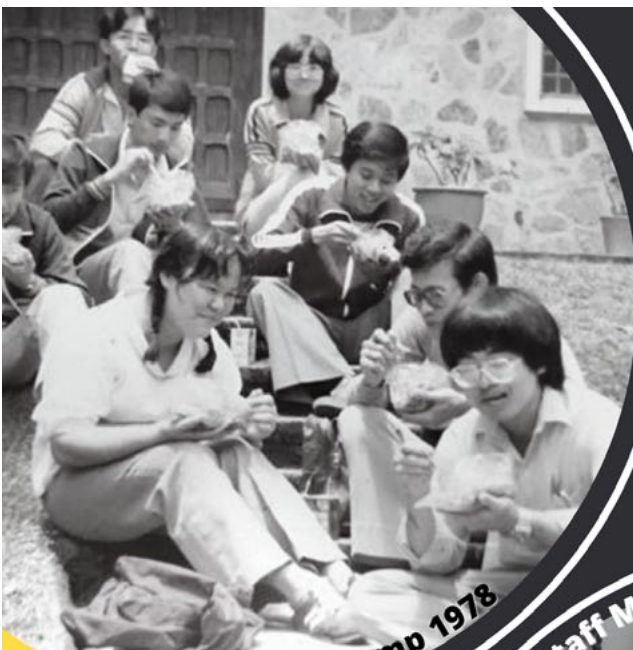


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FES Student Camp 1978

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

Methods may
change, but some
things remain
the same -

OUR

vision

**values
virtues**

FES Staff Meeting 2021



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“To **inspire** students towards **holistic growth in Christ** and to **empower** them to **live out the gospel**”

FES celebrates her 60th anniversary this year and as we approach this milestone, we cannot help but see how the Lord has blessed this ministry throughout all these years bringing us from a few students' desire to be witnesses for Jesus and no staff in 1962 to where we are today with 77 campuses we are ministering to and 35 staff in the ministry.



Challenging Times

As we reflect on the vision that was given to our founders so many years ago - to build this part of God's kingdom as a strategic component for His Church in Malaysia - we also see afresh the challenges ahead brought on by the ever-changing postmodern and new millennial trends, such as the “woke” and “cancel” culture and also the far reaching effects of what the pandemic has done to us spiritually and in the lives of the students whom we minister to.

I am helped in my vision casting and reflection by once again, looking at the book of Daniel to draw lessons from how God spoke to this great man of God who actually began his “undergraduate life” as a student in exile in a different religious culture but never wavering in his devotion to his God.

Daniel's Vision

I propose to look at one of the visions given to Daniel, found in chapter 8 of the book of Daniel. In fact, it seems Daniel may have been around 60 years old when this vision came upon him!

The vision is a staggering one describing an epic battle between a goat and a ram, the former interpreted as the Greek empire under Alexander the Great and the latter the Persian empire which was conquered by Alexander. From the goat emerged a little horn, another mighty king (interpreted as the anti-type of the Antichrist) who gained much power and battled against the saints until at the appointed time, he was destroyed.

From this experience of Daniel, arising from this vision, I believe we can **learn some ways of keeping our vision strong and unwavering in the midst of our changing world.**

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1 As Daniel was shown the vision he said,
"I looked up... there before me (or behold)" (v3).

Our Sovereign LORD moves in a "global way" in saving and judging this world, and we should be **watchful** of world and national events to see what is happening (even when it is painful) and not just be wrapped up in "our own small world". We may have and should have a vision of what God may call us to do but this is always in the context of seeing and watching what God is doing in the world around us, be it the wars and civil wars, COP26, COVID-19, #metoo and other events unfolding before us.

2 Daniel heard the question *"How long will it take ... ?"* (v13).

He was told the exact timing for the length of the events mentioned and how long they would last. This of course tells us that God is in charge and we can be **hopeful** that all that is wrong in this world will come to an end in His perfect timing. So, any vision we have needs to be anchored in the hope that God will see us through to the end.

3 The warning from the vision was that there would be *"the trampling underfoot of the LORD's people ... and he will destroy many ..."* (v13, 25).

There is the reality and expectation of suffering for Christians in this world caused by the forces of evil. Any vision we have needs to be accompanied by a call to be **faithful** in the midst of opposition and challenges and even danger to ourselves.

4 Finally, it is interesting to note at the end of the vision, Daniel *"was exhausted and lay ill for several days"* but later, he *"got up and went about the king's business"* (v27).

