

2015 Annual Report

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Even so, take heart, Zerubbabel,' says the Lord. 'Take heart, Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and all you citizens of the land,' says the Lord, 'and begin to work. For I am with you,' says the Lord who rules over all.

Haggai 2:4 (NET)

Having been inspired by Haggai 1, HIS team made **"Get Resources to Build, Please and Honor God"** our theme for the year 2015. As it turned out, the first three months of the year 2015, the whole HISTEAM staffs had to cross terrains drove thousands of miles to flood areas for rescue and relief works. We chose to forgo our plan to acquire property for ourselves, but instead to be available for flood victims. In March 2015, we had a social enterprise workshop to discuss the possibilities of starting our own Kingdom Enterprise, but when we saw that "Dialogue in the Dark", this social enterprise's greater needs and potentials, we decided to put on the brake to our own social enterprise initiatives, instead focus our resources to assist in building up "Dialogue in the Dark" social enterprise, which is a God pleasing business, run and operate by and for the vision impairment.

Desire for God's Presence

The forming of Operation Christmas Child Regional Leadership Team

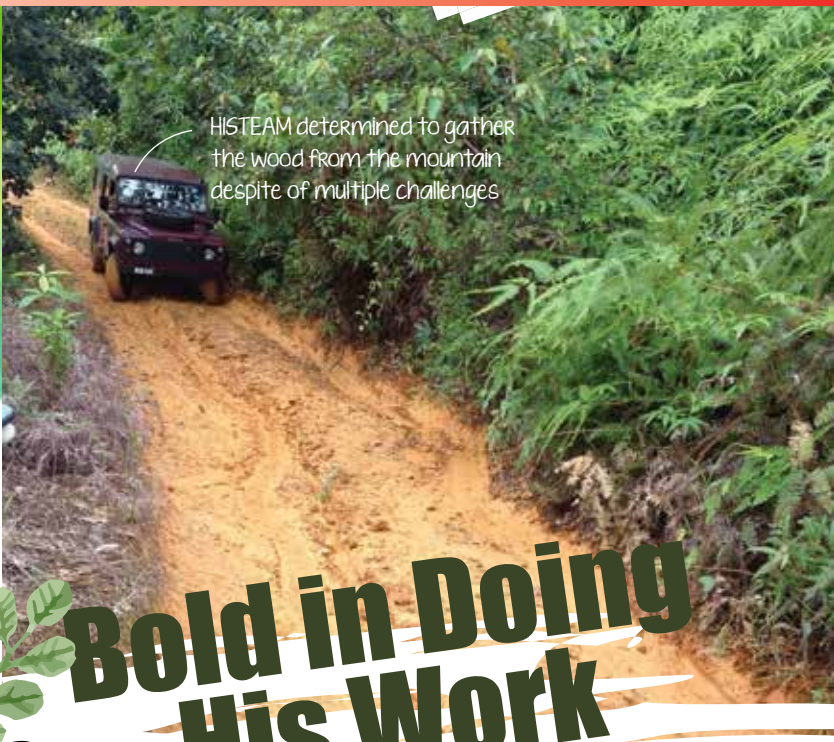


DID is a social enterprise that helps the blinds



Organising committees from different organisations work together for the GLS

HISTEAM determined to gather the wood from the mountain despite of multiple challenges



Bold in Doing His Work

Similarly, in the second half of the year, HISTEAM continued to work together with other organisations to start or assist in many ministries in the expansion of God's Kingdom. Just to mention a few, there are the Peninsular Malaysia's Mandarin Global leadership Summit, Sabah's Regional Leadership Team of Operation Christmas Child and co-sponsoring of the Bilingual National Diaspora Symposium. As we looked back, we realized when we chose to submit to God's leading, be concerned to His kingdom, He in turn faithfully provides the resources that we need, lead us to higher ground. Halleluyah!

In Haggai 2:1-9, the prophet repeatedly reminded us to be strong in facing difficulties and uncertainties. Knowing God and trusting in His presence is the key and a priority. HISTEAM is stepping into 2016, we have resolved to practice focusing and holding on to God's presence. We recognize that the determining factors for us to be successful or failure in implementing the great commandment of act justly and love mercy, will depend very much on these factors:

1. Knowing and trusting that this project belongs to God, and when there is God's presence and invitation, then we can do our work boldly;
2. Knowing and trusting all resources belong to God, and when there is God's presence, then we will have all provision we needed;
3. Knowing and trusting glory and authority belong to God, and when there is God's presence, all forms of construction will be full of God's glory.

Prophet Haggai relentlessly calls God's people to return to their original core value and priorities, that is the purpose of our existence is to glorify God, to proclaim God's wonderful name and amazing works. In order for us to receive God's glorious presence in our lives and ministries, we have to intentionally create space for Him in our daily lives, so that it will reflect on things that concern us.

Therefore, all HISTEAM staff have to intentionally retreat themselves to encounter God, to observe God's presence and confirmation. Looking ahead into the year 2016, we pray that you will be with us in seeking God's presence and serving God boldly. Looking forward to the time we meet up to share the evidence of God's glorious presence and the effect of serving boldly.

