

*Cross-cultural Mission Training*

# MICAH CENTRE



# OUR MISSION

To recruit young generation  
to be disciples for Christ

By training them to do  
justice and love mercy

And equipping them for  
cross-cultural mission

And sending them to walk  
humbly with the indigenous

In order to bring  
transformation to the  
community





## WORDS BY PRINCIPAL

Isaac Goh

This year, we enter the 3<sup>rd</sup> intake year for our training. And God gives us a new challenge: Online Training. Due to the situation of Covid-19 pandemic in the country, our government has announced the Movement Control Order (MCO) on 18<sup>th</sup> of March. Thus, we postponed the training start date from 1<sup>st</sup> of April to 27<sup>th</sup> of April, hoping that the training can be started physically in our centre in Sabah. However, the MCO was then extended which caught many of us off guard.

After seeking for God in prayer, we finally took our first step to accept the new challenge by starting our training through online meeting using ZOOM. However, we had to make some sudden amendments to our courses as not all courses are suitable to be conducted online. Surprisingly, these last-minute arrangements came out with a better outcome which is beyond our expectation. By God's grace, we successfully run the training through online approach for 50 days.

Despite the consequence brought by the pandemic, this year God still calls 6 young people who are willing to respond boldly for the vision of cross-cultural mission. While there are many people who take a step backward during pandemic, these 6 young people acted oppositely by taking a step forward in the midst of difficulties. I still remember how they kept asking me when they can fly to Sabah to continue the training physically. From that moment, I understood that they are really serious about it and hence I truly thank God for giving them such a passion and I believe that God will use them greatly. They have made the right decision; they are indeed the blessed one!

This pandemic has brought a lot of challenges, uncertainties. But I realize that uncertainty are the indispensable elements in mission training which is the best way to prepare young people to embark on their missionary journey. The changes brought by this pandemic itself is the lesson that can never be taught in the class.

The history of mission shows that the expansion of mission has never happened in comfort situation, but instead that even being strike by many uncertainties, we will still continue to be determined to accomplish our mission.

# NEW CO-WORKER



**李伟骏**

**TIMOTHY LEE**

**CO-WORKER OF  
MICA H CENTRE**

- Micah Alumni (2019)
- Kulai Holistic Church
- Called to serve in Indigenous Ministry
- Job Scope:  
Assistant Mentor,  
Admin & Management

*"The harvest is plentiful, the laborers are few"* - this is how God called me for His mission. I thank God for leading me into this beautiful land of Sabah. Throughout the training period of my internship last year, I have witnessed plenty of harvests yet there is so few of laborers. This has then become my burden for the indigenous people in Sabah and this divine dissatisfaction eventually drives me to the response of God's calling.

I love Sabah and Malaysia, and more so towards the indigenous in Sabah. I am willing to walk with these indigenous people by empowering them. Thus, I have joined HISTEAM this year to partake in Serve the East ministry where I serve as co-worker of Micah Centre. I am excited to begin this missionary journey with the anticipation of experiencing more about God's gracious work along the journey.

Many people live until 70 years old in average, some stronger would live till 80 years. I do not know how long more I can serve God, but I will commit my entire life to serve Him, till the day I meet Him.



# UPDATES

## MICAH ALUMNI BATCH 2019

### TIMOTHY LEE

Called to serve the indigenous people in Sabah for full time. He Joined HISTEAM in March this year and serve in Sabah.

### SAMUEL SIA

Called to full time ministry. Going to study in Sabah Theological Seminary. Desire to serve in Indigenous ministry.

### ESTHER CHONG

Currently serve in her church as full-time staff as pastor's assistant in terms of church administrative work.

### ERIC LING

Called to full time ministry. Currently studying theology in MBTS, desire to serve the young generation in future.

### JOSEPH NG

Preparing to further his study. Hope to be equipped in theology after his study and serve in full time ministry in future.

### GILLIAN WONG

Study in Australia for Community Development program. Hope to serve the rural indigenous in future.

### RYAN WONG

Learn to serve as part timer in his church early of this year. Stop serving after MCO, and currently looking for job.



