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*May “KemuliaanMu” (for God’s Glory and Honour) be our rallying call,
as FES enters its 55th year of ministry. We examine what this means
for us, as God’s people, to live in such as time like this.*

KemuliaanMU...



“RECAPTURING AND LIVING OUT OUR CALLING AS CHRISTIAN STUDENTS IN CAMPUS.” WHAT DOES IT ENTAIL?

Campus life is a unique, once-in-a-lifetime experience for students. Since we can't repeat the experience when we leave campus, it may do us well to consider the implications of being a Christian student.

We are **first and foremost called to God Himself** for his own glory. We have received His love and have been redeemed from sin and death through faith in Jesus Christ. God has set us apart as His chosen people, a royal priesthood and a holy nation so that we can declare the goodness of Him who called us out of darkness. We are called to know Jesus and to make Him known, honouring and glorifying Him.



To see **Jesus Christ exalted as Lord of Lords and King of Kings** is the desire of all believers. Everything about us and all our efforts are understood in the light of worship of this King. It shapes our thinking, praying, working, studying and playing. In short, in every area of life.

Mission in campus

Our mission is to bring this Good News of God's mercy to fellow students. The mandate is clear and urgent when we consider the **1.2 million students enrolled in our campuses.**

The Great Commission commanded us to bring the Gospel to the world. In the university context, the world has come to us. **By 2020, the number of international students in Malaysia is projected to reach 200,000.** Will Christian students see this as gospel opportunities?

We are also called to respond through service in the world. Our chosen field of study offers such a platform. While all are called to love God and neighbour, each has a unique role in our world. In university, **we begin a life-long journey of discerning what it means to follow Jesus** as an engineer, scientist, accountant, lawyer etc. CF or Christian activities must not be used as excuses for not putting in enough effort in mastering our coursework.

Bible studies or Christian activities are not more 'spiritual'. It is not about what is more or less spiritual. **There is not one area that Jesus did not claim Lordship over.** Paul reminded the believers that in whatever they do, they are to do it wholeheartedly for God (Col 3:23-24). Since all truth is God's truth, a mind that honours God subjects all competing thoughts under the Lordship of Christ including our studies. **We must reflect on the implications of our studies in the light of the Kingdom of God.** It is difficult but it is a God-sized mandate to all Christian students.

For God's Glory and Honour

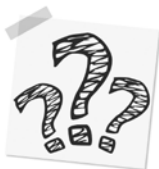
Mission to the world... beginning NOW!

Christians do not live in a vacuum. We are impacted by all that is happening in the world. **We are called to understand the times and to respond biblically.** The grand narrative of the Bible becomes our framework on how we view our world. This Big Story of God and His Kingdom gives hope to our increasingly discouraged and disillusioned world. This is indeed the good news of the Gospel! University trainings coupled with biblical worldview prepare the students to minister wherever God sends them.



Closer to home, is the threat of racial tensions. **When we allow fear and prejudice against others** who are not of our own ethnicity, language or cultural background **to take root, we become incapable of empathy. We stop seeing others as fellow human beings and the self becomes elevated and entitled.** We forget that all have sinned and are objects of God's wrath. Having received and experienced God's love through Christ's finished work on the cross reconciling us to God, we are called to live out this truth in fellowship and friendships that transcend ethnicity, class and language barriers. Students who once led the way in influencing the world can do so again.

Conclusion



Jesus frequently challenged people's assumptions and left them pondering his heart-piercing, life-changing questions. Regular times of solitude and silence enable us to reflect on our experiences and questions. This helps us to see if **our questions to Jesus are merely to seek His endorsement to our set ways or to truly seek His will.**



*Aim not only to excel in your chosen field but also to develop into a wholesome person in Christ who loves God with your all and who loves others as himself/herself. **HOW THEN, WILL YOU SPEND THE REMAINING TIME GIVEN TO YOU IN CAMPUS?***

Mr. Yong Yuong Eng, Assistant FES General Secretary

Focussing On CENTRAL

'God's Glory and Honour' *Working this out as a student...*



“We must start from our own motivation, not because we have to but because we were created for it. But how?”

Baggio Rostin, Geography, Year 2,
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)

I am reminded of the greatest commandment that Jesus spoke over a thousand years ago. “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind” (Matthew 22:37). In the midst of busyness, **setting aside a consistent time to spend with God alone** to meditate on His word and to converse with Him as children of God is important. In **all of the decisions that we make, considering God** should be our first priority.