7979 HOLISTIC CARE & RELIEF NETWORK

For the 7979 department and everyone at HISTEAM, we kicked off this year under rather challenging circumstances.

Everyone was set to work when floods consumed many areas on the East Coast of Peninsular Malaysia. For two months, we worked tirelessly in the affected areas. Many of our team members on the field found it challenging to take time off to return home to their families during this time, and our operating room was almost operating for at least 12 hours every day. This was a tremendous challenge for our team and we were pushed beyond our boundaries. But it was through this experience that we were able to identify our strength and weaknesses, which we believe help us grow.

In Mac., Sis Leong Zheng En has transferred from the National Project Department to Disaster Management. She led a team to begin community recovery and rebuilding work in affected areas, whereas the rest of the staff returned to respective post. Our next challenge was the Love in Action 3rd Challenger Camp, which took place in May, we had only less than 70 days to organize it. Praise the Lord for answering our prayers and sent us many "angels" to help and encourage us which led to a very successful event.

We could see God at work through the relief work on the East Coast. There was a coalition of Christian based organizations such as NECF, CREST, World Vision Malaysia, FGB and HISTEAM, working together in relief. We also saw the eager response from churches to provide resources, finances and manpower, and many people who even volunteered to be directly involved in the disaster areas. In Aug., we set up the first Disaster Management Task Force. This voluntary team will undergo regular training to be equipped in disaster management. We are also grateful that a brother had offered us a place as an operation center and storage point, which will ease mobilization in the event of a disaster in the future.

As of 30th of Sept, we have 65 churches partnering in project 7979. Our network extended to as far as Kuala Terengganu, Dungun, Kemaman in Terengganu, Triang in Pahang, Yong Peng and Segamat in Johor, and Kota Kinabalu, Sabah. For Crisis Intervention Program, the no. of cases we received this year hit new heights. By estimation of min. 2 volunteers visited each client for 6 times, the time spent is very significant. We truly appreciate the time and effort put in by our volunteers to care and to show God's love to these families in need.

The Companionship Class Programme also exceeded our expectations. For this year, from 5 classes, we have now grown to 13 classes, with an increase from 45 students to more than 120 students. Classes are now conducted in Ipoh, Klang Valley, Melaka, Johor, Kuantan and Kota Kinabalu. We thank God for the support we have been receiving from churches, and together we can create a better future for these children.

Due to shortage of manpower, we had to postpone our charity run which was initially planned for this year. Sis Tang Hoi Xin resigned from our service department in June and Pr. Lim Chong Teak has taken over to oversee Crisis Intervention Program. We are looking for passionate and enthusiastic people to join our team and would like to encourage anyone who is interested to contact our office for more information.

In Sept., with the sponsorship of a brother, we were able to send a group of volunteer managers and Companionship Class coordinators to visit our partner, Chinese Christian Relief Association in Taiwan. This is a study trip on 1919 program in Companionship Class and Food Bank. We hope to pilot run a new program of Food Bank next year, before implementing it on larger scale later.

7979 mobilizes churches in Malaysia to take an active and holistic approach to care and assist the needy families. We pray that the love of 7979 will spread to where churches are, and with it, hope will follow.

New Life Church in KK, Sabah



Presbyterian Church in Kuala Terengganu, Dungun and Kemaman



Bentong Gospel Hall and First Baptist Church



Kuantan Church of Praise



Triang Christian Church, Pahang



Major Disaster 7979 Management Program



Volunteers involved in cleaning of Gua Musang Village

Because Jesus cares

A. Mobilisation

1 East Coast Flood

Several East Coast states were hit by severe flooding at the beginning of this year. We have collaborated with some Christian organisations (CREST, NECF, FGBMF, World Vision) for mutual support, info and resources sharing, in order to respond to this unprecedented flood. We have mobilised more than 1000 volunteers for relief operation. After 2 months of clearing and some follow-up works at the disaster areas, we have ended our operation in Sep, for now. Here are the progress of our rebuilding and recovery works:

• Education

SJK (C) Gua Musang:

A church who joined our operation has donated 40 computers, AV equipments and smart whiteboard to the school's computer lab. We sent a volunteer to set up the local connection network. The same church also donated 40 sets of stainless steel bench and table for the canteen use. We also donated a set of character education illustrated book to the school library.

Gua Musang Kindergarten:

Donation of preschool teaching materials and a set of children character education illustrated book.

SJK (C) Pulau:

Together with a church, we have donated 100 dictionaries (28 Chinese, 32 English & 40 BM) and a set of children character education illustrated book.

We have also organised "Rainbow after the Rain" Festival at SJK (C) Gua Musang, Kuala Krai SJK (C) Yuk Chai and Temangan SJK (C) Chung Hwa after the cleaning phase. There were 180, 357 and 67 students benefited in those three schools respectively.

• Needy Family

After visitation and verification, we have donated a washing machine and a coconut fibre single mattress to a single parent family. We also assisted 7 families that have their houses completely washed away, with a monthly RM200 grocery voucher, for four terms.

We have also help in the rebuilding and repainting of the walls of Gua Musang Presbyterian Church which served as the base for our relief operation.

