



‘Top in the World’

A-Level Examination Results at Methodist College Kuala Lumpur



Ding Zu Ning (2nd from left) and Jonathan Chew Chia Wei (extreme right) received their awards from Mr. Au Yong Soon Kok, Regional Director of Edexcel International, Asia Pacific (1st from left) at the MCKL Graduation & Awards Night 2009. Looking on are Miss Moey Yoke Lai, CEO (3rd from left) and Miss Yin Kam Yoke, Former Executive Director, Methodist Council of Education (4th from left).

Students of Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) continue to achieve excellent results in the Edexcel A-Level June 2009 examination. Ding Zu Ning earned the distinction of being placed ‘top six in the world’ for Mathematics while Jonathan Chew Chia Wei was placed ‘top seven in the world’ for Physics. In addition 26 students of the cohort scored 3As or more in the A-Level June 2009 examination.

Ding Zu Ning achieved a perfect score of 600/600 in all her unit papers for Mathematics. She also scored As in Accounting and Economics. Zu Ning was recognised as MCKL’s top student

for Mathematics and Accounting for her cohort.

Jonathan Chew Chia Wei also had a perfect score of 600/600 for all his Physics papers. In addition he scored As in Chemistry, Biology and Mathematics. Jonathan Chew was also recognised as MCKL’s top student for both Physics and Chemistry for the same cohort.

The recent results are yet another testimony of the College’s excellent track record for providing quality and holistic education in preparing young adults for admission to world-

class universities. MCKL has been established as a private tertiary college since 1983.

Outstanding Scholars

Ding Zu Ning was a former student of SMJK Ave Maria Convent, Ipoh who top-scored with 11As in the 2007 SPM examination. She joined the A-Level programme at MCKL in January 2008 on a full Merit Scholarship. Zu Ning has always been very active in clubs and sports activities and took part in numerous competitions since her secondary school years. She continued

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Congratulations Rev Dato' Dr Su Chii Ann!



Rev Dr Su Chii Ann, President of the Sarawak Chinese annual Conference, was conferred the award of Panglima Setia Bintang Sarawak (PSBS) by the Governor of Sarawak on his 88th birthday on 24 October 2009. The PSBS carries the title Dato'.

Rev Su has been in the pastoral ministry since 1982, and became the President of SCAC in 2005 and re-elected for 2009 – 2012. He began teaching at Methodist Theological School Sibu in 1990, and served as the Principal from 1999-2004.

Among his various offices Rev Dato' Su is the Chairman of the World Federation of Chinese Methodist Churches (WFCMC) and the Chairman of the Board of the Methodist Theological School.

He is also a Board member of the Chinese Coordination Centre of World Evangelism, Gospel Operation International and Chinese Family for Christ International.

He is married to Phyllis Yeo Hung Eng, and they have two children, Timothy and Grace.



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November

03-05	Tue-Thu	TRAC Pastors & Diaconal Ministers Conference
04	Wed	SPAC Ministerial Members Meeting
05-06	Thu-Fri	6th Session Sabah Provisional Annual Conference
11-13	Wed-Fri	34th Session Chinese Annual Conference SIAC District Lay & Pastors Prayer Convention
14	Sat	SIAC 60th Anniversary Celebration Service
14-16	Sat-Mon	34th Session Sarawak Iban Annual Conference
17-20	Tue-Fri	34th Session Sarawak Chinese Annual Conference
19-20	Thu-Fri	TRAC Board of Ministry & Pre-Ministerial Session
21-24	Sat-Tue	34th Session Trinity Annual Conference
23-25	Mon-Wed	SCAC Methodist Women Delegates Conference
26-29	Thu-Sun	34th Session Tamil Annual Conference

December

08-13	Tue-Sun	TRAC Youth Leadership Development Programme
11-13	Fri-Sun	TRAC Board of Evangelism – Matthew & Friends Weekend
17-19	Thu-Sat	SPAC SCC Christmas Celebration

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Malaysian Missionary Movement (TAC) Ministries and Updates

VBS in Myanmar

By the grace of God we were able to hold Vacation Bible School for about 950 children in four different locations in Yangon area. A team of 12 people from Malaysia conducted the teachers training for about 80 teachers. The children stayed in the VBS centers for three days. The theme for this year was “Jesus cares for you”. The lessons were prepared to lead them to faith in Jesus Christ who is the only one who cares for them in every aspect of their lives. We praise God that most of the children made simple confessions of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. This gave us lot of peace and satisfaction.

