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Cape Town 2010

THE THIRD LAUSANNE CONGRESS
ON WORLD EVANGELIZATION



Malaysian Delegates



Over 5000 Christians gathered at the Cape Town International Convention Centre a few weeks on 17-24 October. The occasion was the 3rd Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization, called Cape Town 2010 for short. The theme was, **‘God in Christ, Reconciling the World to Himself?’** (2 Cor 5:19). About 3900 were participants representing almost 200 countries all over the world, with another 1300 coming as organisational, programme, and other support staff, as well as stewards.

There were also official observers from the Vatican, World Council of Churches (WCC), the Orthodox Churches, and other international Christian bodies. Participation in the Congress was also extended to tens of thousands of others through over 650 GlobaLink sites in 91 countries, via the internet. During the week of the Congress the Cape Town 2010 website also drew 100,000 unique visits from 185 countries.

What was all the hype about? Perhaps a bit of history will help. In the 1960s and early 70s, the WCC was still the dominant voice in the Protestant world. Under the influence of liberal theology and other secular forces of the time, there was an increasingly reluctance on the part of many within the WCC to clearly affirm the central importance of evangelism and the proclamation of

the gospel of salvation in Christ. Under the leadership of Billy Graham, the 1st Congress on World Evangelization was held in Lausanne. Some 2700 evangelical leaders from all over the world gathered to reaffirm the urgency of world evangelisation under the theme, **‘Let the Whole Earth Hear His Voice.’** The congress statement, called **‘The Lausanne Covenant,’** drafted under the leadership of John Stott, has shaped much of the global evangelical movement since.

With hindsight it is now recognised that the Lausanne I made two great contributions to Christian mission. First, it reaffirmed the central importance of evangelism in the mission of the church, whilst at the same time clearly stated that socio-political involvement is a Christian duty. Second, the whole Christian world was suddenly awakened to the fact that there were thousands of Unreached People Groups (UPGs) in the world where hardly any within the group have heard of Christ! Through this clarification of mission theology and agenda, the congress succeeded in galvanising Christians from all over the world into a renewed effort in world missions! It also gave rise to numerous other mission initiatives, including CCCOWE which is the Chinese wing of the Lausanne worldwide.

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29 April - 1 May 2011
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The organizing committee of 2011 Methodist Prayer Convention has announced that Graham Power, the founder of Global Day of Prayer, shall come all the way from South Africa to be the speaker of the opening ceremony. He will also give 2 talks on “The Global Day of Prayer and its Impact” and “Unashamedly Ethical” in this 3-day prayer convention.

The second speaker for the convention is Rev Dr James Shia Chung Chien: General Secretary, China Christian Evangelistic Association, Taiwan. He is a person whom God has widely used in the Chinese-speaking church circles worldwide.

It has also resolved to have Rev. Hwa Yung, Bishop of Methodist Church in Malaysia, as the speaker for the grand closing ceremony, which will be held at Sibü Town Square. All local church members are cordially invited to be a part of this spiritual feast where a Holy Communion of 12 000 is expected.

2011 Methodist Prayer Convention will be held in Sibü from 24 April to 1 May 2011.

Registration forms and posters will be distributed to all conferences before their respective annual conferences. Members of SCAC and SIAC can also check their respective official websites at www.sarawakmethodist.org and www.sarawakibanmethodist.org for more information. The closing date for registration is 28 February 2011.

Start preparing yourself for this history-making event for your own spiritual growth as well as our unified objective of transforming our nation by spreading scriptural holiness individually and collectively.

Time - Table for Methodist Prayer Convention

Time	April 29 (Friday)	April 30 (Saturday)	May 1 (Sunday)
5:00 – 6:00am	-	-	Morning prayer at Sibü Town Square (1 hour)
9:00am – 12:00 noon	-	Plenary 2: Prayer and the Bible (James Shia) Prayer (1 hour)	Worship in Local Churches
12.00 - 2.00 pm	-	Lunch break (On your own)	Lunch break (On your own)
2:00 – 5:00 pm	Arrival of participants	Workshops	Plenary 4: Unashamedly Ethical – Living Lives of Integrity (Graham Power) Prayer (1 hour)
5:00 – 7:00 pm	Dinner (On your own)	Dinner (On your own)	Dinner (On your own)
7:00 – 9:30 pm	Opening Service Plenary 1: Global Prayer Movement (Graham Power) Prayer (1 hour)	Plenary 3: Prayer and the Holy Spirit (James Shia) Prayer (1 hour)	Grand Finale at Sibü Town Square Plenary 5: Where do we go from here?

