Enable to act, Compassion to serve





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Ultimate Concern

He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)

WHO are we?

HISTEAM is a Christian care organization established on 30 November 2007. The mission of HISTEAM is to "work with other believers to transform the community by act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God."

WHY do we exist?

Pastor Andrew Wong worked at Yayasan Kajian Pembangunan dan Masyarakat (YKPM) as social worker, he served the Indian problematic or delinquency youth and single mothers who live at the squatter areas. Due to the fact that very few Christians are willing to serve the poor, pastor Andrew Wong started to ponder on the issue: "Why Christian is not willing to serve the poor?" In 2002, he accidentally came across an article in "WATCHMEN'S FORUM 3" report published by NECF MALAYSIA. The data shows that only 6% of Malaysian churches has regular program in poverty alleviation. in order to improve this result report of "church's love index", pastor Andrew Wong began to preach messages on caring for the poor on the church pulpit, calling on the churches, especially the Chinese-speaking churches, to care for the sheep outside the pen. Around 2005 and 2006, Malaysia's Johor State suffered unprecedented serious flood. Among them, Kota Tinggi was the worst hit area. Some Christian individuals repeatedly requested Pastor Andrew Wong to help the affected believers, and urged him and his companions to lead the church in respond to the disaster. Hence, "Holistic Integrated Services" was established in the following year.

HOW do we operate?

T.E.A.M. Strategy

Through practical Training, Educate churches on biblical and social perspective, create Awareness with love and mercy, Mobilization of volunteers to the work of under privilege group Holistic care mission.

WHAT do we do?

Training 7979 Volunteer Home Visitation training \cdot cross cultural \cdot

social care awareness trainings.

Education Social Care Certificate Course · Diploma in Social Work

Awareness Sunday pulpit ministry, righteous and mercy related forum and seminars workshops on social care, exposure/short

term missions, Malaysia Christian Holistic Care Conference.

Mobilization 7979 Holistic Care Relief Network \cdot Serve the East – Yuan

Han journeying together.

Others Care Givers' Retreat

FOR WHO

Histeam work together with churches and social care personnel to serve the underprivileged in the community.

CEO Word

HISTEAM towards year 2020



More than 20 years ago, as a secondary school student, I had written several articles on "Vision 2020". The "Vision 2020" was the proposal of the Prime Minister at that time to motivate the whole nation to dream. The seventh challenges to become an advanced nation is cultivate a caring society and culture. I was so attracted and motivated by this challenge, so I responded.

From a social worker to setting up of HISTEAM, we started 7979 caring model in year 2010. In year 2012, I received 'Serve The East" vision, together with fellow children of God to care for and serve the poorest Malaysian people group, the indigenous. On the other hand, in order to help caring co-workers to be able to serve more competently, we and Malaysian Bible Theological Seminary jointly launched "Social Caring Certificate Course" in year 2013. In year 2016, together with three non-profit organizations and one college started the "Social Work Diploma". This is the commitment I made to our country in addition to the calling from above.

Before the arrival of year 2020, we as citizens of this country, there is an indisputable fact that we need to pay attention and face it courageously. According to official data, the poverty rate in Malaysia fell from 49% in year 1970 to 0.4% in 2016. But in August 2019, UN "extreme poverty and human rights" Special rapporteur Pro. Philip Eston claimed that Malaysia poverty rate is at 15%. Same month, Sabah's Ministry of People Health and Well Being's minister Datuk Frankie Poon guoted from national health and morbidity data, indicating that 29.2% of adults in this country are suffering from mental illness, and Sabah is as high as 42.9%. In March of this year, 25 rivers in Malaysia were badly polluted. Johor accounted for 16 of them. The illegal dumping of chemical waste and garbage into rivers are the main culprit in river pollution! The Malaysian Population Forecast Report from 2018 to 2019 stated that Malaysia will soon become an aging society. By 2030, more than 15% of Malaysia's population will be above the age of 60.

The above data tells us that there are still many poor people in Malaysia, and there will be an increasing of mentally ill and senior citizens among us. Our environment has been severely damaged in the name of development and this also deeply affecting us. Facing with these 2020's crisis of Malaysian society, if the churches are willing to respond positively, this will be an opportunity for Christians to participate in this country's construction and realise vision 2020! In year 2020, HISTEAM will remain faithful to our original vision from God: the vision of Micah 6:8, together with God's children act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God to transform our country. Therefore, in respond to the crisis of Malaysian society, we will continue to improve our existing service programmes, such as:

1. Nurture more competent care workers

Through providing social services related upgrade courses such as "Social Caring Certificate" and "Social Work Diploma", to train more volunteers to become full-time competent caring co-workers. Through Micah Centre, we hope to prepare cross cultural long term mission workers for Chinese churches, to serve the poorest indigenous in the country and then the unreached majority in Malaysia.

2. Promote healthy growth of partner churches

Regardless of the size of the churches, as long as it is healthy, it will grow naturally and become a lighthouse of the community. HISTEAM will share with partner churches the vision, strategy and "necessary groundwork" of "building a healthy and growing church". Let every church that walks together with HISTEAM into the community not only sows, reaps and serves their community, but also able to cheers joyfully witnessing people return to the Lord and becomes God's disciple.

3. Seriously explore and implement sustainable management

As the ministry grows, the number of co-workers and expenditures increases. Therefore, HISTEAM will explore the way in which ministry can be sustainable, especially in realising Kingdom Enterprise, and recruit people in the area of fund and resources raising. So that HISTEAM's expansion in the upcoming years can be worry free. We are committed to be good steward of resources, putting what God entrusted us to most effective usage while maintaining high transparency and high accountability as in the past.