So whilst a vision keeps us going as we look at what God can make happen in the future, we must continue to be **mindful** of the King's business in our everyday lives and carry on what we are doing, believing that God will bring to completion what He wants to achieve in His Kingdom.

So, for us in FES and all those involved in the student ministry, let us hold on unwaveringly to the vision God gave us so many years ago to build this part of God's kingdom and let us in so doing continue to be



God bless you.



Mr Chew Phye Keat
FES Chairman

DAVID HO

[General Secretary since 2016]
ON BEING 60...



Uncharted Waters

Our pioneers began their work in uncharted waters. It was a humble beginning in 1962 when a few students from different institutions, gathered together out of their desire to witness for Christ. From there, it inspired endless possibilities of the impact students could have on campus or wherever they are placed as graduates in the future.

University students are at an age where they are 'hungry' and seeking for answers. It is at this juncture that they begin to explore life's important questions; who they want to be, what they believe in and what they want to do. They are open to explore new viewpoints, new thinking. This is our Kairos moment.

"If we can influence students now, we can influence the next generation."

This was shared by one of our pioneers, Dr David Gunaratnam, written in the FES' Jubilee Celebration book.

Campus is our mission field and our call is clear:

Changing students for life, one at a time.

Your life is part of this great testimony. *We would love to hear from you - drop us a note on how God transformed your life during campus days.*

God who birthed the student movement through the pioneers has been with us thus far in this journey of the past six decades. As we travel down memory lane, we REMEMBER His GOODNESS and CELEBRATE His FAITHFULNESS to the students from GENERATION to GENERATION!

60 years is a remarkable milestone!

*Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD!*

(Psalm 150:6)



CHRISTOPHER CHEAH'S NOTES

[General Secretary 1991-2001]



I am delighted to write these few words in conjunction with the 60th Anniversary of FES. I became associated with FES as a student in university. It was during the period of the first twenty years of FES' ministry.



Why FES?

What appealed to me then and why I joined as a staff later was the outlook that conveyed a wholesome, full-blooded understanding of the Christian life and service that encompassed every aspect of one's life. And integral to this was the central place given to the Scriptures as the core foundation of this understanding.

The Mission: Campus

We saw the university campus as our mission field and were called to witness and serve as God's 'missionaries.'

We were taught, disciplined and equipped not only to serve in our campuses but to see our graduate lives as bringing the Kingdom of God into the market place and society. This was exciting and challenging for us in the handful of universities in the early '70s-'80s.

FES today...

I am very glad to see that **this vision of FES is still the driving motivation of its mission in the colleges and universities.** In thankfulness to God, **it has grown and developed in depth and scope.** Bible study and practical engagement with Scripture is still a high priority in its ministry. Confronting the critical issues of our society has made generations of students more conscious of the need to respond as Christians in the wider life of our nation.

The vision of FES has grown from small beginnings to the blossoming ministry and movement it is today, through God's grace and working.

I think of the parable of Jesus in Mark 4:30-32 where he describes the kingdom of God beginning like the smallest mustard seed planted in the ground and grows into the largest of all garden plants. FES has planted and God gave the growth.

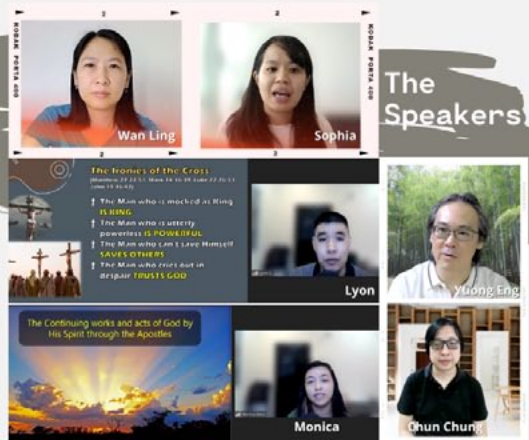
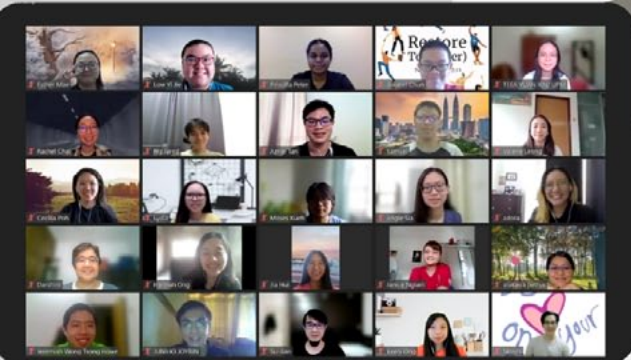
Captured Moments

Chronicles of God & His Kingdom (New Testament)

Oct. 2, 9, 16 & 23

Four consecutive Saturdays of tuning in for an overview of the New Testament. What happened during the intertestamental period? Who is Jesus and what did his life and death mean? A time well spent, relooking at what we thought we knew!