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CHURCH (abides in Christ and walks as He walked)

"For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again"
(2 Co 5:14-15, TNIV).

- Pray that
 - ~ For the pastors and church leaders
 - ~ that the Church as a whole will have compassion and love for the poor
 - ~ that the love of Christ compels us to share the good news with love and sincerity

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continue to pray:

- For the Government to administer justice and equity to ALL people, be consistent & sensible in speech & conduct
- For interests of the Orang Asli & natives in Sabah & Sarawak to be safeguarded
- Some 100 Ibans from 15 longhouses in upper Sebangau in Simunjan, Sarawak, appeared en masse at the Kuching High Court this morning, to sue two logging companies, two of their own government-appointed village leaders and the Sarawak government. The Iban, accused by logging company Royal Billion of setting fire to a local logging camp on Oct 15, announced they are taking the fight for their Native Customary Rights (NCR) lands to court
- The government should consider providing subsistence allowance for villagers, who are mostly farmers, in the vicinity of the Bakun hydro-electric dam project, who are facing problems of drought and shallow rivers due to the impoundment of the dam.
- For teachers, school authorities, and education departments to respect freedoms of worship among the students; against the spirit of religious overzealousness
- A mother in Sarawak, Angela Jabing, is incensed that a senior assistant in Kuching caned her 10-year-old son about 10 times for bringing non-halal food to school
- For the flood victims in Kedah & Perlis
- The number of flood evacuees in Kedah has reached 40,212 people with several new areas here hit by floods.
- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has instructed all federal government agencies to come in aid of flood victims in Kedah and Perlis

GLOBALY, pray:

- For the children in Africa: AIDS orphans, child soldiers, girls drawn into sexual slavery
- For the disaster victims in Indonesia
 - ~ Indonesia's Mount Merapi rumbled Saturday, a day after the volcano's eruptions killed dozens of people and forced thousands to flee to emergency shelters.
- For the people in Pakistan
 - ~ Two explosions killed at least 71 people in mosques in Pakistan's northwest today, officials said, after a relative lull in militant violence. It was the biggest attack in Pakistan since a September suicide bomb attack on a procession of Shi'ite Muslims in the southwestern city of Quetta, which killed 54 people (5/11/10)
 - ~ Pakistan, an impoverished and underdeveloped country, has suffered from decades of internal political disputes and low levels of foreign investment
- population: 184,404,791
- religions: Muslim 95% (Sunni majority, Shia 5-20%), Ahmadis 2.3%, Hinduism 1.6%, Christianity 1.6%
- literacy: 50%
- poverty: 23-28%



the
Lausanne
movement

GLOBAL CONVERSATION

The movement spawned by Lausanne I became known as the Lausanne movement. The first congress was followed by a second congress in Manila in 1989, commonly called 'Lausanne II in Manila.' The theme was essentially a development of that of Lausanne I: **'Calling the Whole Church to Proclaim the Whole Gospel to the Whole World.'** After another 21 years, Lausanne III or Cape Town 2010 was held. The message remained the same in essence, just as 'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever' (Heb 13: 8). But the context now had changed much since 1974! What are the differences?

For much of the 20th century, the churches in the western world were dominant. But sometime around 1980, the number of Christian in Africa, Asia and Latin America outgrew those in the western world. Secondly, whereas cross-cultural missionaries in the past were predominantly western, today tens of thousands of missionaries are being sent out from the non-western or the Majority World, with countries like China, India, South Korea and Nigeria in the forefront. Thirdly, increasingly it is now recognised that much of the growth of the church in the Majority world in the 20th century was the fruits of the labours of sacrificial western missionaries as well as many gifted indigenous leaders. The latter includes names such as Prophet Harris, Simon Kimbangu and Gottfried Osei-Mensah from Africa, Pandita Ramabai and Sadhu Sundar from India, John Sung and Watchman Nee from China, and Cho Yong-Gi from Korea. Finally, there is a growing awareness of the gradual decline of Christianity in North America and Europe. Any Christian congress that purports to be speaking on behalf of, as well as to, the global church had to take these changes into account!