Finally, I wish every church that works with HISTEAM to be the salt and light in their community, gaining trust and good reputation. In this way, the community will experience transformation that bring by faith, hope and love!

Thank you for witnessing the transformation of life, community, city and country together with us. Thank God for you!

---Pastor Andrew Wong, CEO





2019

Ministry Recollection

1 Heart 1 Move, Unleash the Influence of Caring Network



20/12-07/01 • I cycle + You donate, Together we serve families

18/01

• Micah Night @ Segamat Presbyterian Church



19/02-20/02 • Who is my neighbor? Sharing @ Yi Sheng Resources Bhd

25/02-06/03 • 3rd Social Concern certificate course (4th term)



02/03

· Does he has a black dog in his heart? Social Concern Workshops

04/03-06/03 • Sabah Exposure trip

26/03-28/03 • 7979 companionship class teachers' training

21/03-28/03 • First timer youth exposure trip



02/04

· Micah Centre, School opening registration day

13/04

Micah Centre School Opening Day



11/05

• 7th 7979 Challengers' Camp

21/05-27/05 • Sabah short term mission trip

15/5-8/6

《Supermum》Charity film screenings@ 10 cities



05/06-08/06 • Pastor's kid Camp

15/06-16/06 • Briefing on short term mission trip

14/06-21/06 • Revisit Inland Sabah Indigenous people







01-03/07

Micah planning retreat at Sabah

20/07

• Mini GLS Get set to counter corruption

15-22/07

• Dr. Wendy Huang Education Seminar

08/07-02/08 • Together with Taiwan Social Concern course's practical students unleash influence in caring network.



04/08

• Incidence Response Tabletop exercise

10/08-15/08 • Sabah short term mission trip

15/08-30/08 • Taiwan Rev. James Shia Malaysia Singapore Brunei mission tour

24/08

• Miri, "Love · The lost sheep" Open Talk



08/09-10/09 • 7979 National Volunteers' Managers Meeting (Let's Love Move 3.0)

12/09-17/09 • Sabah short term mission trip

23/09-04/10 • 4th Social Concern Certificate Course (1st term)



06/10

• Sarawak "Yuan Han Journeying Together" open talk

25/10

• Sandakan "Love · The lost sheep" open talk

31/10

• Charity Golf Tournament



23/11

• HISTEAM 12th anniversary thanksgiving celebration (Kuantan)

24/11

• HISTEAM 12th anniversary thanksgiving celebration (Penang)



01/12

• HISTEAM 12th anniversary thanksgiving celebration (KL)





Awareness on Act Justly & Compassion

Through Sunday pulpit messages, symposiums, forums and articles, we intend to cultivate Christian to love with action.

Up to September 2019, HISTEAM...



60

Had preached a total of 60 messages on care missions and 3 messages on Social Justice.



2

Held two seminars on "Love, the lost sheep" by Rev. Andrew Wong, and two seminars on "Return to Great Commission" by Rev. James Shia.



2

Held two social concern awareness workshops, one of it is "Is there a black dog in his heart? - Identifying Mental Illness and Basic Intervention & Serving Skills".



7

Held 7 book reading sessions on Social Justice Issues and a mini GLS (Theme: Get set to Counter Corruption)



2+1

Published two issues of 7979 magazine and one report on Serve The East.

Awakening, similar to a farmer who ploughs the hard soil to loosen it, we have been constantly bringing the message of caring mission to God's children. Our goal is to let God's children realize their own mission and bring God's love to the needy communities around them. In 2019, thanks to churches' invitation, HISTEAM has the opportunity to preach on compassion and related massages in various denominations. In order to help churches to put more effort on those neglected sheep outside the pen, HISTEAM together with Sandakan, St. Michael and All Angels Church co-organized < Love, the lost sheep> seminar, Rev. Andrew Wong is the speaker. Since Rev. James Shia and his Taiwan team happened to be here for exposure mission, therefore we pooled Sarawak and Brunei churches together to organise the "Return to Great Commission" road show to encourage churches to live out God's mission. Another focus of HISTEAM is to cultivate social concern mindset among Chinese speaking younger generation Christian through "Social Justice Initiative Group". In 2019, we had a few book reading sessions, a mini Global Leadership Summit focus on social justice and pulpit preaching on justice messages.

Reflection

Jesus wants us to love one another, but often, we are like the priests and Levites in the story of the good Samaritans, who only care for themselves. I found that it is not an easy task to care for another person, therefore, we must seek God's help in this. ——Veni (Social Concern Awakening Workshop)

Social Justice Initiative Group provides opportunities for us to share in youth gatherings and churches on how Christians should live out our faith in a corrupted country and community. We encounter God through Bible, it allows us to spread the gospel of justice to the world, and we need to learn to speak out loudly for those who can't speak for themselves and to lend a helping hand to those whom Jesus loves. – Esther Khong (member of Social Justice Initiative Group)

Vision 2020

For year 2020, the work on caring awareness will continue, we'll focus on preaching Justice of God. This is to encourage God's people to take justice seriously, so that it'll sprout and grow among churches, then social justice and holiness can be practice as a whole. In addition, we also hope to awaken churches about the injustices encountered by the indigenous people, thus encourage churches to carry out justice and compassion in indigenous community.