The recordings are available on FES YouTube channel!

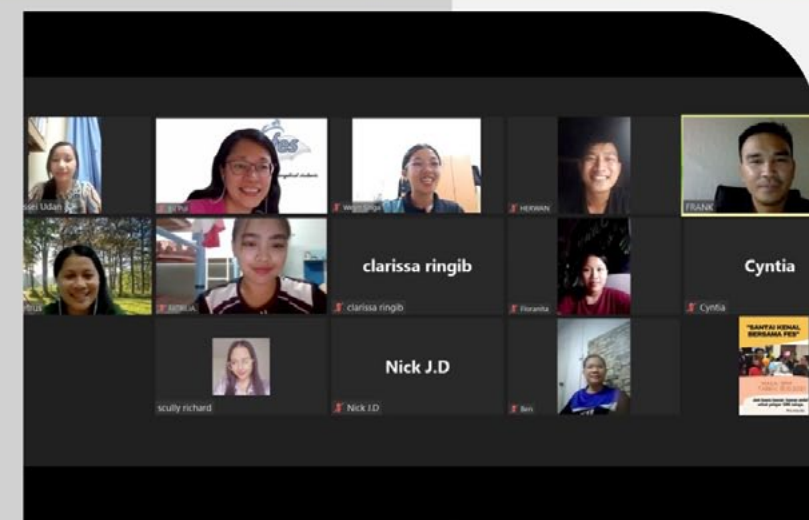


Santai Kenal

Oct. 18

bersama pelajar
Universiti Malaysia
Sabah

As the new academic year began, the Sabah team returns to Kota Kinabalu for a new chapter of ministry in this region. Personal invites were extended to UMS students to share with them about FES and how campus days can be life changing.



Captured Moments

Tahan Lasak Leadership

Oct. 30 & Nov. 13

We are grateful for the 2 speakers sharing with us, lessons that they have gleaned. Here are a couple:

1. Leadership begins with an inner posture to serve.
2. Let's not take any shortcuts but keep our time with God daily, if we want to be in this for the long haul!

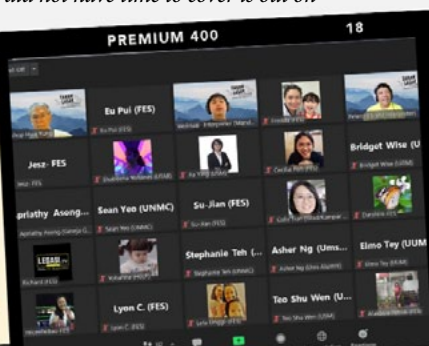
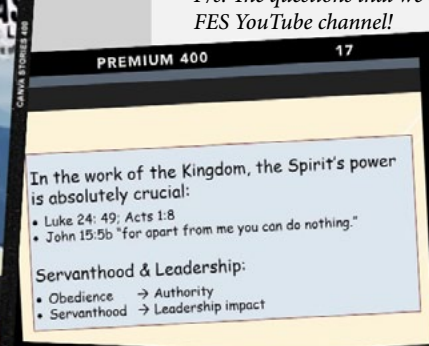
P/s: The questions that we did not have time to cover is out on FES YouTube channel!



Bishop Emeritus Rev Dr Hwa Yung



Annette Arulrajah
Annette (IFES ~ Speaker)



Celebrating
Cecilia
&

Rev. Ng Wei Loon's
holy matrimony.

May you both continue to serve
Jesus together through this union.
Congratulations!



11 December 2021

Focussing On SARAWAK

Cabaran Ketidakpastian

Seluruh dunia berhenti seketika apabila pandemik melanda.

Pandemik telah menjadi satu perhentian bagi setiap peribadi dimana ia boleh mendorong ke arah suatu yang positif atau negatif, baik dari segi kehidupan seharian, fizikal, mental mahupun rohani.