Thus right from the start of the planning, the leadership for Cape Town 2010 was determined to make it a truly international or global congress in as many ways as possible. The concern was to position Cape Town 2010 at where the global church is in the beginning of the 21st century. The result was that fully 62% of the participants, who were mostly chosen by their respective national leadership, came from the Majority World, with only some 38% coming from the West. Fully 28% were women, although we had hoped for one-third. Because we were concerned that the congress will empower the next generation of global Christian leadership, 60% of the participants were 50 and under. The result is that this may be, in the words of the official Congress communiqué, 'perhaps the widest and most diverse gathering of Christians ever held in the history of the Church.'

The one major setback was that the Chinese government stopped a majority of the 230 or so participants from the House churches from attending. This is unfortunate, to say the least, because there were no negative intentions of any kind in our invitation to the House church leaders. Nevertheless, the Lausanne leadership decided that it will not react but continue to explore positive efforts at developing a better understanding between the Lausanne movement and the Chinese government.

But the global emphasis of Cape Town 2010 was restricted not just to the people who came. It applied equally to the programme as well. Participants were generally very pleased that the speakers and presenters were a truly international mix. For example, for the daily bible expositions, we had seven different preachers: Ajith Fernando from Sri Lanka, Ruth Padilla from Costa Rica, John Piper from USA, Vaughan Roberts from Britain, Calisto Odede from Kenya, and Ramez and Rebecca Atallah from Egypt.

The same mix applied across the board in other programmes as well. For example, the two testimonies, which were probably the most reverting of those given at the Congress, were from an 18-year old Korean girl and an American woman. Soo Kyung-Joo's family had escaped from North Korea, yet her father had voluntarily gone back there to bring the gospel to others, and almost certainly has since paid the price of martyrdom. Libby Little's husband was the ophthalmologist, who was killed by the Taliban in Afghanistan with nine other medical workers about 3 months ago, in the process of bringing healing sacrificially to thousands in desperate need.

Although nothing is perfect, almost all the responses from those who came were overwhelmingly positive. Cape Town 2010 inspired the participants to a renewed commitment to bring God's message of reconciliation in Christ to the whole world. The further challenge was to reject any sense of triumphalism in our lives and mission, but rather to bring Christ's love and salvation to the world through 'integrity, humility and simplicity.'

The World Missionary Conference was held in Edinburgh in 1910. It was called to bring missionaries and missions agencies together for a renewed partnership and commitment to bring the gospel of Christ to the whole world. Cape Town 2010 was held on the 100th Anniversary of that pivotal conference. It is our prayer and hope that Cape Town 2010 will indeed be the effective spiritual heir of Edinburgh 1910, challenging and spurring the global church onwards to live out fully the theme of the congress: 'God in Christ. Reconciling the World to Himself!'

(Note : There were 40 plus participants and program staff from Malaysia, including Methodists from four of our Annual Conferences. You can actually access much of the programme in videos at: <http://www.lausanne.org/cape-town-2010>. The writer is a member of the Congress Management Team.)

35周年感恩庆典

报导: 甘慧仪

第35届妇女会代表大会于2010年9月4至6日, 假吉隆坡文雅酒店举行, 主题是“超越自我迈向自我”。来自全国各州8个教区的代表, 共聚一堂。郭进吟教区长和郑建发牧师为大会的主题讲员。本届大会是妇女会历年来最多代表参与的, 共有287位。

开幕礼上, 莫泽川会长在致词中感谢神施恩于华人年议会, 并大大赐福、使用妇女会。他称许姐妹们举办筹款活动已十年, 在宣教工作上不遗余力, 以行动活出信仰的本质, 足以楷模, 鼓舞人心。

翌晨, 由郭进吟教区长带领查经, 他以〈以弗所书〉为大纲, 强调祷告是很重要的功课。由于基督徒在主里是一家人, 拥有相同的信仰基础; 因此他劝勉姐妹要活出基督的美德与行动, 藉此表现我们行事为人已是与蒙召的恩相称。郭牧师表示, 基督赐给教会不同的恩赐, 每位信徒领受的恩赐也不同, 但信徒的成长与教会的成熟息息相关, 所以信徒应存敬畏的心, 彼此顺服, 当做属灵的智慧人。

