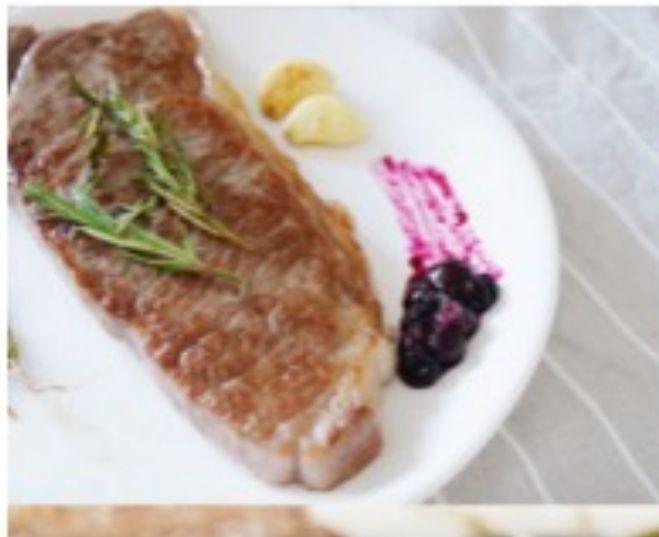
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Private jets, Cartier watch: Hillsong under probe in Australia after claims of misuse of church funds



Hillsong founder Brian Houston was accused of spending lavishly on luxury retreats, designer goods, private jets and custom skateboards.
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9 CREDIT CARDS

- Gave supplementary cards to three men
- Spent on brands like Louis Vuitton and Montblanc
- Paid for stays in five-star hotels like St Regis, Four Seasons and Banyan Tree

"We are living in a modern world," Buddhist monk Ming Yi told auditors and the police when asked about his spending. He is on trial for allegedly making an unauthorised loan of \$50,000.

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Singapore celebrity monk sentenced to 10 months in jail for fraud

DPA, Nov 21, 2009

Singapore -- A Singapore court on Saturday sentenced a celebrity Buddhist monk who ran one of the city-state's most popular charities to 10 months in jail for fraud, a media report said.



Shi Ming Yi, 47, and his former personal assistant Raymond Yeung, 34, were convicted in October of conspiring to take an unauthorised loan of 50,000 Singapore dollars (36,000 US dollars) from the Ren Ci charity in May 2004.

Yeung was sentenced to 9 months in jail, the online edition of Straits Times newspaper reported Saturday.

He used the money to pay for renovations at a friend's home in Hong Kong.

Both Ming Yi and Yeung had testified that the money was loaned to a Buddhist shop selling religious artefacts which was affiliated with the charity, the report said.

However, external auditors found that to be untrue, as the loan was not mentioned in the shop's accounts.

The high-living Ming Yi, founder of charity Ren Ci Hospital which provides medical care for the elderly, had been described by local media as "the monk with the five C's" - cash, credit card, car, condominium units and country club membership.

"Buddhist monks, we are no longer living in the mountains, we are not living in the forest. We are in the city now," the Straits Times newspaper quoted Ming Yi as saying.

The scandal, which came to light in 2007, was a blow to Singapore's charity sector and dismayed thousands of donors as the city-state's society is predominantly



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Priest jailed for embezzling \$3m

A court in Singapore has sentenced a Catholic priest to seven years in prison for embezzling about \$3m of church funds.

Father Joachim Kang, 55, had pleaded guilty to a "blatant and persistent misuse of parish funds".

He admitted using the money to buy property and computer equipment for two women he said were his god-daughters.



Father Kang bought presents for two women

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I am sorry for everything that has happened: Kong Hee tells City Harvest Church in first appearance since prison release



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2 Corinthians 8:20,21

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Not to give space for reasonable doubt / allegation of mishandling of funds

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Not just say "God knows", but we need to implement clear, transparent, honest & accountable processes

2 Corinthians 8:20,21

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Not just say "What's the matter? Don't you trust me?"
Paul says, "It's got to be obvious / open in the sight of men."

3 good men to oversee the Corinthian collection

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1. Titus

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But thanks be to God, who put into the heart of Titus the same earnest care I have for you. For he not only accepted our appeal, but being himself very earnest he is going to you of his own accord. v16,17

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As for Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker for your benefit. v23

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With him we are sending the brother who is famous among all the churches for his preaching of the gospel. v18

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And not only that, but he has been appointed by the churches to travel with us as we carry out this act of grace that is being ministered by us... v19

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And as for our brothers, they are messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ v23

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And with them we are sending our brother whom we have often tested and found earnest in many matters, but who is now more earnest than ever because of his great confidence in you v19

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→ A Few Men

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unhealthy + open to accusation- need 2/3 witnesses...

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→ A Few Faithful Men

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faithful, tested, proven, respected, publicly endorsed...

Church Processes in Offering Collection

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2. At the end of the service, offering boxes are locked in the luggage bag

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3. Luggage lock combination is only held by the Head Usher and Team Leaders
4. An usher who does not know the luggage lock combination will stand guard at the luggage in between services and pass on the duty to 2nd service usher who also does not know the combo.

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7. Empty contents of offering boxes.

Offering Counting

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There must be 2 members of Counting team and 1 witness (usually Treasurer or Asst Treasurer) before counting can commence. Counting team members must be members of Gospel Light.

Lock Up in Safe

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Lock Up in Safe

Safe can only be opened with the key as well as the passcode. Key and passcode are held by 2 different individuals.

Deposit at Bank

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Offerings to be brought to the bank for deposit by 2 unrelated staff.

Release of Funds SOP (simplified)

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- a) requesting person – claimant raises the claim.
- b) countersigning person* – any staff in the same or relevant department who is in the same or higher position as the requestor, or if unable, then staff from another department fulfilling the already mentioned conditions.

Release of Funds SOP (simplified)

c) approving person - same or relevant Head of Department (HOD) OR if unable, then another HOD

*The main role of the counter signor is to counter check the claim form & support documents.

Finance Sub Comm – to provide advise on the finance matters and oversee the church finance policy and SOP

Internal Auditor – review the management account and provide areas of improvement to Church Committee.

External auditor – to audit the management account.
and assess any risk or detect any unusual transactions.
Also provide areas for improvement

Commissioner of Charities - spot checks

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2 Corinthians 8:24

So give proof before the churches of your love and of our boasting about you to these men.