Social Concern Courses

HISTEAM, NGOs and theological training centre co-organised holistic caring courses and workshops.



Social Concern Certificate Course

Social Concern Certificate Course is a course jointly organized by the Malaysian Bible Theological Seminary and HISTEAM. It's purposes: (1) train full-time care workers to serve local or overseas under privileged groups, (2) equip Chinese Christians to respond to the great commandment and the great commission, lastly (3) assists the churches to develop community care outreach ministry and explore other possible outreach models.

The Social Concern Certificate course is a 2 years (4 semesters in total) course, the duration of each semester is 2 weeks. This course is taught in Mandarin and focuses on knowledge, spirituality and practical social care training. Most of the teachers are practitioners who serve in the field of social concern. In addition to the weekly classes, the weekends are occupy with visitation to care organization or attending social concern workshops.

Our third batch Social Concern Certificate Course (September 2017 to September 2019) has a total of 31 students. Among them are co-workers, pastors and leaders from 8 care orga-



nizations and 9 churches. The 4th Social Care Certificate course started in September 2019. A total of 22 students enrolled and 5 of them will join the class next semester.

Graduate sharing:

I am a pastor. I enrolled into this social concern certificate course because I want to broaden my horizon and learn how to help my church to be more effective in social care. In this course, I am very grateful to learn methods and skills on how to enable the church to involve in social care. In addition, the students' sharing of their experience had not only increased my knowledge, it also gave me more confidence to convey the importance of social care to my church. ——Sri Tanjong Baptist Church, Rev Ho Teck Kee

Currently, I serve the needy people in Johor Bahru. Before I enroll myself into this certificate course, I was already involved in social caring ministry, I felt lonely as I didn't have anyone to talk to whenever I faced challenges or problems. After I attended this two years certificate course, I met many fellow care workers from different places. They are like me serving the needy people. After two years of equipping in this social concern certificate courses, I know that I am no longer alone. A group of fellow workers from all over the world accompany me, and this increases my burden to help the needy people. I am very happy that, we, fellow workers can support each other so that we can continue to serve happily in our organization! ——Calvary Healing Centre, sister Agnes Chan

Diploma in Social Work

The Social Work Diploma is the first English professional course initiated by NGOs, recognized by Malaysian Ministry of Higher Education. Its academic requirement is at par with World Social Work standard.

This course is led by Foundation for Community Studies and Development (YKPM), working together with four other non-profit social care organizations: Malaysia Association of Social Worker (MASW), Holistic Integrated Services (HISTEAM), Community Excel Services (CES) and Alliance of Christian Care-giver and Social Worker of Malaysia (PPPPSKM), collaborated with Methodist College KL, this course was successfully launched in year 2017, and there have been 3 batches of students, 21 in total.

Student sharing:

The reason why I enrolled into this course is because the subjects are taught by experienced teachers. It does not only has strong theoretical framework, it emphasizes practical application too. This course covers subjects in psychology, sociology, case management, relationship building and coaching skills. I am grateful to be able to attend this course. It does



not only equips me to serve the underprivileged groups, but it is also very helpful in my daily life, it helps me to understand the interaction between people and the environment and realize my role in this broken society.



Holistic Care Relief Network

Networking with Malaysian Churches to promote and establish a network of holistic care relief, which involve in crisis intervention, family care, community services care and disaster care response.

Ministry strategy

By partnership with churches, we established 7979 Holistic Care Station to serve poor families in the community. HISTEAM provides supports as below:







Support programs

Major disaster response

Family crisis intervention assistance

Underprivileged children companionship class

Manna **Food Bank** Community emergency relief





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Family Crisis Intervention Assistance / Companionship Service 013-791 7979 | 019-792 7979



7979 emphasises training and hope that volunteers who in service can continue to improve their knowledge and skills.

10

This year, we had conducted 10 visitation trainings

222

Trained a total of 222 people

94

In the past 10 years, we had conducted a total of 94 sessions 4101

4,101 people have been trained

7979 Holistic Care Relief Network

By this year, this ministry entered its 10th year. Started with just five partner churches, now we have 125 partner churches scattered throughout the villages and cities in Malaysia. Each partner church is regarded as the 7979 holistic care station in its community, mobilizing the trained volunteers to serve the surrounding underprivileged families and those in crisis.

7979 supports partner churches in 3 major areas: resources, trainings and programs.

The budget for 7979 ministries in 2019 is about 1.2 million. One third of them are for operation and expansion costs, this funding is mainly from our supporting churches. The other two-third is for programs funding, it is the fund allocated for churches to apply for program's subsidies. This part is mainly raised from individual donations and fundraising activities.

Currently, 7979 has four major programs: Family crisis intervention assistance, underprivileged children companionship class, major disaster response, Manna Food Bank, and a supplementary program: community emergency relief.

These programs of caring and relief in nature support churches in serving three levels of social structure: individual or family, small groups, and society. Hopefully next year, Manna Food Bank service range will be wider while strengthen the equipping of volunteers for more extensive service to the client. By next year, the underprivileged children companionship class will enter its 8 years and we plan to extend the service to cover secondary school students.



This year, we held our 6th Companionship Class Teachers' Training Camp and 3rd National Volunteer Managers Conference. The number of participants reached a new peak and became an annual gathering event for fellow care workers to get connected and learned from each other.

With the expansion of ministry, two new co-workers joined in: Sis. Ciau Yin in the Social Service Section and Bro. Matthew Lim in the Disaster Management Section. We also have Sis. Ai Tee from Bukit Mertajam, she is our North Malaysia Region Representative.

