



**Focussing on FES Essentials
Mission & Worship**

**We are in Sabah!
Milestones**

cover: Students at d'Nous Academy held in a hybrid form of
meeting in person & online (September 2020)

MISSION & WORSHIP



Dr David Gunaratnam. Dr Bobby Sng. Dr Ng Eng Kee. Dr Beng Chay Giap.

These are names of Christian doctors and dentists who went to serve in small towns in the 1960s. They were also students from FES. Doctors by day and Christians at all times, they actively served the smaller churches and desired to take the gospel to the small towns they were in. Their legacy is felt to this day. Dr David Gunaratnam once wrote, *“Although it was the government of the day who sent us, there was a sense of mission that it was ‘God who sent me’.”*

But today, it seems like such mission-mindedness among Christian students is becoming a relic of the past. Why? Is it because they are ignorant of the Great Commission or the Great Commandment? Unlikely. Perhaps what is missing are hearts and minds that are gripped with passion and zeal for God’s glory.

THE GLORY OF GOD is the Reason for Everything.

God’s own glory is the ultimate reason for everything He does.

God’s glory is the reason for creating us (Isa 43:6-7). The praise of His glory is the reason He adopts us, redeems us and seals us with the Holy Spirit (Eph 1:3-14). That:

- the riches of His glory is made known through His righteous judgments (Rom 9:22-23).
- the Father may be glorified in the Son is the reason He answers prayers (John 14:13). We can go on and on.

God’s glory is also the ultimate reason for the things we do. That:

- our Father in heaven might be glorified is the reason for our good works (Matt 5:16).

Indeed the glory of God is the goal for everything we do (1 Cor 10:31).

What’s the term for glorifying God in everything we do?
Worship (Rom 12:1)

The Rejection of THE GLORY OF GOD is the Reason for Mission.

Perhaps one of the grandest, most all-encompassing statement of God’s mission is, in a nutshell, **to reconcile all things to Himself through the Cross of Christ** (Col 1:20-22).

It is also implied in Col 1:23b, that our part in God’s mission is to proclaim the gospel – the message of God’s reconciliation. The reason for this mission is given just a few verses before: that in everything Jesus might have the supremacy (Col 1:18)!

MISSION & WORSHIP

At a youth gathering I was in, the facilitator asked,

"What is the purpose God created us?"

Someone answered *"To share the gospel."*

This seems acceptable. Surely we have no objection to the person who makes it his / her purpose in life to bring the good news about Jesus to a world that desperately needs it. But actually, this isn't quite correct simply because there was no need for "mission" when God created human beings. There was no need for reconciliation (yet!). So "mission" can't be God's purpose for creating us. The real reason for God's creation is what we have seen all along – for God to be glorified. We were created "for Him." (Col 1:16).

So how does mission fit into the grand scheme of God's story and glory?

"Mission" isn't a mission if it goes on indefinitely. There is a "mission" only because something went wrong and the mission seeks to resolve it. As it turns out something did go wrong! Sin happened! We human beings did NOT glorify the God who made us, but instead glorified the things we made ourselves (Rom 1:20-23).

In other words, human beings no longer give God the worship He deserves. What's more, Satan continues to blind the minds of unbelievers so that they "cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God" (2 Cor 4:4).

It is in this sense that God's glory is the reason for mission. **John Piper puts it best: Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Mission exists because worship doesn't.**¹



Esmond Khoo
(with Tse Hwei, wife)
Southern Regional Staff
based in Melaka

THE GLORY OF GOD *needs to be the ultimate motivation for mission.*

Emotional spiritual experiences and slick worship services cannot sustain mission-mindedness. They are poor substitutes for God's glory.

Like Isaiah who had his glorious vision of God, became convicted of his unworthiness and said "Yes" to God's commission (Isa 6:1-8), we long to see Christian students with such a burden for God's mission that they are ultimately driven by zeal for God's glory. Zeal enough to say "yes" to God's commission, risk life, deny self, lay down ambitions, and pay the costs. Let us continue the legacy in this generation of students.

Soli Deo Gloria.

¹Let the Nations Be Glad, John Piper.

