



Continuing our series on
#engagethecall

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4. Redeeming Community

5. Rebuilding Negaraku

We now have staff in Johor!
Introducing a new staff in
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Being Witness for Christ, Redeeming Community & Rebuilding Negaraku

The New Reality

In every five to six months, a new batch of students would begin their tertiary education journey. For those heading into their first year in 2019, in their life time...

- *Google has always existed as an entity that 'organised the world's information and makes it universally accessible to everyone.'*
- *Almost everyone would have at least one account on common social media platforms.*
- *The usage of handphones are so integrated that preachers won't even know if people are using it to read the Bible, take notes or plan the next lunch venue.*

The above are just a few of the technological advances that have shaped today's students.



An 'Internet in Its Pocket' Generation

The speed by which the technological revolution has taken place in today's world is truly frightening to say the least. David Bell¹, professor of Marketing at Wharton called it the 'Internet in its pocket' generation. This is

¹ "Millennials on Steroids" is your Brand ready for Generation?" <https://knowledge.wharton.upenn.edu/article/millennials-on-steroids-is-your-brand-ready-for-generation-z/>

because they are not only bombarded with an overload of information but they have almost no constraints in achieving things. In other words, **today's generation of students can find whatever they are looking for without the help of intermediaries.**



A World of 'Individualism'

As such, students today have become independent and self-directed. Many of their achievements are achieved individually. *'Interdependence' has become a foreign concept.* Coupled with the many social media platforms available, individualism has become deeply rooted in students. It is not surprising then that the greatest value for students is nothing less than 'my time' and 'my personal freedom.'

Bringing back the Mandate

It is then to this generation of students, that we are issuing the mandate. The mandate to look beyond ourselves as an individual; beyond me or my time and personal freedom. We are issuing this through the call to be **Witnesses for Christ, to be a Redeeming Community and to Rebuild 'Negaraku'.**

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(Year 2018-2021)

Where do we start? One of the first avenues is through **the Christian Fellowship (CF)**. Many times, the attention of the CF has been on the Christians themselves. While, it is not necessarily a bad thing, the primary focus of the CF should always be missional. Taking up the call to be witnesses for Christ, is to go back to the core of CF - **it exists for its non-members in the campus**.

Alongside this, is the call for the CF to be a Redeeming Community. Community has always been one of God's primary purposes for His people. To do so, the CF **must be its brother's keeper**. Even more *when the CF consists of people from various language groups, denominations, cultural backgrounds etc.* This means that the CF exists as part of the church of Malaysia, being interdependent with one another.

Lastly, is the call to **rebuild our country, Negaraku**. We are calling students to take ownership of our country by first grieving and repenting. Only then, will true reconciliation happen, where students will learn to get to know and understand each other. In addition to this, we are also challenging students to consider the civil service arena as a place to start rebuilding our country.



² James Emery White, "Meet Generation Z: Understanding and Reaching the New Post-Christian World" *Baker Books, Grand Rapid (2017) pg.40

³ Ibid. 40

For Christ, For Others

If there is one word that would summarise this call, it is the word 'Others'. Apart from this generation's capabilities and resourcefulness, they also have a very strong sense of wanting to make a difference and thinking that they can². This is probably the reason why movies such as 'The Hunger Games' and 'Divergent' with their depictions of teens facing a dystopian future and needing to save the world connects with them³. But while these stories' central message is to be the hero, **we are calling for this generation to realign themselves for Christ and for Others.**

So, to **our dear students**, let's engage the call for Christ and for others!

To **our fellow partners**, let us sound the battle-cry as we fight for this next generation and empower them to live out the gospel!



Mr. Lyon Chua
(& wife/fellow staff, Monica)
Central Region Team Leader

Focussing On CENTRAL

Redeeming & Rebuilding

A Tale of Two CFs as they [#engagethecall](#) in CF and their campuses.

UTAR Sg Long CF Camp

Being Brother's Keeper and Providing a Safe Place for Healing and Reconciliation.

The camp's theme was 'Elevate', with the purpose of elevating relationships among CF members. It was a meaningful camp as they learnt that in order to be elevated, one needs to lay down their masks and be willing to embrace each other in spite of the hurts and pains.

"My Last CF Camp, where I met a God who Breaks & Moulds Me, A Relational God and A God who Redeems My Relationship."

~ Rubern Teoh, Camp Chairman



Ikatan Kristian (UK), UPM

Engaging the Campus and Building Friendships.