Major disaster response

Let's love move in the disaster area



Sulawesi Earthquake Tsunami Rebuilding works in progress.



[Disaster Response Table Top Exercise] Team Building and mutual understanding



Grateful for detailed and professional learning opportunities



How should the churches respond in the event of a disaster?

An old Chinese saying "As weather can be unpredictable, so is the fate of people", sudden crisis in any community may

cause immediate disaster to the residents, and poor families will received hardest blow. Church is the neighbor of the community; thus we should intervene and bring hope into the community.

Disaster Response

Sulawesi Earthquake Tsunami Rebuilding Operation

At the end of last September, an earthquake and tsunami hit Indonesia Sulawesi, causing thousands of death and casualties, it severely affected the living of thousands of survivors. We worked with our Taiwan's partner - 1919, then linked up with local Indonesian Chinese Church Association (PGTI) in respond to the disaster. We already visited the disaster zone last December and on July to witness the result of rebuilding work.

Johor Bahru Poison Gas Emission Incident

In March, a rare disaster occurred. There was a poison gas emission incident in Pasir Gudang, Johor Bahru that affected many students and created anxiety. Under leadership of our local partner church, Masai Alliance Christian Church's pastor, Pastor Lim Lida, we visited the victims at the evacuation centre and distributed nearly one thousand masks to the public at a nearby petrol station.

Penang Grace Old Folks Home Cleaning

On July 22, a heavy downpour at Penang Island had caused flash flood at the lowlands. Old folks home at Relau, Penang were affected by this flood, so volunteers were recruited to respond to this disaster. 12 people spent two days in cleaning, disinfecting and sorting the flood-soaked items.

Lembing Fire Response

Early morning of August 31 a major fire broke out at Lembing New Village, Pahang and destroyed 31 buildings. Five partner churches in Kuantan (Presbyterian Church, Praise Church, Christian Church, Grace Center, and Das Mission Center) worked together with Lembing Gospel Center to comfort and give relief aid to the victims. A school principal requested us to assist in cleaning up the primary school on the opposite road in order to avoid any sickness, discomfort or food poisoning that may cause by ashes.

Sabah Lahad Datu Fire Response

On October 10, a fire broke out in a village at Lahad Datu, destroying 24 houses. We activated the Community Emergency Relief program to support our local partner church, Calvary Church, to provide relief services.

Awareness education and training

2nd of August - Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

[Church and Disaster Response] Lecture

3rd of August - Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

[Major Disaster Response Tabletop Drill]

12th October - Sepang, Selangor

[Build the Ark before the rain] Disaster risk reduction and disaster response training

Disaster Preparations

December raining season has high chances of flood. This year we have done early preparation by carrying out the following plans:

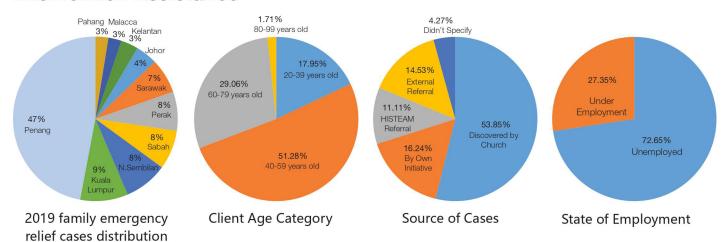
- 1) Warehouse stock count and replenishment.
- 2) Test, repair and maintaining equipment.
- 3) Prepared 300 food and hygiene packs.

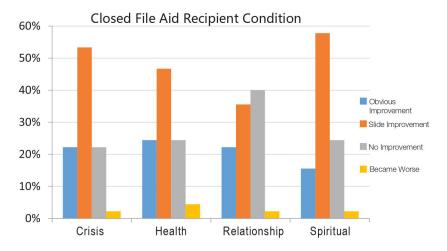
Three-years plan

- 1) Increase awareness on disaster risk reduction, starting from the underprivileged children of 7979 companionship classes.
- 2) Publication of disaster awareness educational materials (booklets and films).
- Identify and preparation of core volunteers: drug rehabilitation center's workers and students.

Family Crisis Intervention Assistance

Through trained volunteers of 7979 Holistic Care Stations, we visit poor families in our care community who have financial difficulties due to family crisis, to give spiritual comfort and distribute crisis financial aid for one to four months (RM200 to RM300 per month).





From October 2018 to September 2019, 7979 Holistic Care Station:

Served 117 cases

by State

68 cases have been completed and closed

49 cases are still in progress

Issued total grants of RM115,942

Prospect for 2020

The marginal households who wandered around the poverty line are groups that ignored by society. If emergency occurs, their life can seriously be affected as they cannot get support from government welfare agency. Next year, we plan to conduct 15 times of 7979 volunteer visitation trainings to train more volunteers to serve in their respective communities. We also want to work with 7979 Holistic Care Station churches to serve 130 families, let them be able to receive the care and companionship from our volunteers.

Case story

Glorious life in Christ



Living in Kelantan, Zhou Bo (pseudonym), 73-year-old, single, due to glaucoma, his vision is receding and he could not work. Relying only by touch sense, living alone on the third floor in the dark. Living

solely on little savings he had. He is not eligible for any Government welfare subsidies or apply for government's nursing home as he holds a red identity card.