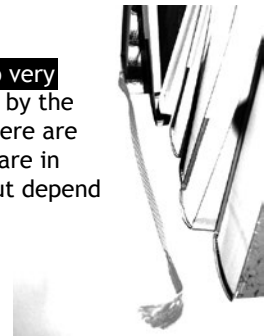
When I was involved in a Christmas ministry in church last year, my class suddenly decided to do a program as the final project on the same day as the Christmas ministry. I did not want to give up either and I prayed. I explained about the clash to my lecturer but the date did not change. I'd lose marks if I wasn't involved. One week before the event, the lecturer announced that we would have to find another day because I couldn't attend the program. I thank God, because he made a way for me to join the Christmas ministry and my coursemates and my lecturer were not upset with me. Yes, sometimes we will be ridiculed by our friends because we choose to obey God, but to put God first in our life is the best way to glorify God (Matthew 6:33).

Relationships

We are surrounded by different types of people - friends and believers or non-believers. We should take **the first step and love them continuously**, treat them the way you want them to treat you. We should start with smiling at everyone, being genuine in friendships, or offering help and praying that the Lord will open the door for us to share our joy and faith with friends who have yet to know Jesus.

Our studies

As children of God we are victorious and of course we should **do very well in our studies**. If your lecturer or classmates are impressed by the way you've done your work, isn't that pleasing the Lord? And there are a lot more things that we could do to glorify the Lord while we are in university. But we need to be careful **not to rely on ourselves** but depend on strength from God alone (1 Peter 4:11).



Focussing On SARAWAK

“KemuliaanMu” Sebagai seorang pelajar ini bererti...

Memang kewajiban saya untuk melayani Tuhan di mana-mana mahupun, **di kampus atau di gereja.**

Itu merupakan salah **satu kerinduan saya untuk melayani Tuhan Yesus** kerana dapat **mematangkan** saya sebagai pelajar.

JAMBATAN ANAK MALAYSIA (JAM)

Youth Fellowship kami mengikuti aktiviti Fellowship Evangelical Students (FES) seperti Jambatan Anak Malaysia (JAM). Dalam aktiviti JAM kami belajar tentang perbezaan agama dan politik yang ada di negara kita. Kami dapat belajar tentang perbezaan yang ada dan harus menghargai perbezaan yang Tuhan ciptakan. Dan dengan itu, melalui kehidupan kami di kampus akan secara langsung menjadikan kami sebagai ‘jambatan’ yang menghubungkan jurang perbezaan yang ada kerana Kristus Yesus sendiri yang menjadi dasar kepada transformasi ini.

SEKOLAH TUNAS BAKTI (STB)

Penglibatan kami melayani di Sekolah Tunas Bakti (STB*) Kuching dan pengalaman bersama mereka menjadikan kami sedar betapa kasih Kristus harus dikongsi kepada mereka yang mungkin tidak berkesempatan mendengar. Kehadiran kami bersama mereka seminggu sekali sangat bererti bukan sahaja bagi mereka tetapi bagi kami yang datang melayani mereka. Sesuai juga dengan tema YF kami iaitu ‘Come with Passion to Worship and Serve God’.

Jadi, bagi saya secara peribadi, **Kemuliaan Tuhan** itu nyata dalam kehidupan saya apabila **iman saya disusuli dengan penglibatan**, melayani mahupun bergiat aktif dalam komuniti di sekitar saya. Kerana **kehidupan peribadi saya seharian ini akan menyatakan siapa Tuhan Yesus yang saya sembah itu.**

Sekian, Tuhan Memberkati.

Paul Aron Ak Sumping

Kolej Vokasional Pusat Pembangunan Kemahiran
Sarawak (PPKS).



*STB adalah institusi Sekolah Diluluskan bagi pendidikan, latihan dan penahanan kanak-kanak yang ditubuhkan atau ditetapkan di bawah seksyen 65 Akta Kanak-Kanak 2001

CELEBRATING...

24/7 MALAYSIA DAY PRAYER 16th Sept 2016

Students from different parts of the Northern and Sarawak region gathered in their respective venues to pray for our country.

NORTH@Sungai Nibong Gospel Hall



Undivided attention to the Word



"Our dreams for Malaysia..."