• Reconstruction of the Indigenous Church

The livelihood of the residents around Temenggor Lake of northern Perak, have been affected by the surging of the lake water due to the increased rain volume, those who resides on the shore need to be relocated to a higher altitude site. We have partially funded Pr. Thoo's church reconstruction works in

The bodies of volunteers are soiled, but our hearts are full of joy

Happy Valley. This church has been opened to public in June. Meanwhile, we also donated a boat and engine to ICM, for their long term use in the follow up visit and works in community development.

• Clean Water Project

We partly funded World Vision on the clean water project in the indigenous tribes in Kuala Betis, Kelantan. The river water became murky due to the yellow soil that overflow from the huge deforestation; the water also polluted by the pesticide that used in the palm oil tree plantation. Hence, we are working hard for the indigenous tribe in obtaining the clean water.



2 Nepal earthquake

We are responding on two fronts. The first is through our partner CREST, conducting humanitarian aid on ground zero. Secondly, we joined hand with MMK, CNEC and ECF HolyWord Church's Diaspora Ministry in the fund-raising effort, for the local affected Nepalese migrant workers, so that they can help their families directly. The balance of the fund were distributed to the affected churches for reconstruction purpose.

3 Sabah earthquake

We have held two sessions of Children Caring Party at Ranau, on June 20 and 21. This was to alleviate the negative emotions caused by the earthquake. There were 148 children participated in these two sessions.

There were 96 children participated in the first session. It was originally planned to be held at the school, but due to several aftershocks, cracks can be seen and thus the school is declared unsafe by the authority. So the event was eventually moved to Basel Christian Church Ranau. The second session was held at the Agape Center in Kundasang. 52 children joined in it, though the venue is small, but it was filled with the joyous laughter of the children.

Through some local partner, we also help to bring community recovery and development projects to the affected villages at Ranau.



B. Training

Since June, we have organised 6 sessions of "Ark built before the Rain" Flood Response training, 3 each at East Malaysia and West. The training course includes Biblical basis of disaster response, personal and family preparedness measures, response mechanism of church group, ICS command mechanism, go bag and accountability.

C. Organisation

In order to be more effective in responding to local major disasters by getting involved in disaster cycle management works, and to strengthen the capacity of 7979 Relief Network, we plan to establish "7979 Disaster Management Task Force" in various regions. The first task force of 12 volunteers has been founded on August, and most of the members have responded to the East Coast flood. We have met for 3 times and went through the introductory lesson of first aid course.

D. Capacity Building

After the East Coast flood, we started to look for storage space of equipments, so that we can respond faster and more efficient in future. Praise be to God, a brother in Christ has let us to use a three-storey shoplot for free, it will be used as warehouse, operation center and hostel for outstation volunteers.

Another brother in Christ also blesses us by partly sponsoring a 4-wheel-drive, so that we can arrive on scene quicker. We are also blessed by the donations of two boats and 12 high pressure water jets. Besides some common equipments and tools, we also purchased satellite phone, walkie-talkies and generators etc for use in disaster-hit zones.



Tadika Gua Musang with their new learning resources



Volunteers in distribution of relief aids

Crisis Intervention Programme

A True Story

Hui(pseudonym)'s husband passed away in a road accident, and the breadwinner of the family was lost. In order to support the livelihood of her children, she is forced to resume working and to look after her two children, which are 10 and 12. Amidst the time of her helplessness, she managed to get helps from Petra Christian Church's 7979 volunteers, who showed their concern and grant her relief aid to ease her plight.

Through the encouragement and the assistance of the volunteers, she found a job in sewing. She taught her children to take care of their personal safety while she is out working.

Hui accepted Christ after attending the church for six months. She feels calm in the church, get comfort from the hymns, and so she started to put aside her sadness and embraced a new journey.



Home visit by 7979 volunteer

Total cases from 2014 to 2015 (Sep): 79

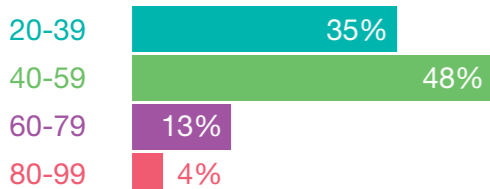
State	No. of case
Sel & KL	25 32%
Perak	17 21%
Johor	13 16%
Sabah	8 10%
Pahang	6 8%
Penang	6 8%
Sarawak	4 5%

Approved cases in 2014
~ 46 cases
Completed
~ 41 cases

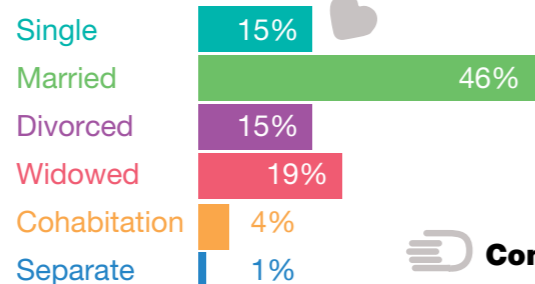
Approved cases in 2015
~ 33 cases
Completed ~ 38 cases
Ongoing cases ~ 22 cases