The volunteer of 7979 Holistic Care Station helped Zhou Bo to apply 7979 Family Crisis Intervention Assistance's subsidy. On the other hand, Christians Praise Church also provides him some daily necessities. They have been sending him to hospital for regular treatment for a year already. During this period of time, Zhou Bo gradually felt touched by the care and companionship of the volunteers and thus tasted the sweetness of the Lord's grace. He was baptized in October this year!

Once lost radiance of life, but now found the light and hope again because of Jesus' love.

Related activities

7979 volunteer visitation training

When any family in the community is in trouble, 7979 Holistic Care Station will mobilize their trained volunteers to carry out general crisis intervention assistance.



2019 (as of September) Conducted 10 times of 7979 volunteer visitation training. 222 volunteers completed training.

From October 2018 to September 2019, the Holistic Care Relief Network established the following: Serve 218 children A total of 23 companionship classes A total of RM353,050.66 financial aid was issued

State	Companionship Class	Start Date (Year/Month)
Pahang	Kuantan Presbyterian Glorious Grace Church	2013/3
	Kuantan Praise Church	2016/1
Johor	JB Johor Jaya Vision Christian Church	2013/3
	Gereja Presbyterian Yong Peng	2015/1
	Chen Li Presbyterian Church	2015/7
	Gereja Presbyterian Segamat	2016/7
	Herald Presbyterian Church	2017/7
	Gereja Ern Tian Batu Pahat	2018/1
	Gereja Methodist Iban Megah Ria	2018/7
Malacca	Gereja Presbyterian Melaka	2015/8
Negeri	Seremban Agape Community Church	2016/7
Sembi- lan	Seremban Gospel Hall	2016/7
	Seremban Praise Sanctuary	2016/7
Klang Valley	First Baptist Church (Chinese)	2014/8
	Agape Community Centre Balakong	2018/7
Perak	Ipoh Elim Gospel Hall	2013/7
	LCM - Grace Lutheran Church	2015/7
	St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Pengkalan	2017/7
	Southern Ipoh Presbyterian Church	2019/1
Penang	Permata Baptist Church	2016/2
	Prai Baptist Church	2017/1
	Lighthouse Community Centre AOG	2018/7
	Bkt. Mertajam Baptist Church	2019/3

Outlook

In last August, the United Nations human rights experts raised alarm on Malaysian social problem, stating that the government has greatly underestimated the poverty rate in our country and excluded the underprivileged groups from official data. This reminds us of how many children are in the underprivileged environment, and their needs for education, character building and parent-child relationship are ignored.

In year 2020, the Children's Companionship Program will extend to secondary school level to include student up to the age of 18. Will work together with Dr. Wendy Huang on teachers' trainings to promote the "Seed Teacher" program to cultivate and improve the capabilities of volunteer teachers.

In year 2020, we targeted to have three additional classes.

The so-called underprivileged children refer to children from financially disadvantaged families such as single parent, cross generation parenting, hardcore poor, slow learners, orphans and others. Through companionship classes of 7979 Holistic Care Station, we hope to have close contact with children to care for them, provide homework guidance, life education and family care.



Companionship class for underprivileged children

Case story

Teaches Earnestly, Strive to Change

Shana (pseudonym), a 12 years old Indian girl, her parents separated since she was very young, she was left with her grandmother because her mother needs to work outstation. She is living together with her physically challenged aunt and alcoholic

Her ageing grandmother still needs to work to provide for her family. Her employer was aware of her predicament and he introduced then 10 years old Shana to Elim Gospel Center companionship class.

In the beginning, due to insecurity, she had a bad habit of telling lies. Telling lies at home will protect her from being disciplined. Yet as she received guidance and teaching from teachers in companionship class, she gradually understands the goodness of being honest and willing to change to be a better person.

Love makes the impossible become possible.

Related activities



"Enjoy the life of Badminton" training camp 15/12/2018

A total of 90 children (from orphanage and 7979 Companionship classes) had the opportunity to have close contact with our national badminton players and coaches to experience the fun in learning Badminton.

The sixth 7979 Underprivileged Children Companionship Class teachers' training camp 26-28/03/2019

The training camp was held at Golden Sand Baptist Park with the theme "Because of you." A total of 19 churches and 20 individuals from all over the nation with about 80 Companionship class teachers, volunteers and co-workers involved.

7979 Filial Piety Movement May 2019

Throughout the month of May, 7979 held a Filial Piety Movement, and invited a total of 145 Companionship class children to watch the movie "Supermom". During this period, the companionship classes children also participated in the "Primary School Essay Competition" and prizes were given away.

Dr. Wendy Huang Education Seminar 15-22/07/2019

Dr Wendy Huang, holds a PhD in Education from the United States, came to Malaysia to hold educational seminars with HISTEAM in Kelantan, Kluang and Ipoh. The theme of the seminar is "Children's Education", which includes "Redefine the Modern Parent-Child Relationship", "Chameleon Education" and "Children's Emotional and Mental Health Management".

Children's Companionship class road tour 07/2019

The annual 7979 children's Companionship class road tour officially started in the month of July. A road tour with the purpose; to care for and to understand the teachers and students of children's Companionship classes.



Poor and underprivileged families are the most vulnerable group in the society. We hope by distributing Manna Food Bags, which worth about RM200, once in bimonthly is able to lessen their burden and enable them to spend more on other urgent needs, such as medical or children education.