今届代表大会迎来两年一次的选举。当天下午4时, 年会妇女会假吉隆坡福建堂举行35周年感恩崇拜; 晚间6时30分, 假吉隆坡尊孔独中礼堂举行感恩爱筵, 来自全国各州8个教区的近三百位代表, 连同逾千来宾, 齐聚一堂, 共颂主恩。

在较早时的感恩崇拜中, 莫会长证道时强调, 宣教是教会的本质, 若基督教的肢体缺乏宣教的热忱, 大家将丧失团体的身份。他以妇女会积极参与宣教为例: 举办生产义卖会, 筹款以支持国外宣教事工, 如: 购买校服给万宏学生、“一人一双鞋”运动、购买交通工具、提供教师的薪金及资助泰北阿佤族宣教事工等, 成绩是有目共睹的。简言之, 活出信仰, 实践布道的精神是每一个信徒应该学习的。末了, 莫会长恭祝妇女会35周年庆典之际, 彼此坚持合一心志, 共挑使命。

藉35周年庆典, 妇女会欲为泰国华裔筹款20万令吉购买一栋房屋作为泰北华人事工会所, 以展开幼儿教育、社会关怀事工等。结果, 共募款约56万令吉, 远远突破妇女会的预期目标, 令众人激赏不已。妇女会在爱筵中的义款移交仪式中呈交给宣教部的黄敬映弟兄, 由莫泽川会长见证。

当晚的爱筵共有130席, 会众以敬拜唱诗开始, 由妇女会卸任会长张秀玲姐妹致欢迎词。爱筵场面盛大, 弟兄姐妹主里团契, 共颂主恩。主办当局也邀来新加坡籍张汉林牧师献唱, 他带来7首好歌, 掀起全场的热烈气氛。当晚的节目高潮应属切蛋糕仪式, 莫泽川会长、妇女会卸任张会长、新任沈瑞益会长、会友领袖林志强及众多年议会

的职员等上台庆贺。爱筵于晚上10时左右散会。

第三天早上, 郑建发牧师在两场主题信息中皆鼓励姐妹善用时间, 充实自己。他以自己的经历和时下新闻为例, 提醒姐妹要持续追求成熟的灵性, 靠主恩典, 以清除现代人心灵种种的不安感; “敬畏耶和华是智慧的开端, 凡遵行他命令的是聪明人。”(诗111:10) 郑牧师也提出智慧太太的十个必胜秘诀, 引起众姐妹的共鸣。郑牧师侃侃而谈, 笑场不断之余, 有者感动落泪, 让人深省。

闭幕礼上, 陈观凤教区长以申命记10章12节勉励众姐妹, 若要超越自己, 迈向成熟, 就当对上帝存敬畏的心。惟有敬畏神, 才能让神在各人生命中居首位, 让神来帮助、装备和磨练我们, 以便能成为他合用的器皿。礼毕, 代表大会约于中午12时结束。

年议会妇女会2010-2012年 执委名单如下:

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爱心三合一 捐款予

巴国与中国舟曲

报导: 杨证强



右起为李立友、周道惠、林志强、玛苏卡立、黄位寅及郑金凤。



左三为顾景奇参赞。

于8月初发生的巴基斯坦大水灾夺走超过1,600人的生命, 200万人无家可归, 灾民高达2,000万。

华人年议会友领袖林志强和社会关怀部主席周道惠弟兄, 连同“爱心三合一”捐血、验血及义诊运动联办单位隆雪华堂福利委员会理事李立友女士、尊孔独中副董事长黄位寅先生和尊孔独中副校长郑金凤女士, 于9月9日上午11时, 一同前往我国驻巴基斯坦大使馆与巴国驻大马最高专员玛苏卡立会面, 移交1万令吉支票, 作为该国救灾援助金。

会面时, 玛苏卡立指出, 该场大水灾为巴基斯坦带来极大破坏, 摧毁刚播种的农作物, 还有学校、住家、道路和基本设施等都毁坏不堪。他表示, 大马政府已捐赠100万美元, 各非政府组织和正副部长夫人协会也捐献超过300万令吉。他代表