Volunteer training (as of 2015 Jan to Sep) Sessions 6 Graduates 234

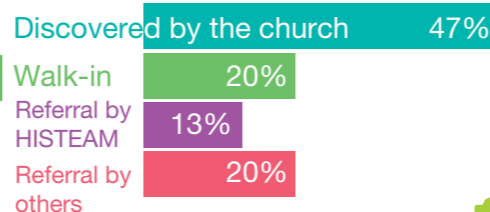
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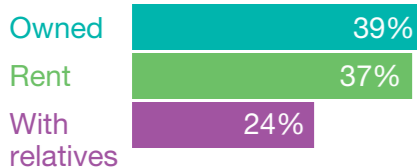
Marital status of the cases



Source of the cases



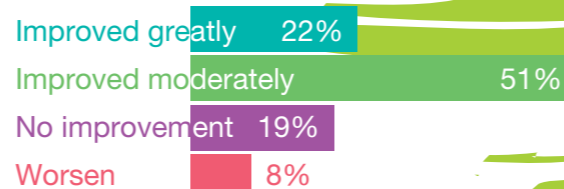
Type of residence



Employment status



Condition after assistance



Resources Sharing

Thanks to some of the corporates who donated gifts to the financially vulnerable families. The gifts we received this year were adult diapers, which can bless the needy, and also children Vitamin C (60 tablets, 144 bottles), that has blessed the children of Companionship Classes.

7979 Top Ten Problems and Needs

Financial Aid 72 cases	Single-parent family 15 cases
Crisis Relief 42 cases	Religious Issue 15 cases
Visitation 33 cases	Counselling 13 cases
Medical problems 18 cases	Employment 10 cases
Illness and Injury 16 cases	Schooling 9 cases

What is Crisis Intervention Programme?

Many people are struggling on the poverty line for survival in our current society. Once encountered with any sudden incidents, such as accident, serious illness, impairment etc., their live and financial status will plunge into crisis. Moreover, because they are ineligible for public welfare system, or are qualified but failed to get timely assistance, their plight could deepen and become the so-called family in crisis.

The church's 7979 Holistic Care Station will mobilize volunteers to visit and console family in crisis, by distributing 4 terms of financial aid of RM 200-300 per term. During the visitation, the volunteers will also use the booklet "Blessings Arrive Your Home" to encourage, comfort and bless the beneficiary.



Vitamins donated to children of Companionship Class



7979 Challenger Camp Raised fund for Crisis Intervention Programme

Challenger Camp

Challenger Camp is an annual activity that aimed to raise fund for the 7979 Crisis Intervention Fund.

This year's 7979 Love in Action Challenger Camp was held on 16 May (Sat), participated by 34 teams of challengers and volunteers from Klang Valley, Perak, Negri Sembilan, Johor etc. There are 7 persons in each team, a total of 300 people, including volunteers, were gathered at SJK (C) Tanjung Sepat for the opening ceremony.

We have raised RM37,037.68 in total. We need more fund to help those crisis families. We hope that the fund to be raised next year will be higher than this year, and more teams will join us and more people can experience the spirit of relief assistance.

See you in 2016 at the 7979 Love in Action Challenger Camp!

Supplementary plan

1) Community Emergency Relief Plan

Emergencies may happen in the community, like fire, storm, regional flooding or severe road accidents etc. These would greatly affect and traumatize the residents physically and mentally, especially those poor families. In such emergencies, the church as their neighbours, is the light and hope.

The Community Emergency Relief Plan helps to support local churches to provide aid on the urgent and immediate needs of the affected families. Through this supplementary plan, the local church can intervene in the community emergencies, by delivering financial aid or crucial supplies.

2) Rehabilitation Equipment Plan

Some needy families might need rehabilitation equipments for the recovery of their family members, but cannot afford the cost of such equipment, hence the patients are forced to recover under inconvenient condition.

The Rehabilitation Equipment Plan aimed to assist churches in serving the financially vulnerable families, alleviate their financial burden. The church can apply on behalf of them for rehabilitation equipments (including wheelchair, walking stick, special toilet seat, walking frame, nursery bed, blood pressure monitor, blood glucose meter and others.)

Since this plan started in 2014, it has helped in 3 cases, in Selangor & KL and Pahang.



2016 Global Leadership Summit Peninsular Malaysia – Mandarin

Date • 20-21 May 2016 Venue • Seremban Agape Community Church
 Online Registration • <http://goo.gl/forms/Ac23jXd5m6>
 For Enquiry • Sis. Christina Goh +603 5122 1130 / +6017 606 1234
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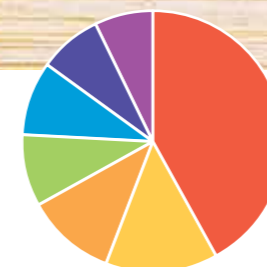
Registration Fees

	Before 31 Dec 2015	1 Jan 2016 onwards
Individual	RM220	RM250
Group	RM1200	RM1320
Students	RM180	RM200