# 3<sup>RD</sup> BATCH OF MICAHA TRAINEE

## INTAKE YEAR 2020



**黄芷灵**

**WONG ZHI LING**

Age 19 | Johor

**刘慧薇**

**LOW HUI WEI**

Age 19 | K. Lumpur



**梁庆文**

**JOSEPH LEONG**

Age 18 | Sabah

**张伟俊**

**JERRY CHONG**

Age 20 | Johor



**黄韵妮**

**WONG YIN NEY**

Age 27 | Pahang

**杨丽珊**

**YONG LI SHAN**

Age 29 | Sabah



# ONLINE TRAINING

This batch of training commenced on 27<sup>th</sup> April, due to pandemic, the first stage of training was done online. From Monday to Friday, there is online devotion at 6:30am, led by mentors. Later, students will read their BM bible (4 chapters per day), and wrote down terms that they do not understand and find out the meaning. After afternoon recess, there is a personal prayer time. As for classroom teaching, we'll have online class in the morning and afternoon respectively, and every late evening we'll have small group discussion, for revision and sharing thought and also pray for each other. On Sunday, students will need to take notes of the sermon they listened. Students must submit their spiritual journal and bible vocabulary notes to their mentors on daily basis.



This period of online training, I had learned to live a discipline lifestyle, sleep and wake up early, build a stronger body. I have experienced a change of mindset, where thoughts that only exist in my mind in the past, now it is realized in my life. E.g. when I read bible, I'll not be like before, just read for the sake of research, now I read the bible in order to know God better. Therefore, now I like to read bible more, enjoy the moment of encountering God and showered in His love.

**Yong Li Shan**

This period of online training had changed my life tremendously. Firstly, my faith. In the beginning, I really doubt that I can join this training till the end, because my mother strongly disagreed with my decision to go to Micah Centre. But God is faithful, my mother's attitude changed from strongly against, then gradually accepted and bless me to go to Sabah. I also experienced God's providence. My family is not wealthy, as I already joined this training, therefore I was no longer teach guitar to earn some income. However, by faith I asked from God. Then one day, my pastor blessed me with RM300, it is sufficient for me to buy some essential items to Sabah.

This period, I'm learning to live a discipline lifestyle. During this period of online training, other than attending classes and doing assignments, I still need to help my mother to send catering food to customers. Now I see the importance of time management, high efficiency is only possible with good self-management.

**Jerry Chong**



# ON-SITE TRAINING

## TRAINEES REACHED MICAH CENTRE IN SABAH SAFELY

The sudden attack of pandemic had messed up our student enrolment momentum, however it did not stop our mission and passion to do cross cultural work for our Lord.

For the past 2 months, no matter how difficult is the impact of new norm caused by pandemic, these children were cooperative, they follow our co-worker instruction to break the old norms and welcome the pouring of new wine. In the process, we demanded every student and teacher to observe discipline persistently, within the surrounding 4 walls everyone is force to join their hearts together to face the uncertain future tirelessly.

Finally, they get the approval to fly to Sabah and gather on the hill of Micah Centre, everything is under God's favour and timing (Kairos moment). This batch of students had experienced the never before experience of enrol into Micah Centre under pandemic condition, I believe that they'll continue to experience a never before blessed journey. Let's strive on, Micah children! There will surely be rainbow awaits you after the rain, pray that across time all of you will turn out to be cross cultural mighty soldiers. In this end time, you will march forth in difficult time, become fisher of man!