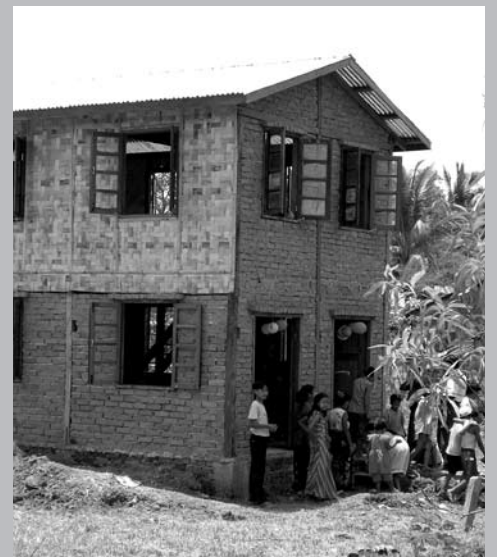


“Gift of Hope 2009” – Myanmar child adoption project

We had a very good response from our members for the Gift of Hope project 2009. This year we were able to adopt a total of 765 children. Praise God for all the sponsors and their generous contribution for this worthy cause. There are thousands of children waiting to go to school. We believe these children who received support will be a blessing to the nation in the coming days.

Community centers in Myanmar

With some donations received we were able to purchase and set up three community centers in the Indian district of the Methodist church in Myanmar. From June 2009 all the community centers were operational. Currently they conduct free tuition classes, children ministry and Bible study for adults once a week. However they plan to start free medical services, emergency medical service, adult education, community education and other community related projects in the future.





PALAY ministries – Hatyai, Thailand

God is opening many new doors of opportunities for ministries in our PALAY ministries. We are currently teaching English in three villages and three schools. This gives us the opportunity to share the Gospel in the school assembly and also on a one to one basis with the students. Many more new openings are there, however we are not able to take all the opportunities due to lack of helpers. This is a call to teachers and school leavers to consider spending the school holidays to teach students in Hatyai and also in the villages. Our ministry to the university students continues to be a blessing. Please pray for our missionaries and also the volunteers who are working faithfully in this mission base.



Migrant ministries – the Nepalese

In spite of the economic downturn, we still have about 2.5 million foreign workers in Malaysia. Malaysia is the biggest mission field right now with so many opportunities. It is our sincere desire to see ALL TAC churches get involved in this very fruitful ministry. Help in starting a ministry in your church is available from the MMM office. We can also provide resource materials for this ministry.

Nepal adoption of churches

From 2009 we will adopt six churches in Nepal which were started by those who returned from Malaysia. Ministry among migrant workers is bearing fruits not only in Malaysia, but also in Nepal. We praise God for faithful migrant workers who share the Gospel with their families and communities. We will be partially supporting the six churches. We are looking for sponsors for these churches and ministries. Please prayerfully consider this.

(Reports taken from Berita TAC 2 / 2009. Editor)

Sabah Sy En Church Indigenous Peoples Night

Sharing God's Blessings

Sy En Methodist Church of Sandakan, Sabah held a special Indigenous People's Night on 4 July. Rev Han Ai Fah, from the Bahasa Malaysia District of the Sabah Provisional Annual Conference (SPAC) also joined the gathering while the choir from Kg. Mononood (adopted by Sy En Church) presented a number of BM songs and hymns.

Under Rev Cecilia and her co-workers' teaching and discipling, and also the prayers of visitation teams and church members, the brothers and sisters of Kg. Mononood Preaching Centre have grown in many ways.

During that night's gathering, brothers and sisters of various cultures joined together in worshipping God, giving

testimonies and praying for each other. This sight must have brought joy to God. The only regret is that the attendance was not as good as hoped for. Besides financial support, the indigenous church actually wants the care of brothers and sisters, because they are willing to share their thanksgiving with the Chinese churches!

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from Chinese
by Joy.
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11 Oct 2009*



This is a selected roundup of events so far this year at MTS taken from their newsletter published in *Connection* 11 October 2009. Editor

Methodist Theological School Sibul NEWS ROUNDUP



The crowd at the ground breaking service.

HOSTEL BUILDING PROJECT

Two four-storey hostels for lecturers and male students is being built. The ground breaking service was held on 14 April, attended by the Presidents of the Sarawak Chinese and Sarawak Iban Annual Conferences, District Superintendents, pastors, church members and the MTS community.