Singing to the Lord of Malaysia



Committing our nation and each other in prayer



SARAWAK@ Mount Jagoi



The climb up



Young Intercissors



Tough
terrains
ahead



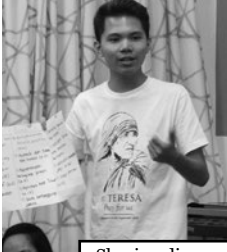
Intercession for the nation



Listening to the Word being spoken

CELEBRATING...

BIBLE STUDY@Southern Students from Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka (UTeM) studying the book of Ruth, fortnightly.



Sharing discoveries on the Word



Bible Surgeons of UTeM



PROJECT S.I.T@Central
(STAY IN TOUCH) 9th July 2016

A half day training where our staff, Jeremy and Mark, partnered with church to train 10 youths to prepare them for campus life and how CF can be inviting to pre-believers.



Getting to know each other



University students of tomorrow!



Workshop in progress



Focussing On NORTH

“But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: Be holy, because I am holy.” (1 Pet 1:15-16)

Musings by, **Mr. Chong Tiam Fei**, graduate of USM Penang 2016, currently Software Engineer

My father was very strict in teaching my sister and I to be courteous towards the elderly when we were young. He made sure that we would greet our grandparents. There was one incident where my father was unhappy because I did not greet my grandpa before I went to bed. He told me that he was strict with me because I am his son. This is because of who I am to him; he wanted me to behave in the way he behaved which he thought was good. I obeyed him because he is my father.



Who Christians are...

We have been born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1 Peter 1:1-12).
We are the children of God (Romans 8:15-16).
Described as “obedient children” in or “children of obedience” (1 Peter 1:14).

Children should inherit the nature of their parents. So to be “children of obedience” means that obedience to our heavenly Father is the consistent pattern of our lives. Therefore the entire way we think and live must be holy because God is Holy (1 Peter 1:15-16).

The standard of God’s holiness is unattainable for us but John MacArthur once said in his sermon, “We cannot be holy to the extent that God is, but we can have the same kind of purity that God has, in smaller measure.”

The reason that God gave in Leviticus 11:44 is simple yet heartwarming, “consecrate yourselves therefore and be holy, because I am holy”. The author sets forth who God is to the Israelites in the first half of the verse – “I am the LORD your God”. This is because of who we are to Him; He wants us to live in the way He lives.

As I pondered upon my identity in Christ, I started to ***examine my words and my actions because the things that I do and speak should reflect who my Father is.***

Focussing On **SOUTH** “For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.” (1 Thessalonians 4:7)

This verse is a reminder to stay away from sin – mentally and physically – and to have holiness in me always. Living a holy life is the way to glorify God.

Since entering university, by being involved in CF, I have learned to stay away from a sinful lifestyle. A holy lifestyle means to live with a pure and clean heart. A challenge for me personally because I struggle to love other people.

“CF has helped me to stay away from sin, grow spiritually, and live a prayerful life. Weekly CF meetings, cell group and prayer meetings allow me to learn to live in a more holy way than before. I learnt to rely on God in bad situations instead of bursting into anger.”

A fellow CF member taught me to rely on God by praying. During one CF activity, just when everything was going as planned, we suddenly had a technical problem. I was panicking and angry because I was in charge on that day. This CF member came to me and asked if everything was okay. I replied in panic and anger, “things are not going as planned!” Then he calmly asked me to pray about it with him. I agreed but my faith wasn’t there. My mind was worrying, thinking about what to do next and my heart was about to explode in anger. After we prayed, a committee member managed to get another venue. I was relieved when I heard that. That day, it was a CF activity to others but for me it was a great lesson.

My hope for CF is that we will be able to maintain holy lives and shine in CF. Being holy as a CF is a testimony to other people, especially non-Christians. We Christians need to show other people that we can be holy while we are in this world filled with madness.

Melvin Loo
Bachelor of Business Administration, Year 2
Multimedia University (MMU) Melaka



NC NEWS

Our Mission for NC 2017

1. The Christian Student Identity

To uphold the call of living under the Lordship of Christ as a community instead of solo believers and the privilege of being a student in campus - the access and opportunities.

2. The Charge of Being a Malaysian

Looking at the state of our nation and what it means to be 'brother's keepers'.

3. The Mandate and Mission of the Malaysian Church

To understand the Malaysian Church Heritage, examine its health and the challenges ahead.