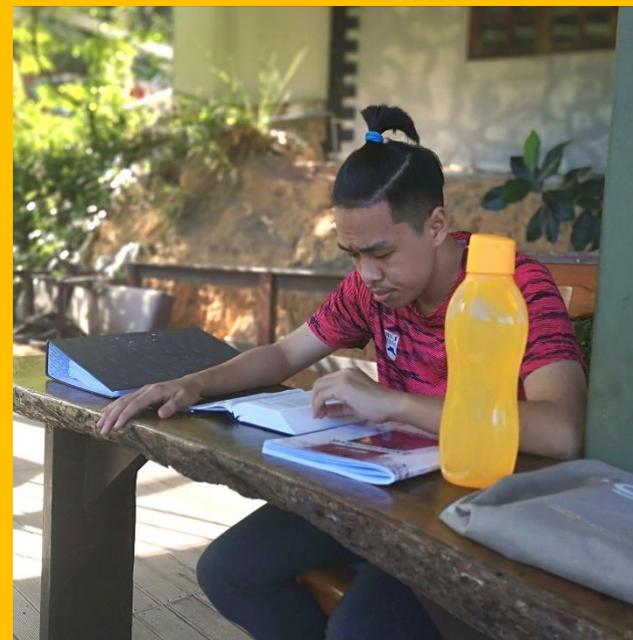
**Rev Andrew Wong**

16<sup>th</sup> of June, 2020

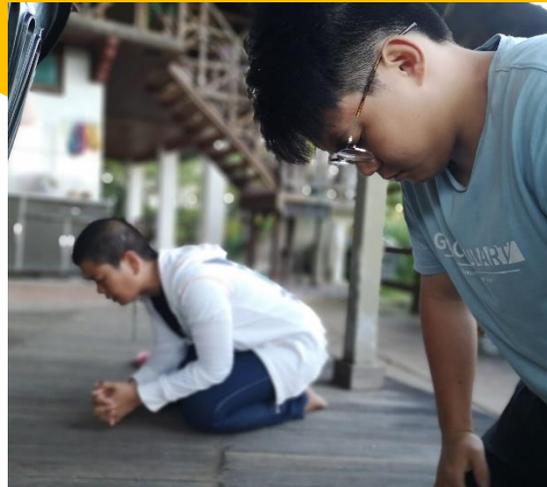


After 50 days of online training, all trainees reached Micah Centre safely on 11th June. For the following 7 weeks, all trainees have to practice simplicity lifestyle, learning in group, character building and skill equipping. As the trainees had already adopted a steady spiritual discipline during online training period, therefore a lifestyle of sleep early and wake up early is no more a problem to them. The more concern issue is their grasp of Bahasa Malaysia, which is a compulsory ability that they must master in order to serve among the indigenous effectively. Trainees also had the opportunity to visit nearby indigenous villages, got to know the people, attended local indigenous churches, kept a close contact with them, also took this opportunity to master their Bahasa Malaysia and serve.

Trainees are also required to learn variety of living skills. During training, we experienced many unexpected circumstances: few snake encounter (thank God, nobody gets hurt), due to heavy rain we had few black-out, the longest was up to 5 days. We are forced to live without electricity, no hot water shower, no fan, washed our clothes by the river. Despite of all these, our trainees did not complain, but even think that this is God's plan and best means for them to quickly adapt to interior placement condition. Therefore, in the midst of darkness, we still praised and worshiped God. This is a precious faith lesson that we can't teach in classroom setting, yet this is a prerequisite attitude for cross cultural mission ministry.



# LIFE IN MICAHA CENTRE



# FELLOWSHIP WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLE



# TESTIMONY

BY TRAINEE (JERRY CHONG)

## LISTENING TO GOD'S VOICE

Thank God, I hear God's calling in Micah Centre. God actually speaking to me often, but it was me that chose not to hear, or thought I am thinking too much. Until a week, when God let me experience His faithfulness, confirming that is His voice.

There is a period of time, I was troubled by certain issue. I then long to be near to God, wanted His respond. I decided to fast lunch for 5 days every week. The first day of fasting, I come to the Lord in worship(song). When I ended the worship, I heard a voice saying, "Just read the Scriptures when you fast tomorrow. Be still and know that I am the Lord." I thought I am just thinking too much, and brush aside the voice.

When I was back to the hostel, my mentor Timothy told me a verse out of sudden, which is Psalms 62: *Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him.* He said God let him thought of me when he read this verse.

2<sup>nd</sup> day of fasting, I took along guitar and Bible to prayer room. I still worship the Lord with guitar but during the whole worship, God wants me to be quiet. I put down the guitar at last, and read the Bible. Following 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> day, I began to adjust the time of worship and reading the Bible, even though I still doubts if that was God's voice.