The foundations have been laid and construction of the ground floor has begun. The work is ahead of schedule and



Construction in progress.

hopefully the project will be completed by September 2010. However, funds are still needed and an appeal has been made to churches and individual to support the theological school.

TEACHERS' DAY AND GAWAI CELEBRATION

MTS teachers were each given gifts and the Gawai was celebrated on the same day, 20 May 2009 in the MTS Chapel.



Teachers with their gifts in hand.



Gawai celebration



MTS STUDENT BODY

The student body organized a blood donation campaign on 21 May, assisted by the Rejang Medical Centre. On 17 July the Fire and Rescue Department was invited to conduct a fire drill. Representatives from the department gave a talk on fire fighting and taught them how to use a fire extinguisher.



VISITING LECTURERS

Two of the visiting lecturers this year were women.

1. Ms Priscilla Magdamo from USA came in May to conduct the McClosky voice workshop.

2. Ms Ho Gaik Kim from STM Seremban came to teach the Iban students Vocation and Ministry from 1-4 September and also gave a talk on Bahasa Malaysia Christian terminology.



Turning Point Centre New Counselling Centre Opens in Bintulu

Bintulu Turning Point Centre was officially opened by Rev Dr Su Chii Ann, President of Sarawak Chinese Annual Conference (SCAC) on 25 September 2009. Turning Point Centre is the fourth Counselling Centre under the Board of Family and Counselling, SCAC after Sibü (Wellness Centre), Kuching (Grace Centre) and Miri (Sincere Centre).

Whether we are Christians or not, modern hectic life style can cause stress and conflicts. Seeing the needs of society, the Social Concerns Committee

of the Bintulu District planned the telephone counselling ministry in 2008. Consequently, in 2009, a group of 20 volunteers were trained under Rev Khoo Ho Peng, Dean of Students of Methodist Theological School, Sibü.

Turning Point Centre aims to provide counselling services for the community. It also organizes regular workshops, camps, talks and courses in order to provide correct teaching and values.

Services provided are:

1. Telephone counselling Monday to

Friday 7:00 -- 9:00 p.m.

2. Face to face counselling, includes individual, couple, family and group.
3. Workshops on Emotions, Relationship, Parenting, Depression, Sex Education and others.
4. Courses or camps: Singles' Camp, Marriage Enrichment Camp, Wise Parents' Course, No Apologies and others.

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STM Celebrates 30 Years of Theological Education!

1979 - 2009



Zion Lutheran Church, Brickfields



Methodist High School, Sentul



St. Francis Xavier Hall, Petaling Jaya



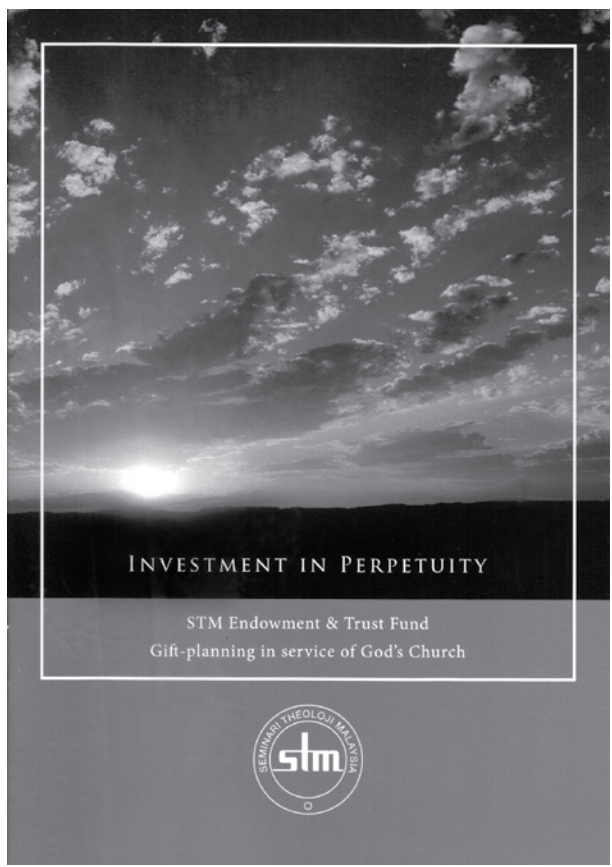
STM Campus, Seremban



STM Campus



Library stacks



From very humble beginnings Seminari Theoloji Malaysia can truly celebrate its 30 years of existence with the knowledge that it has grown in all aspects of its ministry in theological education.