From October 2018 to September 2019,

913

Distributed 913 bags of Manna Food Bags

A total of 18 distribu-

tions in Seremban,

Penang and Ipoh

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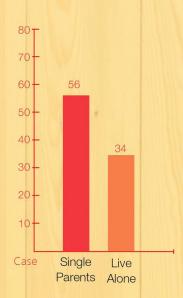
Benefited 179 financially underprivileged families

31

31 churches participating (29 of them are 7979 Holistic Care Stations).

Manna Food Bags valued at

213,146.43



State	New Class	Participating Church
		Seremban Gospel Chapel
	61	Seremban Agape Community Church
Negeri		Seremban Praise Sanctuary
Sembilan		Seremban Baptist Church
		Lukut Gospel Chapel
		Pusat Revival Kristian
		Revival Prayer Sanctuary
		Gereja Presbyterian Melaka
	99	Sik Aun (M) Baptist Church
		Christ Commission Centre
		Permata Baptist Church
		True Light Baptist Church
		Lighthouse Community Centre A/G
		Vineyard Community Church
		Petra Baptist Church
		Pusat Baptist Sungai Ara
		The Charismatics Church of Penang
Penang		Malaysia Life Baptist Church
		Prai Baptist Church
		Parit Buntar Methodist Church
		Shalom Baptist Church
		Butterworth Baptist Church
		Bukit Mertajam Baptist Church
		FGA Church Prai
		Bukit Mertajam Gospel Center
		Full Gospel Church (AOG)
		Bukit Mertajam Methodist Church
		St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Pengkalan
lpoh	13	Bukit Merah Lutheran Church
		LCM - Grace Lutheran Church
		Elim Gospel Hall Ipoh



Grandpa Chong is a stay alone 80 years old man. When 7979 Holistic Care Station volunteers of Butterworth Baptist Church came across Grandpa Chong for the first time, he was living on the streets. Later, the volunteers found a shelter for him.

Because he can no longer work, the volunteers applied Manna Food Bank program for him, and occasionally bought him some eggs and potatoes. Grandpa Chong is very grateful to the volunteers for their sincere care. Hence, he frequently goes to church to attend Sunday worship and prayer meetings.

Over these two years, Grandpa Chong has changed his grumpy personality and becomes cheerful, optimistic and hospitable to others.

Resource sharing

Thank you to the corporate group Quality Hero Corporation SDN BHD for donating adult diapers and to all the kind individuals that donated rice to families with financial disadvantage.

Prospect for 2020

Next year, we plan to add two more distribution points and increase the number of recipients by at least 30%, so that more poor and underprivileged families can get timely relief for their daily needs. At the same time, to provide better volunteer trainings to enhances the professional services of volunteers.

As for internal development, we hope to find suitable warehouses to store and manage the materials received. Besides that, we want to link up with corporate groups for materials donation.

Serve he East

Serve The East Yuan-Han Journeying Together

Together with God's children, we serve the indigenous people, the poorest group in our land.



Ministry Strategies

Empowerment: Empower ind igenous churches in economy and education.

Awareness: Share with Chinese speaking churches the vision of "Yuan Han Journeying together"

Support: Link Chinese speaking churches together to support indigenous churches

Training: Equip Chinese speaking churches to involve in caring mission

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According to Millennium Development Goals Report 2015: Malaysia, the poverty rate for bumiputera is 0.8%, while the poverty rate of the indigenous in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak accounts for 61.5% of them.

As such, the indigenous are the poorest community group. According to the official data of 2012, Sabah is the poorest state in Malaysia.

Sabah is rich in natural resources. Accordingly, it should be the richest state in Malaysia, instead today's Sabah, infrastructure development is way behind other states and living expenses are higher than other states. To date, half of Sabah's population still live in interior, and most of them are indigenous. In many inland areas of Sabah there are no paved roads, no water and electricity supply and no telephone communication. They don't have good medical facilities and insufficient schools too. In addition, they also face problem such as seizing of land. They do not have government's respect and protection to prevent their land from being sold to developers for housing projects, water dams or even turn into oil palm plantations.

The indigenous suffered from many different unjust treatments that resulted they are the poorest people group. In the spirit of righteousness and compassion, HISTEAM hopes together with God's children, we can care for and serve the indigenous, through "Serve The East Yuan-Han Journeying Together" ministry. We hope that the indigenous people will rise up to become true disciples of Jesus, their children will receive education from tender age, enjoy financial independence, dignity being restored, come out of poverty, and have a harmonious relationship with the environment and society. Lastly, they can speak out for the injustices of their own communities.



Focal ministries in 2019

- 1. Funding of preschool teachers' salary in rural areas.
- 2. Assist rural churches in setting up companionship classes to improve the learning ability of indigenous children.
- 3. Lead urban Chinese speaking churches on short term mission/exposure trips to these areas.
- 4. Micah Center cross cultural care mission training to equip young people to serve among the indigenous.

Year 2020 Plan

As the more we serve the indigenous people the clearer is the direction of our service. We gradually let go our city's mindset and understand them from God's perspective. Instead of trying to lift them out of poverty, we choose to walk with them and hopefully walk out of poverty together. In order to prepare Chinese speaking churches to participate in indigenous people ministry without harming them, we will hold a training camp next year, we really look forward to the realization of the vision "Yuan-Han Journeying Together" in the near future. The indigenous and the Chinese will transform the community together in spirituality, education, economy and social environment.

Exposure and Short Term Mission

Since 2014 till to date

23 short-term mission trips

22 churches

155 persons participated in exposure and shortterm mission trips.