Receipts Jan-Jun 2015

Income

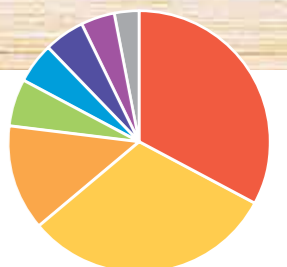
Disaster Relief & Response	RM 585,204.04
7979 Project	RM 192,593.19
Kingdom Ministry	RM 146,315.64
Ministerial Fund	RM 130,639.20
Sales of Products & Others	RM 125,368.42
Pledges for Staff Salary	RM 116,353.75
Serve The East	RM 91,290.00
	RM1,387,764.24



Payments Jan-Jun 2015

Expenditure

Major Disaster Relief	RM 452,042.35
Designated Funds To Be Released	RM 424,597.48
7979 Project	RM 177,425.86
Publication & Awareness	RM 87,066.70
Church & Social Ministry Development	RM 72,399.43
Serve The East	RM 63,442.18
Office Operation	RM 52,958.84
Kingdom Ministry	RM 42,974.05
	RM1,372,906.89



7979

Companionship Class for Underprivileged Children

Companionship Class



Gifts brought by 7979 co-worker to the classes

The children in the class welcoming the visit by 7979 co-workers



I like Companionship Class

Mei is the only daughter to her single mother. No adult would be around at home after school, and there is no proper table and chair for Mei to complete her homework. Every day, the volunteers would pick up Mei from her school to go to the Companionship Class, and send her home after that. The teacher, after seeing Mei with her messy hair, sat her down and taught her how to manage her hair. The teacher said when Mei first came here, she did not have much idea about personal hygiene. She is doing a lot better now. She would even complete some extra homework after completing what she was supposed to do for the day. Though she is not good in expressing herself, she enjoys coming to Companionship Class because she is cared and loved by the teachers and volunteers here.

Footsteps We Left Behind

Since August 2015, Companionship Classes grew from 5 classes to 13 classes over the past one year. There are Companionship classes in 6 states and 1 from the Federal Territory now: Perak, Selangor, Melaka, Johor, Pahang, Sabah and KL. 7979 is currently funding 140 children like Mei. They belong to the poorer strata of the society, and most of them are either single parented, raised by their grandparents or having a parent from foreign countries. The classes operate at least 4 days a week, and 3 hours each day. Services provided are schoolwork guidance, life education and family care. We need more than RM18,000 every month to execute all these services, and it covers the allowance for the teachers, student's meals, as well as stationeries and teaching materials. Based on the initial estimation, we may have 5 to 8 more Companionship Classes next year. The cost will most probably hit RM25,000 as we reach 200 students.

Companionship Class

2014

Pekan Nanas ECF Holyword Church 2012 • Aug
Johor Jaya Vision Church • 2013 Mac
Gereja Presbyterian Glorious Grace • 2013 Mac
Elim Gospel Hall Ipoh (Chinese Assembly) • 2013 Jul
First Baptist Church (Chinese) • 2014 Aug

2015

Church of Praise, Ipoh • Jan
Spring Rain Revival Centre, KL • Jan
Yong Peng Presbyterian Church • Jan
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Kulai (English) • Mac
Menglembu Lutheran Grace Church • Jul
KK Bread of Life Christian Church, Sabah • Jul
Chen-Li Presbyterian Church, Johor • Jul
Gereja Presbyterian Melaka • Aug

Looking Forward to 2016

Throughout our journey of serving, we found that many underprivileged families were in financial crisis due to mismanagement of their finances. Therefore, 7979 and MonQ Academy will partner in organizing Financial Planning Road Show. Hopefully by educating the right concept of financial management, we can improve the financial situation of the underprivileged families. Next year, we will also organize the first National Companionship Class Children Camp.

The children are enjoying the lunch

Teachers are coaching school works

Sometimes they play games together

1st intake of Social Concern Certificate Course

After 2 years of commitment and diligence, the students had finally made it to their graduation!

Praise The Lord for the completion of 1st intake of Social Concern Certification course in March 2015. This course was jointly organized by HISTEAM and Malaysia Bible Seminary (MBS), inaugurated in September 2013. By the Grace of God, 20 students completed 21 credits and awaiting their graduation ceremony celebration on November 7, 2015.

Besides renowned and experienced lecturers from MBS and HISTEAM, there are special guest lecturers from various fields and it was greatly beneficial to the students.

These like-minded servants of God have built their comradeship over the two-year course. Though working in different organizations, they keep in touch with each other outside classroom, supporting, assisting, and sharing resources with one another, even jointly organized some charity dinners. Their friendship remains fervent even though each is occupied with own ministry at a different geographical location.

Graduation speech

Nguang Chin Gin

I have gained in depth understanding about care ministry and boosted my confidence in serving the society and providing care for the marginalized groups.

Leong Jie Zhi

I've become more grounded and practical in social concern ministry and I've more faith in facing future challenges and trials.



Paying attention to the lecturer's important teaching

2nd intake of Social Concern Certificate Course

The 2nd intake of Social Concern Certificate Course has commenced on 9th September 2015 with 24 new students at MBS.