5<sup>th</sup> day morning, while I was about to start my quiet time, I have tummy pain. I just grasp a Daily Bread to toilet. When I turned the 1<sup>st</sup> page, I found the Title is "Take a Break". However, I did not pay attention. At the end of the classes that day, teacher group gave us a letter for every student, which is the message of the Lord to us after they prayed. When I read the letter, there is a paragraph that really surprised me – "when I was praying for you, God wants me to tell you *"take a break"*. I was shocked. God is really talking to me. It's really God's voice that I am hearing this whole week! The teacher doesn't know me, but God has spoken to me through him!

The following fasting, I only took along Bible with me. During that quiet time, I just quiet myself and talk to God. God allowed me to experience Him. His word has changed my perspective. He moved away my concerns. He told me, "Fear not, I am here."

**God spoke to me in various way, I am grateful for the soft voice that changed me, help me to learn to obey to Him, follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Now I am longing to experience God more, just like how Samuel heard God's voice and respond to it.**

# SECOND STAGE

## 3-MONTH PLACEMENT

# PLACEMENT IN KAMPUNG

After 7 weeks of training, trainees are divided into 2 groups, each group is led by a mentor. They will be placed in indigenous village in Sabah inland for 3 months. This will be a more challenging training session, which is also an opportunity for them to experience growth and strengthen their faith.

We required every trainee: Learn the local culture with a humble heart, with an open heart to experience the local living and build a deep relationship with the locals. See every opportunity to serve their need, and apply what they have learned in Micah Centre. To share the gospel to the locals, and to help them build a strong foundation of their faith.





# INFORMATION

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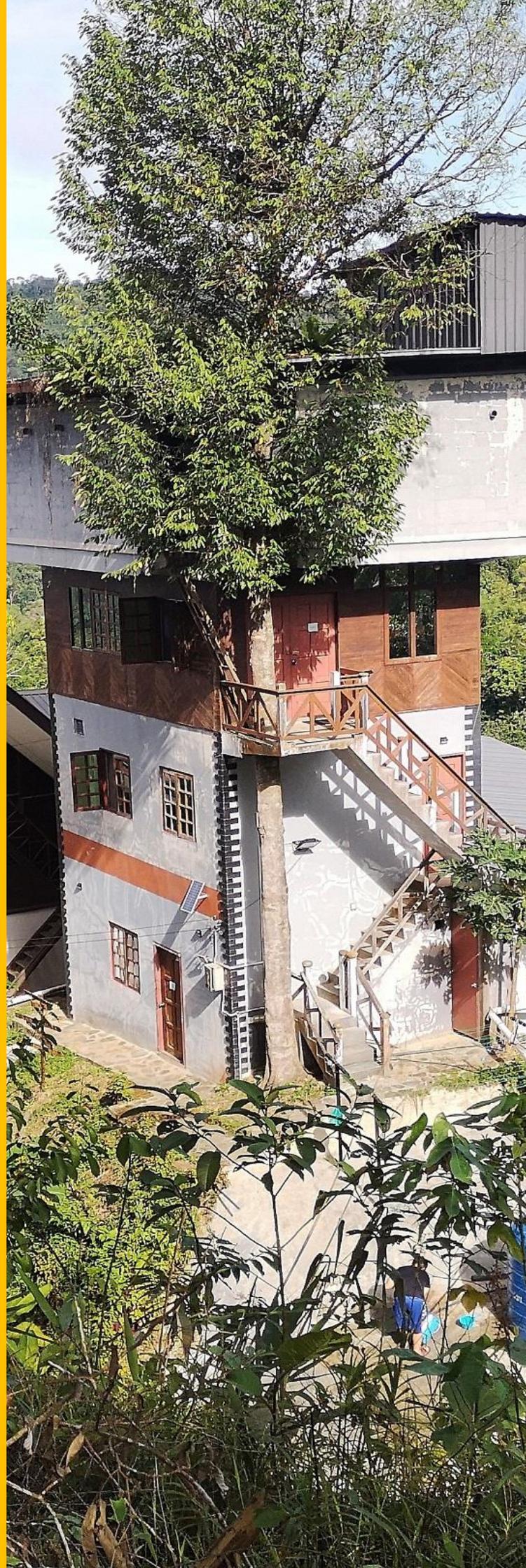
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