In 2019

5 short-term mission trips Mission team prayer walk

The best time: bathing by the

2 exposure trips

Through the support of 8 churches and 4 Christian individuals we adopted and sponsor a total of 12 pre-school education centers and preschool teachers' salary

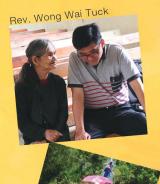
- A total of **RM160,670.00**
- was spent on 22 teachers' salaries. Total of 188 children benefited.

In 2014, HISTEAM worked with Sabah SIB preschool ministry to fund the setting up cost and teachers' salary of inland kindergartens. Through the generous supports of the Chinese speaking Churches and individuals, we currently sponsor 12 kindergartens. In order for churches or Christian individuals to visit, care and understand the challengers of indigenous people, we do organize exposure and short-term mission trips.

The three-days exposure trip is intended to let church leaders or pastors to understand our ministry, and observe how can they get involve in it. As for shortterm mission trip, it lasts for 6 to 8 days. The purpose is to let city folks to establish relationships with the indigenous people through creative activities and visitation.

At present, we do not take the lead in the program arrangement of short-term mission trip but arrange it according to the gifts and strengths of the team members. Due to the nature of short-term mission, it cannot bring long-term effect. Therefore, we hope that by establishing a relationship of trust, we work with the

people of the land to envision the community development blueprint that they want, in order to build a healthy and prosperous community as well as to restore their rights of independence, autonomy and self-governance. In the future, we will take the lead in preparing a more practical and appropriate short-term mission trip content, in order to suit the needs of the indigenous people, let's "Yuan Han Journeying Together".





He will not quench a smoking candle wick

The village we visited, in general, is a small Christian society. There are two churches worshipped in the name of Jesus. Everyone prays in the name of Triune God. In principle, this should be a spiritual lighthouse, testifying Gospel, magnifying Jesus's authority and power to its surrounding. It should be the fortress of moral and truth defense. However, in actual fact, everything is the opposite! Here, the oil of the church's golden lampstand seems to be decreasing, and the lights are gradually weakening. This phenomenon is not limited to this village, but also to almost every church we visited along the journey from Kota Kinabalu to Ranau. The condition here, remind me of a comforting bible verse: "A bruised reed He shall not break, and a smoking wick He shall not quench; "(Isaiah 42:3) Although the circumstances seems depressing, but Holy Spirit wants us to set our eyes upon our almighty and loving Savior, He promises the need will not break, the wick will not be blown out.

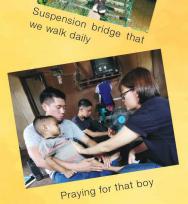
— Rev. Wong Wai Tuck (Johor Bahru, True Blessing Church)

Restore the long-lost compassion

An elder shared, the key to Jesus miracle, is not on the size of the faith of those who seek Him, nor the power of Jesus, but by Jesus's compassion. I have repeatedly asked myself, 'When was the last time I have been moved with compassion', the answer is it has been very long time ago. Therefore, before the short-term mission trip, I asked God to let me be moved with compassion once again.

During the door to door visitation, I saw this child (photo on the right). My heart seemed to be squashed and it hurts. He has Thalassemia, pale face, shortness of breath, rapid heartbeat, and his stomach is bloated because of splenomegaly. Before we left, I was asked to pray for the child. As soon as I started to pray, I could not stop my tears. I really hope that God will heal him immediately, but this does not happen. On my way out of this house, I was very upset and asked God, "Can you give me the ability to heal him?" I believe that if Jesus was here and saw his condition, He will definitely heal him! Through this experience, God has restored my precious heart of kindness and compassion, and I hope that in the future I will serve people with such a heart.

—— Sis. Mathilda Chong (Seminary student)



Rural companionship class

Rural companionship classes (Kelas Teman Baca, KTB) are set up at rural communities which lack of resources, for children aged between 7 to 12. Our goal is to provide a good learning environment to promote reading interest while shaping their lives and characters through Bible-based teachings.

From October, 2018 to September, 2019

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There are 2 KTBs in Ranau and Kudat, respectively.

3

Raised a total of 3 teachers' allowances.

3000

Funding costs total RM3000 (including teacher allowances, textbooks and hardware).

30

A total of 30 children benefited.

How does KTB works?



• A community committee consists of church leaders plays the role of supporting and supervising the operation of companionship class.



• Villagers in the rural community, who have completed at least SPM Level, as teachers in the companionship class.



• In order for the teacher to be more focused, the ratio of students to teachers is 5:1.



• At least 2 hours a day for 3 days a week accompany children to do their school homework, teach them on life and character building and revision on the subjects that they are weak such as English and Mathematics.

Challenges and prospects of companionship classes in rural areas

The rural companionship class is a community development plan under "Yuan Han Journeying Together" ministry. The goal of this plan is to empower villagers to take up the responsibilities of managing the operation of the companionship classes

up the responsibilities

and work hard for the future of their next generations. From our current two rural companionship classes which are still under test run period, we observe:

- 1. The management and leadership ability of the members of the rural area companionship class is lacking.
- 2. Companionship classes teachers need more variety of trainings, such as classroom management and teaching skills.
- 3. Due to the remoteness of these rural areas, teachers have very limited teaching materials such as: homework, exercise books, stationery, toys, etc. All needed teaching materials are brought in from outside.

Therefore, in 2020, we will focus more on the trainings of the leaders and companionship classes teachers, so that they can be more skillful and competent in their respective roles. At the meantime, we will also link up with interested individuals or churches to support and supply the resources they needed.