Focussing On CENTRAL

Worship beyond the church's walls



Chieng Le Tion
Law, UKM

Aspek utama sebagai orang yang beriman adalah untuk menyembah Tuhan dan ini bukan sahaja terhad kepada 'Praise and Worship' di gereja tetapi di dalam pelayanan kita juga.

Fokus pelayanan ini tidak sepatutnya terhad di dalam gereja namun juga menjawab panggilan Tuhan untuk keluar melayani di mana sahaja kita ditempatkan.

Dalam situasi pandemik ini, misi kita harus sentiasa peka untuk membantu orang sekeliling yang dalam keperluan seperti makanan dan juga doa bagi mereka yang dijangkiti Covid-19.

Sebagai "duta" kerajaan syurga kita harus mempamerkan imej tersebut dan melayani setiap mereka tanpa mengira bangsa dan agama agar mereka juga akan mengenal Tuhan dan diselamatkan serta kerajaan Tuhan dapat diperluaskan di muka bumi ini.



Isaac David Geoffrey
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According to Collins dictionary: 'Mission' is an important task that people are given to do, which involves travelling while 'worship' is the feeling or expression of reverence and adoration for a deity.

At first, I thought this statement was taken out of context from the Bible, but after studying this statement, I think it means going for missions is due to us adoring and showing reverence to God.

We preach the gospel not only because we revere His Word and His Divinity but also because we adore Him.

In other words, if we love Him we would obey His command to preach the gospel (missions). *We faced something terrible in 2020 and it gave us an opportunity to do something for God* - to share His word as an act of loving Him, as people may have lost hope. When we share the gospel to them, God is adored and glorified as people choose to accept this message of hope.



Kathleen Low Sze Lin
Medicine
UTAR, Sg. Long

Worship is an act of reverence, where one values God above all else.

Mission is a form of worship where Christians share the love of God with others, as an act of our love for God and participation in His plan of salvation.

In 2020 it's not easy to practice missions. But then again, missions is the sharing of God's Word and practically can be done anytime and anywhere utilising any media.

With the implementation of social distancing, our limitations make us rely more on God as we humble our hearts, seeking God to help us convey His love to persons we address, that He may touch their hearts.



Freda Sara K.

Alumni UiTM Sarawak 2012

Menyembah sebenarnya tidak terbatas kepada pelayanan di mimbar atau aktiviti kerohanian anjuran gereja-gereja lokal semata-mata.

Misi penyembahan lebih kepada cara hidup seharian

iaitu merangkumi cara pergaulan, pertuturan, pemikiran, perwatakan dan rutin seharian. Jika kita mengaku bahawa kita adalah pengikut Kristus, maka misi penyembahan kita seharusnya dapat diterjemahkan melalui elemen-elemen ini.



Halan Hashim

*from Miri, Sarawak
Alumni USM 2015*

Is it true that people will become lovers of themselves at the end times? Lovers of money? People become proud and neglect the truth?

Bila saya baca ini, saya marah dengan penulis 2 Timotius. Mana ada kami hidup macam itu. Kami pergi sembahyang tiap hari minggu. This passage is not for me, it is for the people who don't know God.

When we observe what happens today, people are self-centered. People

post pictures of themselves with new clothes, new phone, vacations on their social media. Last time, we would call them narcissistic, but now we call it Facebook or Instagram. And it's all about me, myself and mine. There is no difference between Christians and non-Christians. Everyone's doing it.

This reminds me of Adam & Eve. They knew that God told them not to eat from that tree. But they followed their own desires and ate. They became their own 'god'. "God, you may be the author of my life but You're not the authority in my life. I choose what I want to do, not You. I'm in control, not You." And that is exactly me. I love what I do. I do what I want to do. I do what pleases me. And it's all about me.

Sebab itu saya marah dengan penulis ini. And now I understand why he's warning us. Don't follow your heart, please follow God's will and His Word. God bless.



Jenny Baon Anyi

Alumni UiTM Sarawak 2017

Misi saya sebagai ibadah adalah menjaga alam sekitar sejajar dengan Alkitab.

Dalam corak gaya hidup kita, ianya juga mempengaruhi pemulihan atau pemusnahan bumi.