Tetapi, apa yang penting selepas berada di perhentian ini adalah postur atau bagaimana kita bangkit menghadapinya berbanding dengan cara untuk keluar atau mengelak dari cabaran tersebut.

Saya percaya Tuhan masih dan sedang berkerja walaupun di saat masa sukar seperti sekarang ini.

Ketidakpastian

Bagi saya, perkataan “ketidakpastian” seringkali timbul apabila saya melihat kepada pelayanan bersama dengan pelajar di masa yang akan datang. Ketidakpastian dalam penerimaan semula daripada pelajar dan penasihat mahupun peraturan baru dari kampus itu sendiri.

- Adakah mereka bersedia untuk menjalankan CF semula?
- Bagaimanakah keterbukaan mereka untuk melihat perhentian ini sebagai masa untuk menjadi lebih dekat dengan Tuhan?

Ini membuatkan saya berfikir langkah untuk melayani secara kreatif iaitu merintis dan membina semula hubungan dengan mereka dengan **membantu mereka melihat maksud di sebalik perhentian ini dari sudut pandangan Tuhan.** Semuanya dilakukan di luar zon keselesaan saya namun merupakan satu panggilan penting yang harus dijalankan iaitu panggilan untuk bersama dengan pelajar.



Jane, (left most) with the staff based in Kuching Office during their annual year end barbeque.

Di dalam ketidakpastian ini, saya bersyukur kerana saya mempunyai rakan sepejuangan dan rakan seiman yang selalu berkongsi pergumulan, mendoakan satu sama lain dan saling mendorong untuk terus bersandar kepada Tuhan Yesus. Seperti rasul Paulus yang sentiasa menulis surat untuk mendorong rakan sepelayannya walaupun dia dipenjarakan.

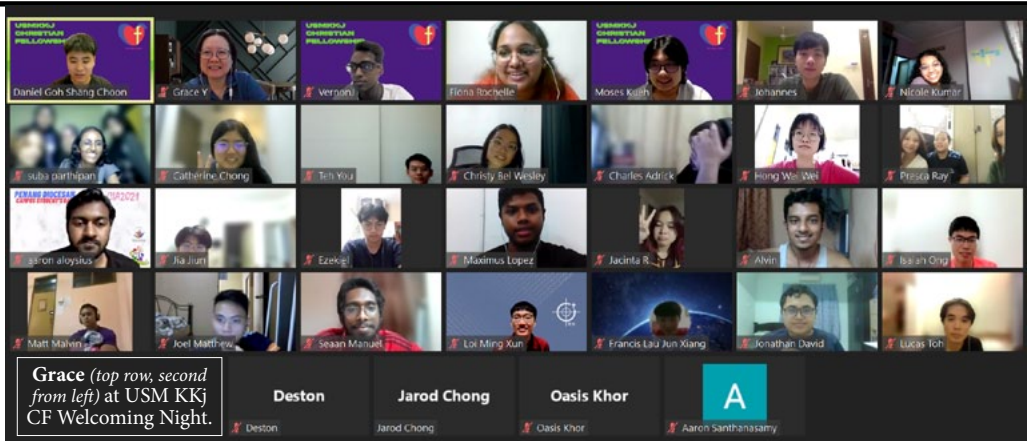
Bagi saya, terlibat di dalam persekutuan doa & komuniti seiman sangat penting kerana ia dapat mendorong kita untuk melihat setiap cabaran dari sudut pandangan yang berbeza dari dunia.

“Berhenti mengeluh dan mula lakukan sesuatu.

Berhenti berfikiran negatif tetapi bersikap terbuka dengan pekerjaan Tuhan melalui setiap cabaran.”

By Jane Jinap, Sarawak Regional Staff

Focussing On **NORTH** Challenges as we “re-open”



The vision of FES has never changed since her birth 60 years ago. Through the decades, staff have striven to disciple the next generation of students through many different ways. As I thought about the students whom I have the privilege of serving now, 2 things come to mind –

that the students will be a redeeming community and they will witness for Christ.

Emerging from the pandemic

Students are suddenly faced with living as a hostel community. After months of lockdown and isolation, this is challenging. For some:

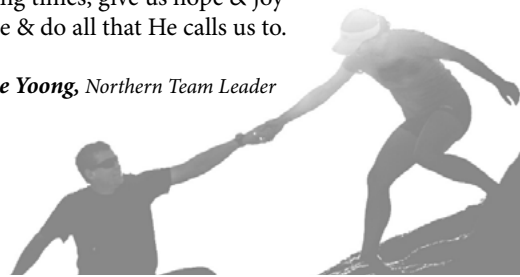
- the art of making conversation is lost
- simply standing in a crowded room can be daunting
- the feeling is that there's no need for community since they seem to have survived just fine on their own.

