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**20
22
May**



IFES Conference 1980

**CELEBRATING
60 YEARS OF
GOD'S
FAITHFULNESS**

**As we share the gospel,
the character
formation of
the person
matters.**

**vision
values
virtues**



Values UNDIMINISHED

As FES celebrates her 60th anniversary this year, the ministry has been going through unfamiliar ground with the current pandemic posing many challenges for both staff worker and Christian Fellowships.

Yet, navigating through these challenges, what remains essential are 'Values Undiminished':

Values that are **essential** and **treasured** in the **Christian Fellowship**, even when challenges arise.

As staff workers who are present in the Christian Fellowship of the campus, we strive for students to uphold these values:

- 1 Student Initiative**
- 2 Mission minded**
- 3 United Witness**

Sowing these crucial values will make the Christian Fellowship distinctive as a Christian presence and witness in campus.

What can 1+1 student do?

Back in 2014, there were two students in a teacher's college who embodied these values. They had never met each other before their time in campus, but had the same sense of calling - **the need for a Christian presence in campus.** These two students started the Christian Fellowship as a small group which slowly grew. Later, they had quite a number of students who came to CF regularly in campus. They also **reached out to the different language groups and brought them together for CF.** This is student initiative!

We couldn't attend their CF because outsiders were not allowed into the campus. Therefore, we met them off-campus every time we visited. Often times we would offer our help by suggesting books or bible study aids, having conversations about their CF and spending time in prayer together. Our role as a staff worker was to encourage them and provide resources, but it was the students who reached other students in campus.



Mission Minded!

Christian students must first and foremost recognise that they have a calling in campus even while studying in university or college to graduate in their respective fields. The call is to **live out their identity as God's ambassadors in campus;** being the Christian presence in campus, the CF must bear witness to Jesus and the good news of the gospel.



Values UNDIMINISHED

Beyond the usual fellowship and discipleship of the CF's members, the campus student community needs to be engaged in both formal and personal platforms. This is what it means to be mission minded - the **Christian Fellowship exists for its non-members.**

What is sown into the students' lives then are learning opportunities that contribute to spiritual maturity through God's word as they engage with the (campus) world around them. The two students of whom I mentioned earlier had this spiritual maturity. They were able to think through what's needed for the campus, invest their personal resources (time, space and effort) and relate it to everyday life. **In living out our call, there will be a cost. In paying this cost, our spiritual life will grow in maturity.**

United Witness!

The CF exists not as a church, but the fellowship is made up of different language groups and denominations or churches.

What would be the common goal for the CF in the midst of this diversity?

As a witness to the unity of the Body of Christ, made possible only through the Holy Spirit; the CF thrives as a powerful witness where competitiveness, consumerism and 'my tribe / denomination / _____ first' (fill in for yourself) loses its hold.



Being a united witness is not only counter-cultural but also stretches its members to understand and serve one another in humility. By doing so, Christ is made known across language, tribe and denomination to the community in campus.

When these values are sown in the students' lives and become the goals of the Christian Fellowship, it will transform their lives as well as their campuses. As this continues to be cultivated, it will impact the market place in the future when they graduate.



*Mr Rayneld Edam
with Leta and their two daughters
(Serri; front & Naomi)
Southern Regional Team Leader*



Have you ever seen water lilies? I saw some after the floods in December 2021. While many things were destroyed, these water lilies not only survived the flood but were waiting to bud. Water lilies have stems that are buried in mud. This special characteristic allows the water lily to survive the mud waters and flood.



The campus grounds have been quiet for two years, almost deserted. Students stayed home and many uninvited issues 'flooded' their lives and the CFs. ***But that image of the resilient water lily came to mind when I first met the students again in campus in March this year.*** Although there were many undercurrents, students are still as lively as before! The pandemic did prevent them from meeting physically and caused them to feel isolated, but it did not take away their passion for life.

It was amazing to witness the students returning physically to campus after two years of seeing each other on rectangle screens. Although I could see their faces, there were many things that I could not pick up when we met online. I was really surprised by their height when I saw them in person! It wasn't just the height, but also stories covered by the 'mud'

during online meetings. **Our physical interaction was so enriching as we shared from our hearts because we could be fully present to one another.**

According to the McKinsey and Barna 2019 report, Gen Z is labelled as the connected generation and spiritual openness is one of their characteristics. While some are resilient disciples, many of them are exiled (away) from home (God) because of their past experiences. Faith is in the decline. Some have given up on God.