It began life with the amalgamation of the Church Workers' Training Centre (CTC), a joint effort of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malaysia and Singapore (ELCMS) and the Anglican Diocese of West Malaysia (DWM) and the Kolej Theoloji Malaysia (KTM) started by DWM to train candidates for the priesthood. It started with a first batch of 18 students.

Changing Locations / A Permanent Home

STM's first base was the premise of CTC at Zion Cathedral in Brickfields. In 1983 it moved to its second campus in Sentul. This provided much needed additional space for classrooms, hostel facilities, library space and

playing fields. The library expanded to three times its size from the days at Brickfields.

From Sentul STM relocated to Xavier Hall Petaling Jaya in 1992. This move to a smaller place gave the impetus to accelerate the search for a permanent home for STM. In 1993 a piece of land of 5.6 acres in Seremban was purchased from the Sisters of the Holy Infant Jesus. Construction began in 1995 and completed in 1997. STM moved into its permanent home in 1998.

Sponsoring Church Denominations

STM began with three member churches of the Council of Churches Malaysia as sponsoring denominations – ELCMS, DWM and the Methodist Church in Malaysia. The Anglican Diocese of Sabah officially joined in 1997; and then Gereja Presbyterian Malaysia (GPM) in 2004 and the Lutheran Church in Malaysia and Singapore (LCMS) in 2005.

Growth in Student Population

Student enrolment has also grown from the first 18 in 1979, not only in numbers but also in the church denominations represented, in married students with families and since 1999 some international students. In recent years STM has sought to provide accommodation to married students. The student population in 2008 was 118 full-time in-campus students with another 215 doing part-time studies in the various TEE programmes.

An Evolving Theological Programme of Studies

STM has also developed its academic programmes through the years. Beginning with the basic BTh and BD it included the MDiv degree all of which were accredited by the Association of Theological Education of South East Asia (ATESEA). It soon added the Theological Education by Extension (TEE) to equip lay people for ministry. Today TEE offers undergraduate and graduate level of studies and has also a Tamil and Chinese programme.

As the scope of its theological education and equipping expanded STM did not forget its alumni and sought to provide a continuing education for them. To this end, with its move to the new campus in Seremban, STM also launched the MMin programme for pastors who have been in ministry and needed refresher courses, spiritual refreshment and theological reflection. In 2008 the DMin programme was started.

Still on the academic front, STM was accepted as a participating school of the South East Asia Graduate School of Theology (SEAGST) in 1994. And in 1996 it began to offer the Master of Theology (MTheol) degree. Today STM is the administrative regional office for SEAGST Malaysia-Singapore-Thailand-Lanka region (SEAGST MSTL), with the Principal Rev Dr Ezra Kok as the Area Dean.

Investment in Perpetuity – STM Endowment and Trust Fund

Indeed the seminary has developed in various other ways, in particular the Faculty and the library, to become an institution with an established presence and name in theological education. In order to grow further it needs the continued financial support and resources to enable it to achieve its vision.

With its 30th Anniversary STM launched the first step towards an Endowment and Trust Fund. This will promote excellence, quality and sustainability for its programmes while enabling it to become a regional centre for theological education, thought and research. The Fund will be used to support Chairs or Professorships, provide scholarships, to develop library and resource facilities for a higher level of research and training.

Indeed, after 30 years the Seminary can take note of its achievements in gratitude to the Lord. And look forward to greater heights for its contribution to theological education, research, thought, training and equipping the Church for its life and mission.

Holy Spirit touches Iban Youths

“Awak ka kitai merening ngagai Jesus!” (Heb.12:1)
“Let’s fix your eyes on Jesus!”

SIAC youth camp

With this theme, for the second year Iban youths from the Sarawak Iban Annual Conference came together 25-27 August 2009 at the YMCA Camp Resort. This was again fully supported by some Methodist churches in Korea which are committed to partner with the Iban church to help in the spiritual development and renewal of the youths. Some 200 youths and over 30 pastors had this combined camp. The pastors came for a preaching school (see the report below) held over the same period.

The youths experienced the reality of the Holy Spirit pouring down upon their spirit, which led to spontaneous praise and prayer and worship to the Lord the Great and Almighty God. Their hearts and lips were opened and they realized they could pray and sing with their whole and heart and spirit.