"KTB children's exam passing rate has improved, some have even become the top three students. The school teachers were curious about their improvement, only later they learned that they are attending companionship class. As one of the school teachers realise that I am the companionship class teacher, he came to me when I was picking up the children and told me that the establishment of companionship class is really helpful to the children and I should continue." - Teacher Mary (Ranau companionship class teacher)

Micah Centre

A cross-cultural caring mission training centre

When HISTEAM's Serve The East ministry got closer to the indigenous people, we found that the indigenous people are trapped in the vicious cycle of poverty, mainly due to: spirituality (lack of pastoring and growth), education (lack of knowledge and development), economy (lack of income and financial independence). As such, many indigenous Christians are easily tempted to abandon their Christian faith and convert to other religion. We realised that the indigenous mission field is large, but workers are very few.

Therefore, in February 2018 HISTEAM officially established Micah Centre in Sabah. Its mission is to equip and send more young people (especially from the Chinese speaking churches) to become Christ's soldiers for cross-cultural caring missions. Going into the indigenous communities by act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God.

The distinctiveness of Micah Centre training is "cross cultural": from Chinese to Indigenous, from Chinese language to Bahasa Malaysia, from urban to rural areas. Practice simplicity lifestyle, practical crosscultural knowledge, holistic discipleship (spirituality, character, skills), more practical and internship opportunities, deeper understanding of cross-cultural mission, and finally discovery God's specific calling in their life.

Learning reflection by Students

Gillian Wong (18 years old, Kuching)

During the first four months of my training at Micah Centre, I learned to establish a closer relationship with God, listen to God, experience God, and rely on God. One of my greatest learnings is humility and obedience, because only with these two characters my life can be shaped by God. During these four months of training, I have a more comprehensive understanding about the Gospel, what is cross-cultural mission and confirmation of God's calling of my life.

Timothy Lee (29 years old, Johor)

In my three months of ministering in the village, I really enjoyed the life and ministry there. Life in rural area is not foreign to me as I grew up in rural area too, but I notice the uniqueness of indigenous village: different languages and cultures, living in jungle in remote mountain, often without running water and electricity. Although it is very inconvenient, however everyone here always shares their resources generously, this really warms my heart. The indigenous people are very friendly, unfortunately they do not have strong foundation of faith. Thank God for showing me their needs and I had tried to help them as much as I could. These three months will be my very memorable moment and it is also an important milestone in my cross-cultural mission journey. Thank God for leading me to Micah Centre. I am not being boastful, but this journey is really very impactful and eye opening. I also gradually understand God's calling upon my life: The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

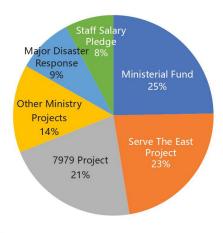
Vision

We look forward to the rise of the indigenous people who are the spiritual firstborn of this land, to take up their God-given spiritual status and authority, thus living out their destiny. We also look forward to the rise of young generation in the church to become mission-minded soldiers who are willing to walk out from their comfort zone and lay their life for God's kingdom. Chinese Churches should walk into indigenous people to promote a unity movement, i.e: "Yuan-Han Journeying Together", broken relationships are being reconciled, thus magnifying God's glorious testimony.

2019, Micah Centre activities photos

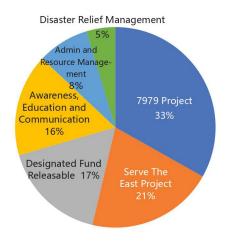


2018 Income



Ministerial Fund	RM	676,578.25
Serve The East Project	RM	622,315.73
7979 Project	RM	591,025.96
Other Ministry Projects	RM	389,135.92
Major Disaster Response	₽RM	245,226.05
Staff Salary Pledge	RM	214.656.50

2018 Expenses



7979 Project	RM	908,899.22
Serve The East Project		562,103.60
 Designated Fund Released 		461,230.66
 Awareness, Education 	RM	452,303.55
and Communication		
Admin and Resource	RM	228,992.99
Management		
 Disaster Relief Management 	RM	126,918.83

Financial Report 2018

Look back to year 2018, HISTEAM had nine months of deficit. The main reason is that the pledge to co-worker salary is not satisfactory. The salary of HISTEAM co-workers in the four main departments (Service Department: 7979 and Serve the East, Support Department: Education Awareness, Communication and Administrative Resource Management) is about 30% each. HISTEAM is an organisation that mobilizes churches to serve the community. In order to effectively contact and support more than 200 partner churches, we need enough co-workers to achieve our mission. I am grateful to God for preparing co-workers for ministry expansion. However, the salary support for this group of young committed people is easily being overlooked. Most offering focused on ministry. People are more willing to contribute to the service programe that can directly benefit the urban poor under the 7979 network or serve the indigenous people at east Malaysia. Therefore, the salary of the workers is like an 'unmanned island' and being ignored. However, co-workers are our most valuable asset, ministry cannot move without them.

We are grateful to our Heavenly Father for His faithful providence. For the past 11 years He has been with us without fail. Thanks to the generous contribution of churches, brothers, sisters, corporate entities and organisations, that had allow us to implement our vision of walking together with God's children to love mercy and do justice, thus transform the community. HISTEAM leaders and co-workers are committed to be good steward, maximise what God entrusted us to most effective usage with high transparency and high accountability.

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8

Enable to act, Compassion to serve



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