Who are they opening up to?

At this re-entry phrase, it is crucial for staff workers to **BRING THE STUDENTS BACK TO GOD** by...

1 Receiving the students' stories.

Each have been battered by different 'waves' over the past two years. We want to be AVAILABLE TO RECEIVE their stories, both the good and bad. We want to be there listening to their stories without judgment because each of them is important to God. As we receive their stories, we want to cheer them on in this "marathon" of life.

2 Pointing students to Christ.

Students are connected to God, but many only superficially. Just like how John pointed out to his two disciples, "Look, the Lamb of God" (John 1:29), we want to do the same for students. We want to inspire them through telling them stories of Jesus since they are not a reading generation. We want the students to go to Jesus and KNOW HIM INTIMATELY, as he will carry us through any floods that may come in our lives. Christ is our only hope.

3 Calling students to remember and celebrate the milestones of the CF and why the CF exists.

To move this generation from being consumers to contributors. Two-thirds of the students who are coming back to campus are new students without the heritage of CF. We want to help them realise that they have a SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO OFFER to the rest on campus – being the herald of the good news.

ANNETTE ARULRAJAH

General Secretary 2002-2010
[Acting GS 1998-2001]



◀ “Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards.” ~ Soren Kierkegaard ▶

UNEXPECTED!

The day I entered USM in 1984, **my life would be changed forever!** The inheritance of faith I received from my parents, and my home church in Seremban, was infused in campus, with a rich diet of Bible Expositions and the keys to inductively study the Word of God for myself. **There has been no turning back, since!** FES opened those gates for me in my campus days. And then the LORD added another ‘forever-changed’ experience to my repertoire when He invited me to be a staffworker in 1988. Now, 34 years later I am still living out what I consider God’s gift ‘job’ for me.

In FES, we’ve had the **privilege of standing on the shoulders of ‘giants’** ~ Mr. Selveindren, Dr.

David G, Chua Wee Hian,
Thomas Heng, Goh Keat

Peng, Christopher Cheah and
the likes. They walked with us,

then ‘youngsters’ to raise us to be
men and women God could
partner with to expand His
kingdom. Ahead of us,

**we’ve always seen the younger
generations as the ‘giants-to-be’**
for their own times. Mine has
been the privilege to walk with

so many of these young

students who turned out to
be society’s conscience;

nation builders and
world changers. The

flame has kept on
burning amidst
the challenges.

**‘STANDING ON
THE
SHOULDER OF
GIANTS, TO
RAISE FUTURE
GIANTS’**

60 YEARS ON...

FES celebrates her diamond Jubilee ~ the ‘diamond’ symbolising the enduring strength and tenacity of the years. **I am so thankful for God our Ebenezer, our Help** who has given us that resilience. He has always kept our eyes on the vision that **we are here with a mission!** A mission to disciple new generations to be witnesses for Christ on their campuses, and to pour ourselves out to usher in His kingdom and kingdom values. For that, we’ve had to be **watchmen of our times ~ calling generations prophetically back to God’s heartbeat.**



I have never taken this privilege for granted because I remember who I once was; and where I once was ~ merely a live parchment written upon by the LORD through the lives of His many selfless saints!!

A FOREVER GRATEFUL PILGRIM

Captured Moments

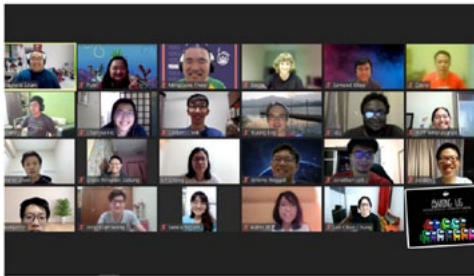


Among Us

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Forum with
International Students

Time well spent hearing first hand about the complexity of travel during Covid-19, online learning with different time zones as well as encounters with locals and CFs.



thank
YOU

FOR YOUR
SHARING!