As Christians, we are called to community and to be our brothers' keeper.

When classes were online, students only connected with their classmates for assignment or project discussions. They didn't share with one another about their personal lives. As a result, it was difficult to have a conversation about what Christ has done or is doing in their lives. As campuses re-open and classmates meet up (some for the first time), the challenge would be for the Christian students to build genuine friendships with others and seize opportunities to share Christ with their friends.

However, these things can only happen in the context of a relationship with Christ. A life rooted in Christ is what will keep us going in trying times, give us hope & joy in whatever circumstances and give us the courage to be & do all that He calls us to.

by Grace Yoong, Northern Team Leader



OUR



Praise be to God!

MILESTONES

"In the beginning, God..." (Gen 1:1; John 1:1)

God is at the beginning and He will be at the end. He is the Alpha and Omega.

The story of FES began when God moved the hearts of a group of students in 1962 to seek His will. God is redeeming and bringing all things under Christ.

FES is privileged to be part of His redemptive plan in this part of His world.

Stirrings & Beginnings...



1952

It began with PRAYER!

5 medical students of UM (Singapore) came together to pray.

FES Malaysia & Singapore

Shared a common beginning in the formation of FES Singapore and Malaya in University Malaya (Singapore).

1961

Pro tem committee for the formation of FES

Met in the Reading Room of 2nd Residential College of UM, (Kuala Lumpur) with representatives from VCF KL, Technical College CF (KL), Nursing College Fellowship NCF (Penang), NCF (JB), NCF (KL); Malayan Teachers' Training College (MTTC) Penang; MTTC KL; Agriculture College CF, Serdang.

1959



FES registered under ROS!

Dr Beng Chay Giap was the first Chairman of FES Malaya.

1963

FES staff of Singapore & Malaya

Mr Chua Wee Hian transferred from Singapore to KL.

8.10.1962

1st Malaysian Fulltime Staff

Mr Thomas Heng

1969

1971

1st Camp Cameron

FES' longest-running camp!

1st IFES East Asia Regional Conference

FES Malaysia hosted the first gathering of East Asia's student leaders.

1975

1st East Malaysian Christian Camp (EMCC)

For the purpose of training students to serve the churches in East Malaysia upon their return after graduation.

1972



"Life in Thy Ways"

Adopted as the theme for Camp Cameron. This life-changing camp is still running today.

1977

Vision

is the art of seeing
what is invisible to others.

[Jonathan Swift]

✓ **Mark your calendar!**

Re-entry to De-rust @12 March 2022 (online)

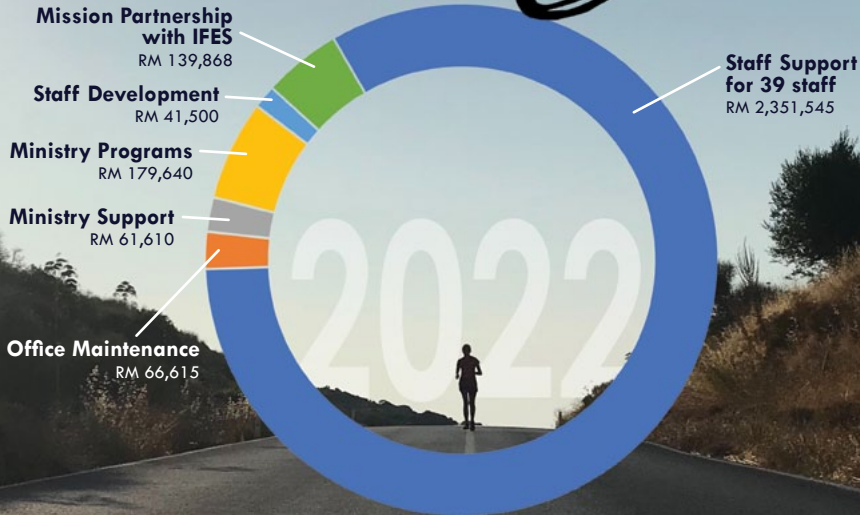
EICM Apologetics Seminar @5 & 19 March 2022 (online)
[Explain International Campus Ministry]

GSC @23 April 2022 (online)
[Graduating Students' Conference]

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