Contohnya, membawa bekas air dan bekal sendiri untuk makan tengahari, mengurangkan pengambilan daging merah sekurang-kurangnya sekali seminggu dan mengurangkan pembaziran air dan makanan. Secara tidak langsung ianya juga adalah gaya hidup sihat.

Di dalam Alkitab juga menegaskan untuk hidup bersederhana, bukan hanya saat pandemik ini sahaja tetapi selagi kita bernafas.

LET'S CELEBRATE!



d'Nous Academy (d'NA)

August & September 2020

Despite the circumstances, 5 students came together for stage 3. FES partnered Scripture Union to continue to sow into building new thinkers of the Christian faith in d'NA.



Counter clockwise from top left: Saying "Hi" to fellow d'NAian who logged in from Ipoh; Final credit hours; Graduation speech; It's time for graduation!



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has been a stretch, hasn't it?

There lies a complete dissonance in society, the economy, politics, maybe even in our own beliefs and values.

*Personally, the days are longer and the nights even darker.
Emotions run wild, thoughts run wilder - there are so many
uncertainties which linger, that the safest place to be is under the
covers, with the windows closed and curtains drawn.*

*Loss has plagued the mind. Faith has been an uphill climb.
Hope as bleak as winter (or monsoon)...
and Love, easier to give to the Self than the Other.*

Yet as I write this, I am reminded of the bridge to Hillsong's 'Hosanna': that perhaps the circumstances of the year begs us to unlearn what we know of worship and mission, and to rebuild our understanding of them in our own hearts and lives. Hear me out – what if we brought mission and worship to our own spaces: to our own lives and homes, within our families and friends, to our daily online meets whether for university or work.

What if our Mission and Worship is to be led straight to the Heart of God - to be broken for what breaks His heart, to seek what He sees and to be so completely overwhelmed by Love that we cannot but give it away. Unconditionally. Regardless of the loss or grief; no matter the comforts or joy.

What if that became our Mission, as Worship to God.
Simple, True. **Authentic.**

2020 was supposed to be many things but none of us saw what was coming. **Everything has changed, so the nature of what we see, what we hear and how we live must change.** The one thing that remains is God, and the promise that He makes all things new.

As I look to 2021, I pray that we embrace the 'new' that comes our way, that the Mission of the heart and soul is to return to Him, and then to live our lives as a pleasing sacrifice, for the Glory of His name. Amen.

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**Miriam
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Misi Kasih: Kehidupan Sebagai Ibadah

Burung bernyanyi bersuka ria,
Bersiul riang di pokok ara,
**Kristus mati bagi dunia,
Misi kasih yang tiada tara.**

Tidak cukup ilmu di dada,
Kalau tidak dikongsi rata,
**Jangan tunggu Covid tiada,
Misi bermula di hidup kita.**

Beli kari siap dibungkus,
Dimakan bersama roti chapati,
**Kita dicipta juga ditebus,
Jadikan hidup ibadah sejati.**