巴国感谢各团体的热心资助。

下午2时, 三个团体代表前往大马驻中国大使馆, 拜访中国驻马来西亚大使馆政务参赞顾景奇先生, 移交1万令吉支票, 以资援甘肃舟曲的重建工作。

顾参赞说, 中国政府为避免灾难重现, 所以在物色重建地点方面, 需额外费时。他感激马来西亚民众在这次甘肃省泥石流事件后给予的各种援助, 并呼吁捐赠者放心, 有关捐款会移交给该国民政部, 以正确方式给予甘肃省人民。

华人年议会、隆雪华堂及尊孔独中每年联办的“爱心三合一”活动都有结余, 这些款项都会在适当的时候捐助给灾民, 为救灾工作尽一份力量。

⁷ I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the LORD
And the praises of the LORD,
According to all that the LORD has bestowed on us,
And the great goodness toward the house of Israel,
Which He has bestowed on them according to His mercies,
According to the multitude of His lovingkindnesses.

⁸ For He said, "Surely they are My people,
Children who will not lie."
So He became their Saviour.

⁹ In all their affliction He was afflicted,
And the Angel of His Presence saved them;
In His love and in His pity He redeemed them;
And He bore them and carried them
All the days of old.

¹⁰ But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit;
So He turned Himself against them as an enemy,
And He fought against them.

¹¹ Then he remembered the days of old,
Moses and his people, saying:

"Where is He who brought them up out of the sea
With the shepherd of His flock?

Where is He who put His Holy Spirit within them,
¹² Who led them by the right hand of Moses,
With His glorious arm,

Dividing the water before them
To make for Himself an everlasting name,

¹³ Who led them through the deep,
As a horse in the wilderness,
That they might not stumble?"

¹⁴ As a beast goes down into the valley,
And the Spirit of the LORD causes him to rest,
So You lead Your people,
To make Yourself a glorious name.

Isaiah 67:7 – 14 (New King James Version)

God's Mercy Remembered





Former Pastor Finds *His* *Second* *Calling*

Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) is delighted to secure the services of Mr. Roland Chan Heng Thye, fondly referred to as uncle Roland, as Warden of student accommodation services. The recruitment of Mr. Roland Chan to the Student Services department has added a wealth of experience in pastoral care and support to outstation and international students who stay in the college-managed apartments.

Roland is a former pastor of Trinity Annual Conference (TRAC), whose ministry spanned over 25 years of dedicated service. He continues to be an active member of the Methodist Senior Fellowship and Young Men's Christian Association.

He is by now a familiar figure, walking purposefully in making his rounds of the student apartments. Everyday he inspects the apartments; making sure things are orderly, clean and that the students are healthy. His dear wife will accompany him when he visits the girls' apartments. After making his rounds he goes to his office around mid-afternoon to file his reports and attend to administrative matters.

Roland makes an effort to get to know the students personally and to interact with them - chatting with them

in their apartments or along the college's corridor to build up a deepening friendship. He is adapting fast to his new role and enjoying the opportunity to be of help and encouragement to the students.

You may well ask, "how can a 64-year-old man connect with young people?". Actually, very well indeed. His ready smile and easy manner has won over many students. Roland has even opened a 'Facebook' account to stay connected with the young people! When Roland's name is mentioned his young charges break into smiles.

Ooi Ning, a girl from SMK Chan Wa, Seremban describes him as friendly and is able to mix well with friends of her age group. Nigel Ngiam from Green Road Secondary School, Kuching says that some of the boys feel guilty because they look for him only when there is trouble; their first call for help when they lock themselves out of the room, a light bulb goes off or when the toilet flush does not work. For these students, Roland truly is a handyman and a guardian.

In the course of his work Roland regularly meets young people whose parents were members of his church many years ago. He has recently found out that he conducted the



Mr. Roland Chan and students at MCKL

wedding service of the parents whose child is now one of the students under his care.

It looks like Mr Roland Chan has found his second calling at MCKL. He is beginning to feel very much at home in his new role.