The experience of being an international student is a mixed bag, which can be **fun, new & difficult.**

However, the CF can be a place of friendship, fellowship and community that supports & prays together for and with them.

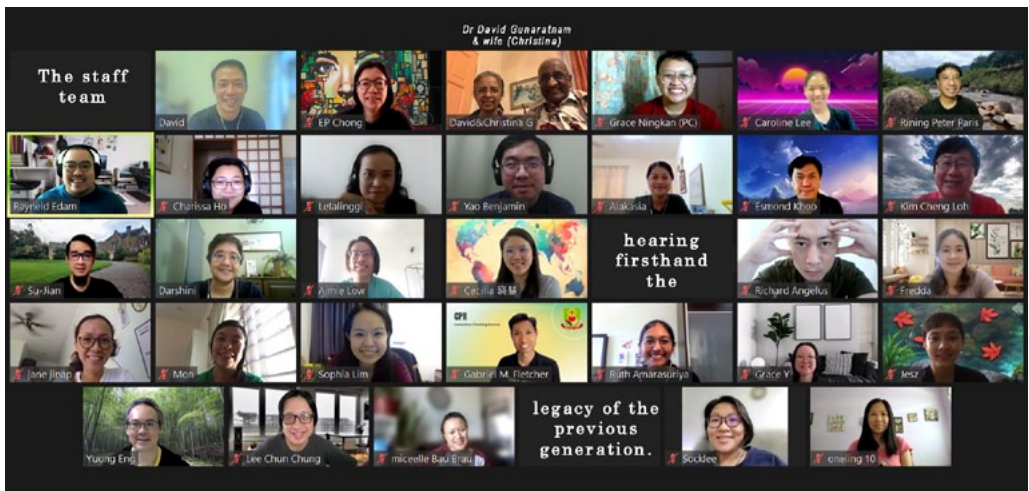
Inspiration & perspiration to go forth!

03.03.22

We were privileged to have Dr David G. share how as undergraduates, he and his friends were challenged **"To go where Christian presence is needed."**

With that mission in mind, they already began preparing themselves by studying the Word and visiting such places as students while they sought God earnestly as a group, well before graduation.

Today, we are their fruits. **What would be your fruits?**



Captured Moments

EICM Apologetics Seminar

[Explain International Campus Ministry]

2 Saturday mornings well spent with Pastor Samuel Nesan as he made us rethink the reasons for Apologetics & why the bible is the bedrock for why we do what we do.

Snippets

The WORSHIP OF CHRIST is both the foundation & goal of Christian Apologetics

If the bible is not the Word of God, then everything that we do (apologetics) is in vain.

Our reverence for God and desire to honour him is expressed while giving a reason for our faith. It ought to be done in gentleness and respect.

How to answer debates even when someone already has their own stand - Stay biblical. (& be honest if you don't know the answer!)

05.03.22

WHY APOLOGETICS

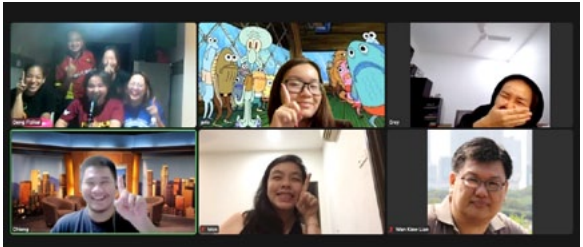
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19.03.22

IS THE BIBLE THE WORD OF GOD

PERKEB, UKM CPR (Committee Planning Retreat) 17-20th March 2022

As we continue to make adjustments in living with Covid-19, the CF committee planned for their coming semester via a hybrid physical AND online meeting as different ones participated from where they could.



Focussing On

SOUTHERN

Menanam Nilai-nilai Demi Kemuliaan Tuhan



Leta Linggi (☎ her kids)
Southern Regional Staff

Setelah melalui 2 tahun pandemik dan sekarang ini beralih ke musim endemik, para pelajar sudah mula kembali ke kampus masing-masing secara fizikal walaupun masih banyak kuliah dilakukan secara online. Melalui fasa ini, saya bersyukur melihat kesetiaan dan semangat para pelajar Kristian yang cuba mengumpul rakan-rakan untuk menjadi terang dan saksi Kristus di kampus. Saya juga mengetahui **banyak cabaran dan penyesuaian yang mereka perlu lakukan**. Lewat musim ini juga saya melihat **perjumpaan para pelajar menjadi lebih fleksibel**, baik secara online, offline, hybrid atau fizikal.