The CF organised a watercolour workshop in the hopes of engaging different students in campus.

Many people from various races, languages and backgrounds joined and good friendships were built.



Focussing On **SARAWAK**

Rebuilding Negaraku: 1 person at a time

On 20 May, 2019

I had no class due to Wesak day and I did not plan to have any activities. But deep within I missed my parents, my siblings and also my cat and felt like going home.

Blessing Each Other

That morning when I woke up, I received a message from my friend, Lenci. She asked me whether I was free to visit Aunt Rose again with her. I felt that this was God's answer to my feelings yesterday. So I told her I will accompany her. We cooked and ate lunch together at Aunt Rose's house. We spent time sharing personal stories and about God after our simple lunch.

God is present

What made me want to visit Aunt Rose again is that I felt that I need to help her as how God taught us. It also teaches me to be grateful for whatever we have. *There are more people that are not so fortunate so we need to help them without judging their backgrounds.* Never sigh in the face of hardship. It is a test from God to make sure we are not forgetting him.

In our previous visit, I saw that she lives alone and is not in good health but I know she is not alone; I know that she is not without God. Aunt Rose became paralysed after a lot of

operations. Now she cannot walk and has to crawl like a baby but she is still strong and can do a lot of things with endurance.

I can see that she never left God in her life. That makes her strong, always praying and asking help from God.

Redeeming Community

For my CE, I hope that there will be more involvement to reach out to the poor and the needy so that we have the chance to help them sincerely and share love from our hearts even though we cannot change their lives. We can help them in a lot of ways not only in finance, but also with our energy by visiting them and spending time with them. As I have learnt from S.W.E.E.P*, **if we want to see God, help the needy because God is there.**



*Social Work Exposure & Embrace Program (**SWEET**) is a program initiated by FES, held every 3-4 years. As the name indicates, we wanted to challenge students to think further in this area both biblically and in practice. **SWEET Mt1** held on 18 May, was initiated by FES graduates for 12 students who came together for one day of theory and later went hands on in the Lutong area.

Crescentia anak Budak (pix, center)
Occupational Safety & Health.
Fajar International College, Miri

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MAY
17-20

(CHRONICLES OF GOD AND HIS KINGDOM)

CGK CAMP

@ Gereja Presbyterian Malaysia (GPM)



First session: "The Beginning..."



"It was the same passion to come together and study the Word of God and to inspire each other to keep on persevering with Him." - Jonah, UCSI University (in white shirt)



Skit: Joshua and the spies' report on the promised land.



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)



Ice breaking



Pondering on NT...



Capturing the Israelites' Life in the Wilderness



"God my provider" - Lai Khang Wei (2nd fr. left)



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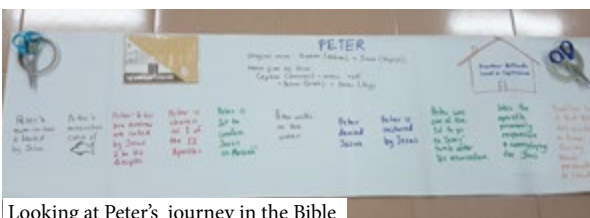
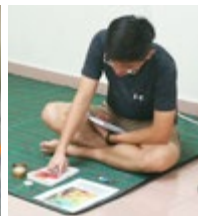
MAY
18-19

SELAH CAMP
@ Parit Buntar Methodist Centre

We highly encourage students
to pause and reflect on God's
fingerprints in and around us.



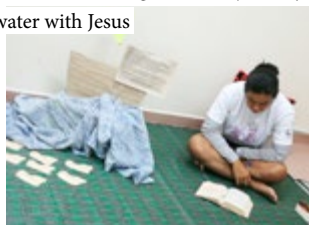
Welcome!



Looking at Peter's journey in the Bible



Peter walks on water with Jesus



"... do you love me?"



Debriefing: God is Holy, God is Love

"... besides counting my blessings, I was reminded of how God has led me through ups and downs. I conclude my 4 years' journey in the university with this: *My season changes, You stay the same. You are always faithful.*" - Yee Qian, USM (for more, refer pg 8).



Sharing session

UP NEXT

CENTRAL

SELAH RETREAT
11 - 13th October 2019

south

JOHOR:
- OFFICE LAUNCH -
9th November 2019

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Focussing On NORTH

Lessons from Campus Life

CF'S REASON IN CAMPUS: FOR ITS NON MEMBERS

I remember a speaker once said: "Christian Fellowship is *the only society body in university that their interest is for the non-members.*"

As I got more involved in CF, I learned to see the people around me through God's eyes. My focus should not be merely about myself or the members, but also expanded to my non-Christian friends. It is God's ultimate call for us.