Accommodation at MCKL

Most parents would be worried about their child's further education after completing the SPM examinations. For families living outside the Klang Valley area, it may well be the first time their child will be living away from home. Who will look out for them when they go to college? What company of friends will they keep? Will they stay out of mischief? Are the living quarters safe?

These are also the questions and issues that MCKL is very much concerned about. To address these issues, MCKL is providing accommodation for outstation and international students at selected apartment units at the nearby Scott Villa and Scott Sentral condominiums. These units are rented by the College and managed by its Student Services staff. Roland and his wife live in one of the apartment units and is their first point-of-contact at night and on weekends.

Both the condominiums have 24-hours security and are located less than 10-minutes walk away from MCKL. Each apartment unit is furnished with furniture and kitchen facilities, including a refrigerator and a washing machine. Cleaning services are also provided. Students get to enjoy the condominium's recreation facilities such as a swimming pool, squash courts and a well-equipped gymnasium.

Foster Family Program

MCKL also provides a voluntary foster family program where students from out-of-state, especially those coming from Sabah and Sarawak, are matched up with a local family. The foster parents look after the spiritual and physical needs of the students under their charge - with occasional home comforts like a home-cooked meal, celebrating local festivals together and taking them to church on weekends. MCKL wishes to ensure that the students' good family and Christian values are upheld during their stay away from home.

This program is being further developed with the involvement of more foster families. Mr. Roland Chan's role as warden of student accommodation is very much a part of MCKL's continuing effort to provide a holistic values-based college education for the young people of the nation.

EVERY CHILD DESERVES TO READ:

Reading Bus & Village Alpha

Introduction

Every child deserves the right to be blessed with some decent and child based books to help them become life-long learners. This is a mission adopted by the Mission Ministry of Grace Methodist Church (GMC), Miri as a strategy to reach out to the people in resettlement areas and villages. The program was introduced to us by Pastor Cheli, the founder of the ministry from Bethany Ministry, Kuching and it excited our mission team once we heard it.

The less privileged parents would like to help their children to improve their English, but most of them might not be able

to do so due to their financial, time and logistics constraints. Therefore it is a fantastic entry point for us as Christians to reach out to non-believers of this target group.

After months of prayers, recruitment and preparation, we managed to start the program at Tudan Methodist Church (GMT), Miri. The Church is located in a resettlement area and hence there are a lot of children who do not have the opportunity to improve their English through having tuition or going to the library.

What Is The Reading Bus?

The Reading Bus is a mobile library containing about 400 English books and children get to borrow books from the library. The program includes Sticker Books session, Storytelling of the book "The Most Important Story Ever Told", teaching of the "Lady Bird" series and reading competition. The program is exciting and fun for the children as well as for the participants.

This is a 3-month program and we visit the mission field fortnightly.



What Are Our Goals & Objectives?

- To provide ENGLISH reading opportunities for rural children and teenagers.
- To let the targeted villagers to have a basic understanding about Jesus.
- To duplicate the program to other churches in Miri for maximum effectiveness.