"National Diaspora Symposium" was an additional enthralling and timely conference that the students attended just before the start of the course. It was held from 6th to 9th of September at Wesley Methodist Church Kuala Lumpur.

The symposium aimed to inspire the churches to participate in the ministry for the diasporas as an act of obeying The Greatest Commandment and The Great Commission of the Lord. HISTEAM was one of the co-sponsors. The keynote speaker was Dr. Enoch Wan while the co-speaker was Prof. Allan Karr who were from the United States.

Students and participants alike expressed their thrills of motivation through the symposium and for some, they have changed their perception towards the refugees and migrant workers in this nation, and they decided to care and share the love of Christ with them.

During the first night of Orientation, Rev. Dr. Lee Mee Onn introduced MBS with the video clip of MBS anniversary and welcomed the students of becoming part of MBS. He urged all to work towards their graduation.

Rev. Andrew Wong acknowledged that each student came with hidden talents and a unique life story. However, he hoped that they would have intimate and true fellowship in Holy Spirit.

Students are getting along well with one another just with 2 weeks of association - they go to classes and exercises together and there's a tacit understanding within members in group discussion and presentation. The teachings of the lecturers have helped them to minister better.

The first semester had ended, but it marked the beginning of their friendship. Dear fellow students, we'll see you again next year!

Students engaged in group assignment



Joseph Lee

Statistics show that majority of the local churches is not actively involved in social concern ministry. It's worrying us. When I studied further, I realized that most churches are handicapped by the lack of relevance and technical know-hows.

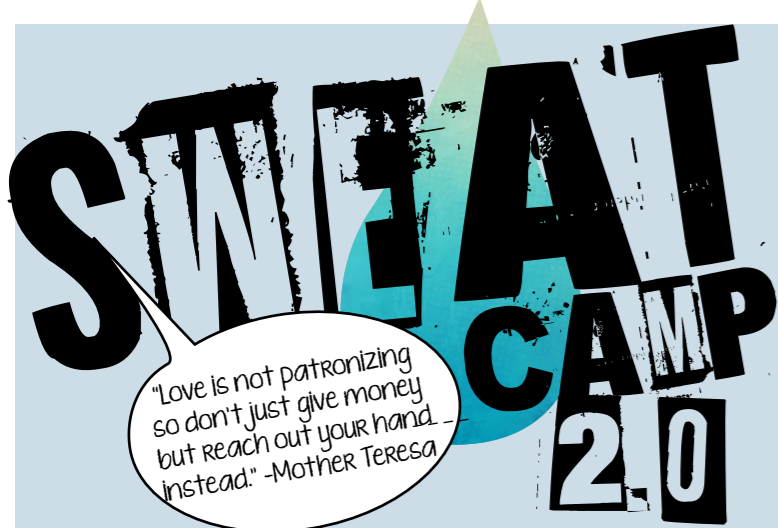
However, thank God that I have the opportunity to study this course which allows me to acquire first-hand information from the lecturers and to broaden my horizons through the front-line workers from all over the nation.

I hope that more co-workers will sign up for the course since I believe that they will find it greatly beneficial just like me.

Registration is still open. The class will commence on 2nd semester from 29 Feb to 11 Mac 2016. Kindly contact sister Ann Nee at 010-2979638 for further queries.

Muhlibbah spirit among the students





Dying bodies on the bed, helpless eyes from the seniors in old folks home, people in the dark who cannot see, and the Orang Asli community that have been under the poverty line for the longest time. We don't get to meet these people in our day-to-day life, not until they come to us. Do you see their needs? Are you willing to get your hands dirty in order to help them? Do you love them?

Since HISTEAM had our first SWEAT (Social Work Exposure & Awareness Training) Camp in year 2012, we run it again this year, hoping to raise the awareness among the students in tertiary education, and help them empathize with the underprivilege community. By doing so, we want to to equip and call those who are burdened to serve fulltime in social concern ministry.

The 18-day SWEAT Camp opened the eyes of the campers. It has helped the tertiary students to understand the meaning of Social Concern. Besides that, they also get to understand the needs of the underprivileged, and shed sweat and tears for that cause! It was indeed a practical, bitter-sweet kind of experience.

We asked the Lord to give us at least 12 campers, and the Lord answered our prayer, hence made the team of "The Twelve Disciples". The twelve campers are tertiary students from different campuses. They spent 18 days living under the same roof. They learned together and fellowship with one another, such life changing experience made them fellow who encourage one another.

Thanks be to God, 8 of the campers answered the call. Among them is Lee Chiann Yieing, a psychology student from UTAR Kampar. She decided to become fulltime with HISTEAM after the camp. She is now undergoing a three-month volunteer program.

"I have always wanted to be involved in social works but my friends around me say the pay is low. After much consideration and prayer, the Lord answered my prayer and I got to know about SWEAT Camp. I understand that this is the calling from God and I decided to take the path He prepared for me."

Another person that decided to serve God full time is someone who used to do his practical with HISTEAM, Leong Dai Mun, another psychology student in his third year, from UTAR Kampar. He got his confirmation through the camp, and affirmed his desire to become a pastor. He prays that he would shepherd the Lord's sheep all his life.