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The youths in prayer and worship.

Third Lausanne Evangelisation Congress Less Than A Year Away

Leaders of a Christian movement focused on world evangelisation marked the one-year count down to their third major gathering in over three decades.

by Eric Young, *Christian Post*

“It’s hard to believe we’re one year out,” wrote Lausanne Movement spokesperson Naomi Frizzell to supporters on Friday. “It’s both encouraging and scary!”

In less than a year now, around 4,000 Christian leaders from more than 200 countries will gather in Cape Town, South Africa, to confront the critical issues of today as they relate to the future of the Church and world evangelisation. Thousands more, meanwhile, will participate in Cape Town 2010 online and through other media.

Cape Town 2010 will be the third international Lausanne Congress held since a committee headed by world renowned evangelist Billy Graham called for the first gathering in 1974, which drew more than 2,700 evangelical leaders from 150 countries and produced the Lausanne Covenant, an evangelical manifesto considered to be one of the most influential documents in Christendom.

The 10-day event will also be the first organised by the Lausanne Movement in partnership with the World Evangelical Alliance,

which represents around 420 million Christians worldwide.

Together, leaders from the two networks will use the gathering to examine the world and today’s culture to discern where the Church should invest its efforts and energies to most effectively respond to Christ’s call to take the Gospel into all the world and make disciples of all nations.

“Cape Town 2010 is not just a one-time meeting, but God willing, will be a catalytic event in the life of the church – drawing leaders together in purposeful prayer, humble repentance, strategic dialogue and decisive action,” organisers say.

Cape Town 2010 will be held 16 to 25 October 2010, at the Cape Town International Convention Centre.

Lausanne leaders describe their movement as one of “like-minded missional Christians who pray, plan and work together on global evangelisation”.

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World Methodist Council

The Council’s Social and International Affairs Committee brought four resolutions to the Executive Committee which were approved at their meeting in Santiago recently. Here are produced two of these resolutions.

Global Climate Change

This is a crucial year for the world’s climate. On December 7-18, 2009 the United Nations Climate Change Conference will meet in Copenhagen, Denmark to negotiate the successor document to the Kyoto Protocol which expires in 2012. The outcome of this critical gathering in Copenhagen will set the framework for global action on climate change for the next decade and beyond. It is truly a kairos moment for the world.

The intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) warns that if average global temperatures rise 2°C by 2050:

250 million people will be forced to leave their homes.

1-3 billion people will face acute water shortages.

30 million people will go hungry as agricultural yields fall and food prices rise.

Food production is at risk, national disasters will be more intense & frequent, malaria will spread & people in low lying areas like small islands & deltas will be forced to leave their homelands as sea levels rise.

Biblically, from the Genesis creation stories onward, we hear of God’s love of the earth & all its creatures, including humanity. The biblical understanding of the wholeness & interrelatedness of all creation brings with it the command to this reciprocal relationship between people & the earth & thus be good stewards & custodians.

We are dependent on the earth & must take care of it. If we do so, the land & oceans will yield bounty sufficient for all. Conversely, if human societies damage the earth, people suffer.

It is in recognition of this kairos moment for God’s world & the commandment

to enact our call to be good stewards of God’s world, we urge member Churches of the World Methodist Council to:

1. Give urgent priority to the study of global warning & climate change in preparation for the Copenhagen UN Summit from the perspective of the portion of the world in which they dwell & the effect they might have on other parts of the world.
2. Urge their respective delegated leadership to the UN Summit in Copenhagen to take all measures to turn around the current crisis of global warming.

NOTE:

The Council of Churches in Denmark has planned several actions during the summit in Copenhagen. The Action Planning Group is chaired by one of the District Superintendents in the United Methodist Church in Denmark. The General Board of Church & Society, UMC, will also have a delegation

present for advocacy work. This means there will be a strong Christian & Methodist presence in Copenhagen that we must support by prayer.

Given that the Pacific is one of the most vulnerable regions in the world to the impacts of climate change, we recognize that livelihoods, communities & cultures in the Pacific are increasingly threatened by extreme weather events and sea rise foreshadowing what is to come if concerted action is not taken.

The future impact of unabated climate change on families, communities & all other life will be significant given that in specific island nations, whole populations will need to be resettled. It is out of this critical awareness that we extend our solidarity with Pacific Church leaders & actively commit ourselves to support the Pacific Church leaders' 'Statement on Resettlement on a Direct Consequence of Climate Change,' entitled 'The Moana Declaration,' adopted on 24 April, 2009 in Fiji.