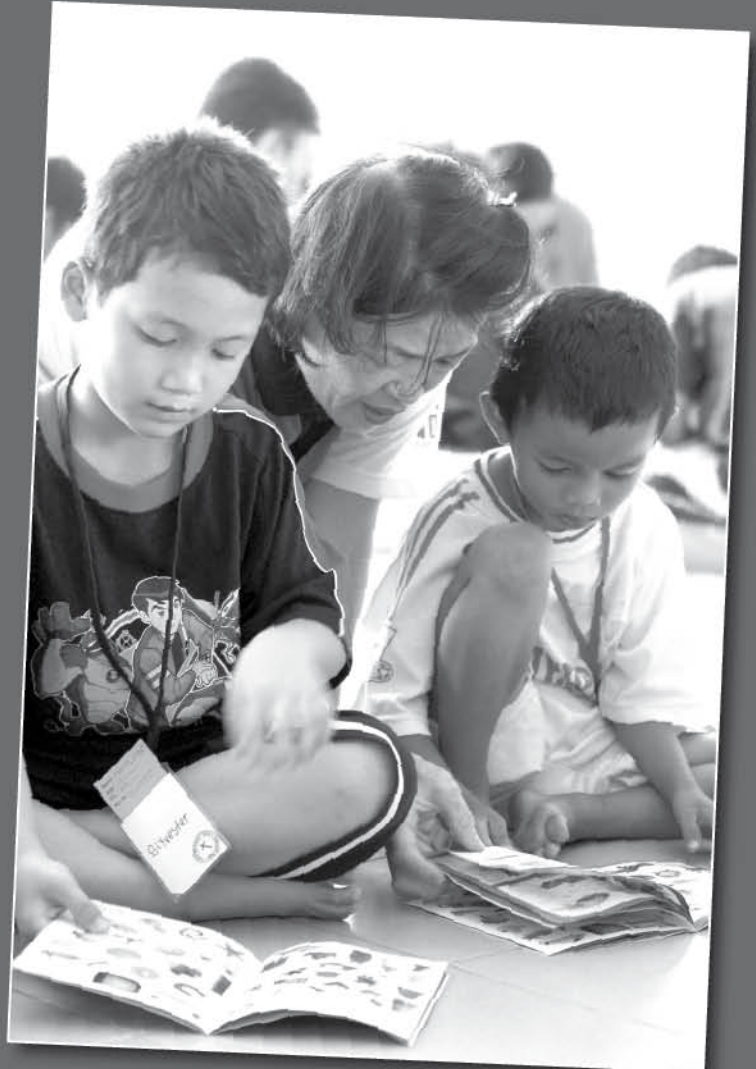


What Is Village Alpha?

During the night of our mission trip, we evangelize by using the Village Alpha program. It is a non-threatening, interactive and fun method of introducing Jesus to the non-believers.

The Results So Far

We started the program in Tudan Miri in together with Tudan Methodist Church (GMT) on 2 October, 2010. Through prayers as well as with the great commitment and hard work of the Team Leader, Brother Richard Lin and brothers and sisters of both churches, we have received eighty-eight (88) registrations to-date from the children of the area. More than sixty people have attended the Reading Bus and the Village Alpha program respectively for the first session. We are praying that the number of registrations* as well as the participation by the children for the Reading Bus program will exceed one hundred (100) in the coming weeks as the children share about the program to their friends.



Conclusion:

Indeed, the Reading Bus and Village Alpha program is a powerful entry point to help the children of the poor and needy while sharing Christ to them and their family. Our team is aiming to become a Resource Centre in Miri for the program.

When we want to carry out a meaningful transformation in big scale in our society, we need a big and practical dream to execute it in a big way. The day will come when

our God will ask us whether we have done enough for the people of our generation. As for King David, God said that he had “served God’s purpose in his own generation” (Acts 13:36). For Pastor Cheli, I will say he has, and for GMC, I will say we are trying hard. How about you?

Aaron Hii
(Mission Chairman of Grace Methodist Church)

For More Information About Reading Bus And Village Alpha Program

Blog : <http://thereadingbus.blogspot.com/>

Contact : Richard Lin (016-8703927)



Persaudaraan Belia Methodist Malaysia Leadership Conference *Cum* 2nd Annual General Meeting

Persatuan Belia Methodist Malaysia (PBMM) 1st leadership Conference, “The Summit” was held on the 16th October 2010 – 18th October 2010 at Wisma Methodist, KL. 42 participants from 6 different Annual Conferences attended this leadership conference.

The purpose of this conference was, firstly, to gather all the youth from the various Annual Conferences together to have a time of sharing and fellowship. Secondly the New PBMM Executive Committee 2010/2011 was to be elected. The first night started with a short sharing on “Youth Voices” by Michael William, the Executive Youth Director of the Methodist Church. Michael showed us 3 videos on youth outside the world and their thoughts, thus challenging us to be the salt and light that would impact the society. We ended the night with a time of prayer led by Rev Chieng Yu Hoo from the CAC.

On the second day, we had Rev Dr Hermen Shastri from the Council of Churches of Malaysia, CCM to share with us on “Wesleyan Spirituality”. We had a good session of sharing on Methodism and shaping our Youth following Wesleyan Spirituality. Then we had a short time of discussion with our own Annual Conference members based on the legacy that John Wesley had left us. In the afternoon two

workshops were held simultaneously. All participants were given the option of joining either the workshop on Evangelism Training by Christianity Explosion (XEE) or Social Concern by Malaysian Care.