There was even someone who has been a seeker for two years decided to put her faith in Christ after the camp! Her name is Poo Chieh Li, Second year

student in Property Management from Universiti Teknologi Malaysia.

By providing service through social concern bodies, experiential activities, talks on social concern and community services, the campers grasp the vast needs of many in the society today. The campers got emotional and shed tears of empathy as they listen to the stories shared by the speakers and their fellow friends.

Something beautiful happened too as they were doing visitation to the hospital and old folk homes. The campers were eager to share the Good News to the people there, hoping that small gestures like giving a hug could bring them some comfort.

Huang Zhi Xian (First Year Student in Occupational Therapy from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia) says that he hopes to share the Gospel when he works at hospital in the future. He decided to push for hospital visitation in his university. He even decided to stay back and serve in Malaysia instead of going to Singapore, as what was planned initially.

He pointed out that, besides preaching the Gospel and nurturing disciple, Jesus also went around healing, cast out demons and being hospitable to the poor and sinners. Since we are His faithful disciples, we must do what Jesus did.



Private tuition to OA children

Chatting with old folks

The youngest camper was Cheng Rong Ying. She has just finished her Form Five. She learned that she should not keep looking at the disabled. She also hopes that the church can visit the underprivilege community more often.

They also had an opportunity to go to the Orang Asli village for a short-term mission trip. They had classes for the younger Orang Asli kids, helped paint the buildings and did home visitation. The campers appreciated the innocence of the Orang Asli, yet at the same time worry about the high drop out rate from school.

After the camp, "The Twelve Disciples" needed to go back to their respective campus and daily life. We believe the 18-days of learning and experience would leave a mark in their mind. Pray that these young students would know that: The sooner they serve the better!

We are ready for hospital's visit!



Camper is experiencing the inconvenience of a disabled person.



Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child
Good News • Great Joy



The history of Operation Christmas Child (OCC)

I joined the Malaysia OCC National Leadership Team in 2012, we brought in shoe boxes to Malaysia. I have been involved with organizing and mobilizing OCC since then and I affirm more and more with the mission statement of OCC:-

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

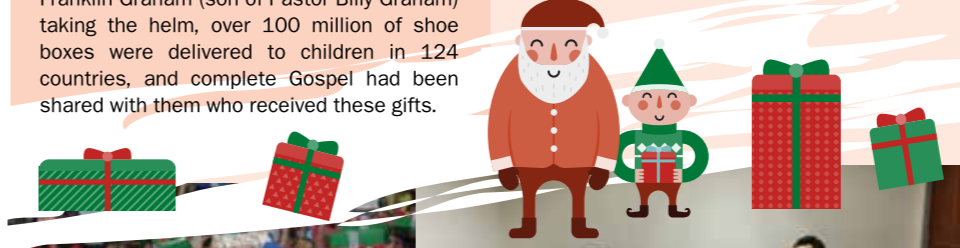
This is a wonderful ministry that fulfills The Great Commission and The Greatest Commandment at the same time, emphasizing the share of the Gospel to unsaved children below the age of 15 and the hope of upbringing faithful disciples for The Lord.

OCC has started operation since 1993, with Franklin Graham (son of Pastor Billy Graham) taking the helm, over 100 million of shoe boxes were delivered to children in 124 countries, and complete Gospel had been shared with them who received these gifts.

The urgency to set the Gospel ship sailing to children

There are 2.2 billion children in the world, 1.2 million of them are being sold as sex slaves yearly and 1 was being pushed into prostitution in every 2 minutes. 640 million of them are homeless and 400 million live without safe drinking water, 270 million do not have access to medical services, nearly 30,000 children will die at the end of the today helplessly and the earth loses 11 million souls every year.

Statistics from missionary works shows that children receive the Gospel with simple hearts. Shoe boxes are designed for children because we believe Lord Jesus values greatly the little children (Mark 10:13-16) and children have the needs and rights to hear the Gospel (Rom 10:13-15). Lord Jesus has commissioned the church clearly and promised that He will be with us (Matthew 28:18-20). Our prime duty is to go to the ones not yet saved, and let the children follow Jesus Christ (Rom 15:20-21).



The progress report of OCC in Malaysia

After 3 years of relentless effort, we are able to share the vision of OCC with churches of different languages in East & West Malaysia. Currently there are 128 partner churches and in total giving out 28,000 shoe boxes to children of all social status and races. This year, OCC has finally arrived in Sabah and, set up the leaders team with 5 Orang Asal leaders taking charge for the region of Sabah. Praise The Lord.

On behalf of Malaysia OCC National Leadership Team, I invite you to get involved in this spiritual warfare. The door has been opened wide to the churches for the children age 15 below to hear the Gospel. "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few, I sincerely hope that you will partner with us to deliver these shoe boxes that represent the Gift of Love of Jesus Christ and the Gospel of the Kingdom to the next generation. Win every city for The Lord.

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"Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving; praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned; that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak. " (Colossians 4:2-4, NASB)



Meeting with sRLT in Sabah



Vision sharing in Sandakan

Operation Christmas Child

Our story starts with a girl named Rachel who heard at her church about Operation Christmas Child. She decided to join in the preparation of gift box. Her parents took her to the store to purchase gift. She wrote a note and put a picture of herself, and the prayer was the last thing she put inside the box.