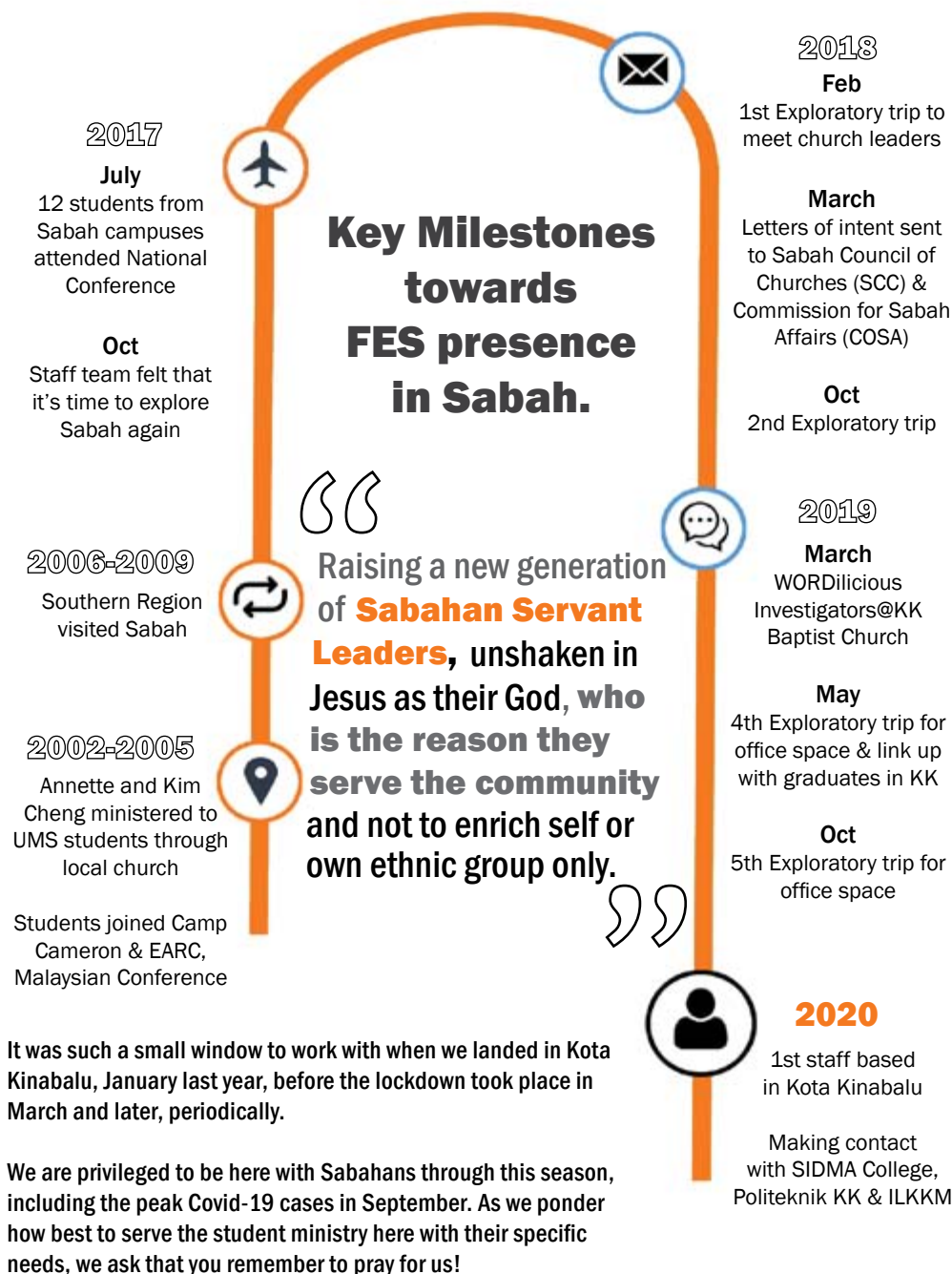
Walau terbatas duduk di rumah,
Online kelas di alam maya,
**Perbuatan kita cerminkan Allah,
Berbuat baik muliakanNya.**



**Leta
Linggi**

(left) with Serri
(front), Naiomi
and Rayneld

Southern
Regional Staff
based in Johor.



TIMOR LESTE

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Kernels of Wheat (K.O.W.)

Had my oldest brother kept quiet after he became a Christian and didn't share the Good News with me, perhaps I may not worship Jesus today.

WORSHIP

is also a space where we enter into the knowledge of how big, majestic and awesome our God is.

moves us to answer God's commandment to go and preach to the ends of the world.

Why is Mission a form of worship?
Obedience

MISSION

If our mission is to share the Word with others, we go in the spirit of obedience, not as a performance but out of acknowledgment that this is also my worship to God. **For obedience is an important element in worshipping the Almighty in spirit and in truth.**

When we share the Good News of Christ, the Spirit of God accompanies us. **We want to wait on Him and depend solely on Him** when to go, how to go, to whom we should go. Why? Because it is **A HOLY PARTNERSHIP OF MISSION**. We are not doing it alone but the Holy Spirit is guiding us, inspiring us and supplying us with courage and clarity.

Sanches
Herculano
(Ameta)

(L to R)
Putri,
Annette
& Ameta



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