I joined the workshop on XEE Evangelism Training. This training was conducted by Elaine Tang and team from Evangelism Explosion (EE) Malaysia. During this workshop, she shared on how we can use this EE Training to evangelise to our friends. Since this is only a few hours workshop, we learnt one of their models of Evangelism which was on ‘God’.

The other workshop was on a model of creating a program for social engagement in our local youth groups. Sister Oii Kiah Hui from Malaysian Care showed its model of engagement to various groups of people in our Malaysian society and allowed us to dialogue with her on bringing this model into our own groups.

Both workshops were well received by the participants. It has encouraged us to not just plan and conduct meetings for our own members but also to think of our mission for the youth for the world at large.

The AGM was held during the conference to elect the new Executive Committees. It was very encouraging to see the willingness of all who were present to not only participate in the conference but also willing to take up the leadership roles of the PBMM for 2010/11.

Below are the newly elected committees for Year 2010/2011.


President : Ong Jen Tak (CAC)
Vice President I : Tang Yew Hwang (SCAC)
Vice President II : Eklis (SIAC)
Secretary I : William Kwong (TRAC)
Secretary II : Jullian John (TAC)
Treasurer : Rebecca (TAC)



The conference ended with a closing challenge by Ms Jenny Qua, the Executive Secretary of the General Conference. She challenges us to strive to not only by beginning well but to end strong in our service and mission for our Lord through the PBMM and the local youth groups. The 3 days 2 night of PBMM Conference was great! It was a good time sharing and fellowship with members of all the Annual Conferences. I hope that this partnership and friendship for the youth of Malaysia would continue and bear fruit for the glory of Christ.

Prepared by,
Samantha Tan,
Secretary of the PBMM
2009/2010

Millions of Christians promise to pray and act to end poverty



Over 100 million Christians are expected to take part in a day of prayer and action on behalf of the world's poor today.

As part of Micah Challenge's 10.10.10 day, Christians are being invited to make a promise to live in a way that remembers the world's poor.

Some of the promises made by Christians so far include wasting less, shopping ethically, campaigning, giving more time and money, praying and reducing carbon footprints.

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, promised to make a difference to the lives of poor people by setting up his new charity ACTS435, which will provide practical help.

10.10.10 will also see Christians hand over an estimated 10 million handprints to politicians to remind them that there are only five years remaining to fulfil the Millennium Development Goals they signed up to in 2000.

The MDGs are a set of eight goals to tackle the world's most urgent development needs, including women and children's health, universal education, and the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

Although some progress has been made, development agencies



warn that governments must step up their commitment if the goals are to be met by the 2015 deadline.

Last month's UN Summit on the MDGs ended with renewed commitments from governments but no clear strategy as to how they will be achieved.

Micah Challenge's Felicity Cowley said poverty would not be eradicated unless the world moved beyond "selfish ambition".

"We need our world leaders to do a lot more if they are to keep their promise to halve global poverty by 2015," she said.

Cowley encouraged people to do what they could to help end global poverty.

She said: "If we, for a moment, allow ourselves to believe that change is possible, we might find that we also have the opportunity to become agents for that change ourselves."

VACANCIES

Grace Methodist Church Sentul

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

General Job Description

~ To run the church office to support the work of the Pastor and the ministries of the church.

- Worship & other services, meetings/seminars, retreats/camps, visitations.
- Arrange refreshments / meals.

~ General secretarial work

- Attend phone calls, faxes, emails
- Prepare weekly order of service
- Filing of documents, correspondence, personnel and membership records.

~ Assist in church finance & accounts

- Oversee the petty cash
 - Process and pay reimbursement claims.
- Church/Office Organization

- Oversee the proper set up of the church office.
- Purchase supplies for the office and church.

Criteria

- Working experience in similar position preferred.
- Proficient in English. Knowledge of other languages is added advantage.
- Computer literate
- Salary will be based on experience and qualification.

Interested applicants please contact the Church office (03-40436384) or Pastor Tan Chew Mae (016-34770930) at Grace Methodist Church, 22 Jalan Sentul, 51000 Kuala Lumpur or email: grace_sentul@hotmail.com

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