Rachel's church brought Rachel's box to one of thousands of drop-off locations. At a processing center volunteers inspected every box, including Rachel's. They assured every box was full and safe before they packed them into sea containers. Gifts were sent on ships to Malaysia. The National Leadership Team in Malaysia planned to receive the gifts. They worked to get the permissions from the government and to train the ministry partners. Containers arrived and cleared customs. Coordinator need to select and train the churches .

Volunteers transported Rachel's gift to a local church in preparation for an Outreach Event.

A trained ministry partner planned to have a Outreach Event at an Indigenous village. On that day, Lina was invited by a friend from Sunday School. Lina did not understand everything, but she loved the fun songs and games. Lina and the other children were each given a surprise gift and a booklet that told more about Jesus.

When Lina opened her box, she saw a beautiful shoes that fit her size. She liked the shoes, Lina was moved to tears, this was the first time she got a new shoes, because she had to wear her sister's old shoes since she was very young. Lina found out that Rachel had written her a note, and the last sentence was : « For those friend who is receiving the shoebox gift, I just want to tell you, Jesus loves you, He never forget your need. Rachel. »

Serve the East

The inroad to remote villages are accessible with 4WD only



Praise God for His abundant blessings. Since we launched "Serve the East" project at the 2nd Malaysian Christian Holistic Care Conference last year, we have received encouraging responses from churches.

We organized three exposition trips to Sabah this year. Together with leaders from 4 churches and also a couple, we travelled into the inland of Sabah to visit preschools set up by SIB in Ranau and Pitas. During these 3D2N trips, church leaders shared God's words to encourage the locals and prayed for them. We also had the opportunity to interact with the committee of the preschools to understand the challenges they face and their needs.

Apart from that, we also led the first short mission trip to Sabah on June 13-19, joined by seven members from Grace Mission Church. Another seven members from Singapore Life Church and a family of three from Dungun will join the second mission trip to Sabah on November 14-20. During these trips, our participants will teach English at the preschools, tutor and encourage the children in their studies. Currently, nine brothers and sisters in Christ, together with six churches, are supporting financially the set up cost and teachers' salaries of eleven preschools in Sabah. We give thanks to God for this.

On 31st of October, four pastors and church leaders from Sabah (Rev. Dr. Thu En Yu, Rev. Dr. Lee Tak Vui, Rev. Daniel Chin and Pr. Alexander Buguk) who are serving among the indigenous there came to KL and shared in a forum on the theme "The Cry of the First Born". The main purpose of this forum is to create stronger awareness amongst the Chinese speaking churches in West Malaysia about the Natives Ministry in East Malaysia (especially in Sabah), and to encourage churches here to take part in this ministry.

During the workshop sessions, Sis. Rumba shared about the importance of preschool education, and Bro. Ernest Poon shared about an effective material to help Christians gain a better understanding of Christianity. Rev. Andrew Wong shared about the vision of the "School of Micah", a new project to counter the needs of field workers to the inland of Sabah as a result of "Serve The East" movement. We hope to nurture and train more young Chinese Christians to serve the poor community in villages holistically within three to six months of training. We are looking for partners to work with us in this ministry and welcome all who are interested to contact Rev. Andrew Wong for more information (013-3093095).

We plan to organize more short visitations and mission trips next year. On top of that, we hope to organize one month mission trip where participants will have the experience of living with the indigenous people in Sabah interior, and tutor the children in the community academically and spiritually. We would like to challenge graduates and young people to take up this invitation. Be there!

Visitation trips: 7-9/3, 27-29/6, 10-12/10
Short mission trips: 22-29/4, 5-12/8, 4-11/11

2016



Visitation to pre-school centre together with church's leaders

English lesson with songs and games



Hygiene class on brushing teeth the right way

Lee Chee Hong

The natives are a group that does not get much attention in our society. In fact, they are often associated with those from a lower class. Yet undoubtedly, they are able to experience God's abundant providence and very close to the nature. Although this was just a short trip, every grace and blessing upon us during our serving there reminded us that God is our provider.

One of the rules set on this trip was "Don't make a promise that you can't keep". This reminded us not to make empty promises to the villagers that we will be back. During the last day, we were very careful with our words. However, deep in our hearts, we had already made up our minds to come back again if we can.

Chiok Ann Nee

"The roads into the inland of Sabah are challenging. We really thank God for 4WD cars available and most of all, we thank God for Bro. Simon. There were twelve of us joining this mission trip and we needed at least three 4WD to bring us into the inland. Bro. Simon had two and borrowed another one from a church friend. In exchange to use the car, he promised to bear the maintenance fee of the car for a year. Each car has to be serviced once every three months, and the bill comes up to almost a thousand Ringgit Malaysia each time. Apart from that, he was one of the drivers for our long journey, and even volunteered to prepare meals during our stay in the village. I am touched by his life and the sacrifices he bore and I pray that God will continue to bless our dear Bro. Simon in His own way."

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