On the NC Journey

WAITING

Many 'waiting times' and u-turns for decisions to be made as a staff team. Waiting, road blocks and uncertainties. They all forced me to wait upon God because the decisions are ultimately not mine to make. We go forward as a team, or not.

BROTHER KEEPING

In keeping with the call on being 'brother's keepers', the various Subcommittees for this conference consists of both East and West Malaysians. Hopefully working together will help us forge a better understanding of each others context.

And so as we work, we pray that indeed

*KemuliaanMu,
PenjajahanKu*
14C '17
(National Conference 2017's theme)

MILESTONES AND CELEBRATION



2010

National Conference @ Bayu Beach Resort, Port Dickson.



2014

Next NC in Jan 2017 due to hosting East Asia Regional Conference 2014.

2015

JUNE NC postponed to 2018 in view of transitions in FES.



NOV NC moved to Aug 2017

Timing reviewed in view of what is happening in our country including forthcoming Sarawak state and General Elections.

- Possibility of NC outside Semenanjung for the first time.
- NC committee to be made up of intermediate staff in view of leadership transition in FES in 2016.

2016



JAN NC committee appointed

but prayer subcomm leader left vacant – a post to be volunteered for instead of appointed.



FEB NC in Sarawak proposed

NC dates revised to June 2017. Youngest staff taking up the Prayer Subcomm Leader post.



MAR FES Board gave approval

for go ahead for NC in Sarawak.

JUNE Conference venue confirmed



AUG Subcomm meetings began

Will you pray with us for a hunger for
God's glory and honour?

Eu Pui
NC 2017 Director



Partnering TIMOR LESTE

1ST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
Kernels of Wheat (K.O.W.)

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"THE LORD HIMSELF GOES BEFORE YOU AND WILL BE WITH YOU; HE WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU. DO NOT BE AFRAID; DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED" ~ DEUT 31:8 (NIV)

It is He who enables, strengthens and journeys with us till this 1 year milestone. Again He never failed to remind us during the celebration that He is the ONE who goes before us and is with us even while following after us. A reminder that will keep us humble!

CHRIS SHARES ON REMEMBERING *GOD* and CELEBRATING the *people* who journeyed with us in Timor Leste.



Left to right: All set for the celebration. Chris sharing his testimony.

Left to right: Thurston leading worship. Students voicing out their hopes and dreams.



Above: Annette and Lishan (right) sharing some words of encouragement.

Below: Annette and K.O.W. with students of Timor Leste.

Friends and Families...

"WHEN WE GET TOGETHER, I WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU IN YOUR FAITH, BUT I ALSO WANT TO BE ENCOURAGED BY YOURS"

~ ROM 1:12 (NLT) It is a blessing to be able to celebrate with people who have journeyed with us in this Land of Hope since the first day we set foot here. We were moved by genuine friendships, tender loving care, never ending hospitality and unexpected lessons in life. Remembering this 1 year milestone, we couldn't help but be encouraged by one another.



UP NEXT

7TH JANUARY
Christian Voters
Awareness@Kuching

25TH MARCH
W.I. Day East Coast
@Kota Bahru (Central)

7-9TH APRIL
Selah Retreat@Central

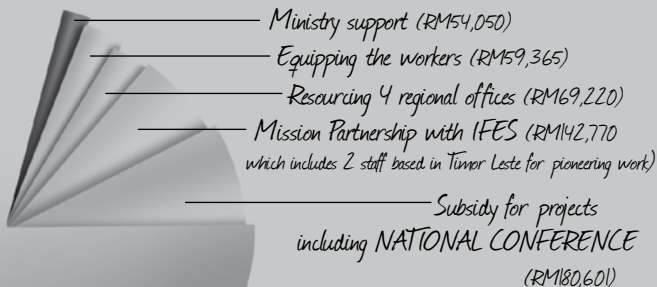
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at the **Moment**

LET'S MAKE HISTORY!

OUR TOTAL BUDGET FOR 2017 IS **RM 2,373,437**

*Sending 30 staff
to journey with
students in
80+ campuses
(RM1,867,431)*



FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, FES NC
WILL BE HELD IN SIBU, SARAWAK,
A NEW GENERATION WILL MAKE
HISTORY AT THIS CRUCIAL TIME OF OUR
NATION'S STORY.

JOIN US IN RAISING **RM 150,488** TO HELP GET EVERY ONE TO NC*.

**See page 10 for more on NC 2017*

Penglibatanku

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