The Situation Facing the Methodist Church in Fiji & Rotuma

Following the reception and discussion of reports coming from Church leadership in the Methodist Church of New Zealand, Uniting Church of Australia & the British Methodist Church, as well as a report from a World Council of Churches delegation concerning the current crisis facing the Methodist Church in Fiji & Rotuma, the following report and accompanying resolutions is presented to the World Methodist Council Executive Committee.

In December 2006, the elected government of Fiji was overthrown in a military coup and an 'interim government' was installed with the head of the military, Commodore Frank Bainimarama serving as Prime Minister.

In April 2009, the Fiji Court of Appeal declared that this coup was illegal. Within days, the interim government abrogated the national constitution, dismissed the judiciary, brought in censorship of the media and announced public emergency regulations which, among other things, require the granting of government permits for all meetings, including church meetings. Since May 2009, the interim government has taken these issues against the Methodist Church, the major Christian denomination in Fiji & Rotuma with almost 2/3 of indigenous Fijians

belonging to the Methodist Church: Banned the Methodist Church of Fiji and Rotuma from holding its annual 2009 conference, with the possibility that this ban may stay in place until after 2014.

Banned the annual Choir Festival of the Church, which is held in association with the conference and which assists in the raising of at least 25% of the annual funds assisting the life & mission of the Church.

Arrested, detained & charged nine senior Methodist leaders including the President, General Secretary, former President & former General Secretary with breaches of the emergency regulations. All nine have since been released on bail, accompanied by strict conditions as to what these nine leaders can & cannot do, which includes the surrendering of their passports. There is a future bail hearing on September 26 where it is hoped these bail restrictions will be relaxed thus allowing these Church leaders to fulfill some of their official duties.

Ordered the current Church not to hold a service of induction of its President & General Secretary which was scheduled to take place on August 23, 2009.

Banned the weekly radio programs of the Methodist Church conducted by the General Secretary.

Further to the above is the development of a breakaway movement from the Methodist Church of Fiji & Rotuma, calling itself 'The New Methodist Church.' Its founder & senior pastor is Atu Vulaono, brother of the Fijian Police Commissioner. The 'New Methodist Church' formally supports the Bainimarama government with the incumbent ruler demanding that members of the Police Force become members of this church. The church's style of action is intimidatory & is deliberately seeking to undermine the Methodist Church of Fiji & Rotuma.

The Social & International Affairs Committee has been advised by the leadership of the New Zealand Methodist Church, the Uniting Church of Australia, the British Methodist Church, & the respective senior members of the Methodist Church of Fiji & Rotuma that it is imperative that no acknowledgement or support is

given by any official World Methodist bodies to the leadership & organization of the 'New Methodist Church.' In light of the above information & recognizing the critical situation particularly facing the Methodist Church of Fiji & Rotuma, & the people of Fiji, we recommend the following.

That the World Methodist Council Executive Committee:

1. Send its loving greetings to the leadership & membership of the Methodist Church of Fiji & Rotuma assuring them of our constant prayers for them and the peoples of Fiji & Rotuma in this ongoing time of crisis.
2. Express its deep concern regarding the actions taken by the interim government of Fiji against the Methodist Church of Fiji & Rotuma & urge the leadership of all WMC member churches to continue offering advocacy & assistance for & with the Methodist Church of Fiji & Rotuma as appropriate.
3. Commend the Methodist Church of Fiji & Rotuma for its careful & measured response to the actions taken against the Church by the interim government of Fiji.
4. Encourage the Pacific Conference of Churches to facilitate increased dialogue among the churches in Fiji especially between the Methodist, Anglican & Roman Catholic Churches.
5. Urge the Methodist Church of Fiji & Rotuma to seek opportunity to continue to engage in dialogue with the current government.
6. On the advice of those Methodist & Uniting Churches who have briefed the World Methodist Council Executive Committee, no formal acknowledgement or support be provided to the 'New Methodist Church' in Fiji.
7. Direct its officers to explore the most appropriate means & timing for a delegation of the Council to visit Fiji, in particular, the leadership of the Methodist Church of Fiji & Rotuma most involved in this current crisis.