BEING WITNESSES FOR CHRIST

I remember telling God before the final semester began, that I wanted to do something more for the church. I wanted to be Christ's witness to at least one friend. Surprisingly, God made a way for me. Not only did He provide an opportunity to serve in the university students' ministry in my church, I got to know a few friends who were searching for life's purpose and were interested to know more about Christ.

WALK HUMBLY BEFORE GOD

It always seems impossible when I depend on my own strength to do His work. I learned that as long as I humbly offer my life and everything I have to Him, **humbly ask for His wisdom, strength and guidance**, He will work through my life and His name will be glorified.

BROTHER'S KEEPER

I am also grateful that He placed me in a church that now I see as my home away from home. **The church taught me that no one is perfect and as such that is why we need each other as our brother's keeper.** We need God's love to unite us.

Foong Yee Qian

(front row, 3rd from right)
Mathematics & Economics
USM



Panggilan dikecapi melalui Penglibatan

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**Semboyan berbunyi mengundang perhatian,
Menguji dan menyelidiki luaran serta dalaman,
Semboyan berbunyi melaungkan panggilan,
Demi impian yang menuntut penglibatan.**

**Saling mengasihi kita diperintah,
Tak mengira agama, bangsa atau musuh,
Komuniti prihatin menjangkau tanpa lelah,
Komuniti yang mengasihi tanpa tahu erti lesuh.**

**Di mana pun kaki kita menginjak,
Bila mendongak kita junjung langit yang sama,
Apa pun percubaan yang sedang bergolak,
Demi Malaysia kita perlu tangani bersama.**

**Terang dan garam membentuk keperibadian,
Penyataan iman persekutuan kita,
Berita baik dan kasihNya harus disebar,kan,
Demi kemuliaan Yesus melalui kita.**

”

Rayneld Edam

Southern Team Leader, now
based in Johor (refer to “A
Moment with...” on p11 for more
updates)



#3 *Being Witnesses* **for Christ**

- CF exists for non-members
- Reaching out and sharing the Good News

#4 *Redeeming* **Community**

- Being our Brother's Keeper
- Being part of a local church
- A safe place for healing and reconciliation

#5 *Rebuilding* **Negaraku**

- Taking ownership
- Grieving/repentance
- Engaging with local issues
- Jambatan Anak Malaysia (JAM)
- The challenge to enter civil service

aMoment with

Ray & Leta
JOHOR OFFICE

Southern Region now has two bases, one in Melaka and the other in Johor. Ray and Leta, together with Naiomi (6 years old) & Serri (2 years old), uprooted once more (previously, from Sarawak to Melaka in Dec. 2011) to enable FES to be more present to students there. They moved in April 2019 and here's a glimpse of how they are doing....

1. What are the major differences that need adjusting to here?

Ray: An office at home and working from home with the children around. Being intentional and planning our work time have helped. Apart from that, we have been meeting up with students and hope to be closer to our campuses; to spend more time in the campuses than office.

2. How are the kids taking to the new environment?

Leta: Serri, as she is younger has less attachments in Melaka while Naiomi misses her friends, teacher and the environment. As we look for church to settle in, Naiomi is asking, "Where is our church, mummy?"

3. What are the campuses here that FES is serving in actively?

UTHM Pagoh, UTHM Parit Raja, UTM and Politeknik Ibrahim Sultan. In contact with student leaders from Newcastle University Medicine Malaysia, University of Southampton Malaysia Campus, University of Reading Malaysia and Southern College Johor.

4. How can we be praying for you?

Ray: To be able to build friendships with these students as we discern how we can serve them.

Leta: To settle in the right church and adapt to working from home.



Leta & Ray
with Naiomi (left)
and Serri (right)



NEW STAFF!

Cecilia Poh

A graduate of UUM in Business Administration, joins us (finally!) after 5.5 years in a related field.

Hometown: Merlimau, Melaka.

Impression of FES on the 1st day of work:

Felt welcomed and the warmth of this family. Youthful!

Energetic! (although some are not really young la...)

at the **Moment**

**NO TIME FOR GOD.
NO, TIME FOR GOD.**

*It's amazing how
small things
make a
big difference.*



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