New Books from Armour

Experiencing the Heart of Pastoral Counselling

By Lee Bee Teik

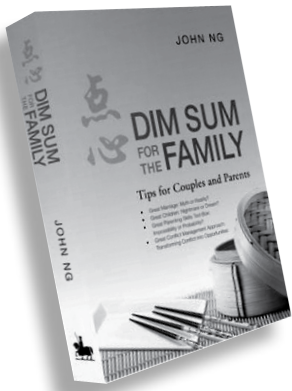
In this comprehensive guide book on the heart of pastoral counselling, the author delves into areas where God's deep transformation is anticipated in the readers' lives. She reveals how God sees us as we are with all our hang-ups which affect our personal and interpersonal relationships. As we allow God to work in us and draw us closer to Him, we shall be more prepared to be His channel of grace to help others deal with their inner spiritual, mental and emotional traumas. This book is best used when the reader, on his own or with a few friends, prayerfully reads and reflects on each chapter at a time — pondering, journaling, crying, praying, laughing and being changed — with Jesus by his side.

Topics covered in this practical guide book include:

- Our Distorted Image of God
- Dynamics of the Counselling and Healing Process
- Celebration of Discipline and Giftedness
- Perfectionism
- Human Sexuality
- Mind Your Language
- The Eight Stages of Life
- Freedom and Morality
- The Forgotten Teenagers
- Knowing and Doing God's Will
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- Personal Reflections



Dim Sum For the Family — By John Ng



Dim Sum for the Family is a timely and practical book that discusses issues and challenges that confront marriage and parenting in our modern world. Written in bite-sized chapters from the author's own experience and research, this illuminating book covers topics like "Great Marriage: Myth or Reality?", "Great Children: Nightmare or Dream?", "Great Parenting Skills Tool Box" and "Transforming Conflicts into Opportunities". This compendium of wisdom, peppered with enlightening personal anecdotes, will equip you with the keys to a wholesome and enriching family life.

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Ms Tina Ong Hung

Director, Service Development & Deputy CEO, National Council of Social Service

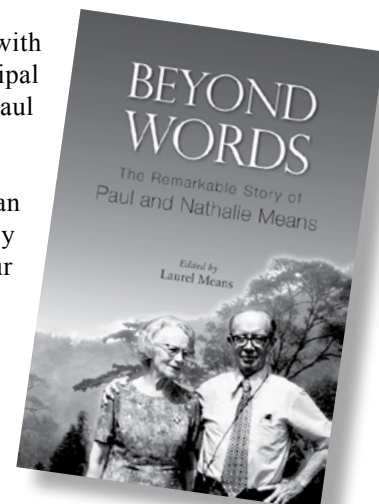
Beyond Words. The Remarkable Story of Paul and Nathalie Means

Edited by Laurel Means

Paul Banwell Means has an aim. He wants to go overseas as an educator and a missionary. Blessed with a wife Nathalie who shares his vision, Paul heads to the Far East to take up the position of the Principal of the Methodist Boys' School in Medan, Sumatra. On a trip into the jungles of North Sumatra, Paul meets the Bataks, and it is there that Paul's understanding of Christian mission is shaped.

Paul and Nathalie Means "came to bear witness to the Light, the Light that shines in the Malayan jungles and in Indian villages," where they served as missionaries, linguists, translators, and literacy specialists. Theirs are two impressive lives which deserve to be remembered in the history of our 21st-century world.

This biography of Paul and Nathalie Means is well woven around the many letters which dramatically bring to life their unrelenting work to make Kunci Pelajaran (the keys to reading) a reality. Share their struggles and their triumphs. Read about how Paul on his deathbed was still planning their next mission to Malaysia, and how Nathalie fulfils her promise to him.



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her active involvement in student and community service activities at MCKL while excelling in her studies.

One aspect of the college which Zu Ning truly appreciates is the small size of the classes. This enables lecturers and staff to provide personalised attention and to motivate each one to achieve their potential and discover their unique talents. Friendships are formed and students give each other support to excel academically and in life.

She said, "Looking back on my one and a half years, I can say its small building and small student population belies its excellence. My lecturers were wonderful teachers who bonded well with us students and Datin Nadarajah has been a great help in university applications. The strong CF is a unique feature of MCKL. My college experience would not have been as colourful otherwise. I hope those bonds of friendship formed through camp and other CF activities will last the test of time."

Zu Ning has received admission offers from City University, UK and Drake University, US together with the Drake Presidential Scholarship to study Actuarial Science.

Jonathan Chew joined MCKL after finishing his secondary school education at Sri Sempurna Secondary School, KL where he obtained 13As in the 2007 SPM examination. He took an active part in extra-curricular activities and was the winner of the 2007 National SPM Bible Knowledge Quiz. He was awarded a full Merit Scholarship to do his A-Level studies in MCKL.

Jonathan's lecturers attribute his success to his diligence and perseverance. Jonathan is a highly motivated student, has a pleasant personality and exudes confidence in all that he does. From the various admission offers to foreign and local universities, Jonathan selected the International Medical University (IMU), Malaysia. He is currently reading for his medical degree and has set his heart on becoming a doctor.

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Pastors Preaching School

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The Holy Spirit brought a recognition and surfacing of past sins, being irresistibly overwhelmed by His presence, some broke in praise and prayer in tongues, and all felt the spirit of peace and comfort. But the Spirit also overcame the language barriers between Korean and English, English and Iban. No one was a foreigner to the other, they were all brothers and sisters in Christ, which they had never experienced before. Thanks to the Lord!

Pastor's preaching school

Over 30 Iban pastors joined the school which had classes and seminars. Five Korean pastors brought not only their knowledge and experience in the preaching ministry but their life journey in holistic growth to the teaching in the school.

The pastors were greatly helped by the constructive, creative and practical approaches to help build up the spiritual life. There were also much detailed resources that were useful to them. But it was also shared that it is the everyday practices of the spiritual life like whole hearted prayer, Bible reading, keeping close to God every moment of the day which form the basis for preparing spiritual, effective and powerful biblical preaching.

In the evening the pastors attended the congregational gatherings with the youths. They were reminded of the reasons why they need to be with the 'lambs' of the flock that they were called to serve.

It is hoped that this camp will be the beginning and continuing of crucial changes to the Iban church. But such camps in partnership with Korean Methodist churches will continue in the years to come.

(This is based on the report on the combined camp from Mr Kim Gueon Min. Editor)

Beautiful Gate Recycling Project

Many of us would have heard of Beautiful Gate Foundation for the Disabled, pioneered by Pastor Sia Siew Chin of the Chinese Annual Conference. A not-for-profit organization committed to serve people with disabilities, the various centres provide living skills and working skills training, social work, educational, mobile therapy services and organize awareness activities. Their goal is to enhance the quality of life of people with disabilities, and assist in their total integration into mainstream society.

One source of income, besides donations from churches and the public, is from recyclable items. A collection task force

oversees the processing of recyclable items such as clothing, plastic, glass, steel, and also electrical items, old furniture, etc. The recycle centre also creates job opportunities for those who are physically and mentally deficient. But in a wider perspective these efforts go towards building a more effective recycling system in the city, reducing wastage, protecting the environment and bringing about a greener city.

To encourage this practice the centre has built recycle steel bins (6 ft. high by 4 ft by 5 ft) for collection of recyclable items. Pastor Sia hopes that churches will install one of these bins in their compounds for members as well as the public to bring these items. It is probably true for most of us that we do



Working on clothes

want to recycle but do not know where to bring these items. To have easy access to such bins can encourage a more widespread practice of recycling.

The Foundation is looking to relocate the recycling centre to a small factory building. This will provide more space and better environment to work in. If anyone can help in this area or if your church is interested to install a recycle bin Pastor Sia Siew Chin can be contacted at tel. 03-78736579, 03-78758609; fax. 03-78762686; email bgcentre@yahoo.com

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Dr. Leung has been a senior lecturer and professor at several colleges and universities on both sides of the Pacific, Regent College of Canada, Hong Kong Baptist University, University of Hong Kong, and the University of Hawaii.

Among his many leadership positions, he has been:

- A Chair Professor in Xichuan University
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- A member of the International Leadership Council of Trinity Western University, Canada

He is a renowned international conference speaker on religious, Philosophical, social, and cultural issues. Being a professor in various universities in the Pacific Rim, he also spent time to work in the third world countries. He is an academic, a philanthropist, an international speaker, a media host, a writer and also a lay Christian lay minister.

Currently he is the President of Culture Regeneration Research Society (known as CRRS), C.E.O. of CRRS (Worldwide) Foundation (known as Foundation) and Editor-in-Chief of "Cultural China Quarterly". CRRS has supporters/ members of well over 7,000 and is well accepted by the Chinese academic circle.

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