Harapan saya dalam melalui fasa ini, para pelajar Kristian menanam nilai ambil peduli dan melihat dengan hati yang prihatin terhadap keperluan rakan-rakan mereka di kampus. Mungkin ada rakan-rakan yang masih sendirian dan berjuang berat dari segi kerohanian dan pelajaran. Jangan meninggalkan mereka kerana mereka juga memerlukan Yesus dan rakan untuk mendorong. Saya bersyukur, melihat usaha para pelajar Kristian di Persatuan Pelajar Kristian (PPK) terus berjuang meneruskan PPK dengan melakukan peryesuaian dan perubahan agar mampu menjadi berkat bagi para pelajar Kristian di kampus. Saya berharap melalui fasa ini, PPK juga dapat menjadi sebuah persatuan yang membawa visi Tuhan dan mengkhabarkan Yesus di kampus masing-masing terutamanya kepada yang belum percaya.

AMBIL
peduli
MELIHAT DENGAN
hati prihatin

Selain itu, saya turut menggalakkan untuk menanam nilai saling mendoakan. Saya bersyukur, di perkhidmatan FES Selatan kita mengambil peluang untuk mendoakan kampus setiap minggu. Ini membantu saya melihat campur tangan Tuhan kerana Dia yang mampu melakukan perkara yang tidak termampu saya gerakkan. Saya turut terkesan secara positif dengan doa bersama salah satu pelajar yang saya layani. Saya bersyukur setiap kali dia meminta untuk berdoa bagi kampusnya dan mengakhiri persekutuan kami dengan doa bersama-sama. Saya tahu kami saling memerlukan Tuhan dalam menghadapi kehidupan seharian baik seorang pelajar atau seorang ibu dan pelayan Tuhan.

saling
mendoakan

Saya berharap dengan menanam nilai-nilai tersebut, kita menjadi PPK dan pelajar Kristian yang bersatu dalam Yesus, menjadi saksi Kristus dan saling mendorong satu sama lain untuk terus berjalan bersama Yesus di kampus masing-masing untuk kemuliaan Tuhan.

Focussing On TIMOR LESTE

What Are We Sowing?



Chris Herbet

with wife, Merita & toddler, Callie
SEE* Timor Leste Team Leader

*“Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or
seen in me – put it into practice.
And the God of peace will be with you”
(Phillippians 4:9)*

This verse reminds us to practice daily what we have seen in our leaders. As staff workers leading students, it is important for us to know what we want to sow in our students' lives. The values that we want to sow need to be consistent from generation to generation and based on God's Word. So what are these values? They are:



is a fundamental characteristic of who God is and it's a value that is used to describe His children as well. When we sow this value, we need to

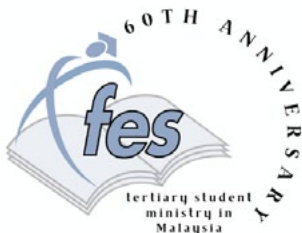
help our students realise that “**We love because he first loved us.**” (1 John 4:19). The passage continues on to say that without knowing God's love, it is impossible to show genuine love towards others.

In this continuously changing world, many things trouble us, making us feel weak and sometimes cause us to drift away from God. Once this is happening, we start to fix our eyes on problems instead of God. When we have

compassionate
tenacity

it helps us to walk another mile further in our journey of faith as we realise that God is in control and he strengthens us when we are weak. It is also about how we can **help each other walk together in this journey of faith as we face the challenges ahead in our lives.**

OUR



Praise be to God!

MILESTONES

1980s-1990s

God who gives growth!

So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building. (1 Cor 3:7-9)

1990s

Mushrooming of private colleges and universities

increases both the scope and challenges of campus ministry

1992

Forging of a National Student Movement identity through National Conferences

1st National Conference with theme: "Here Am I" held in UPM

1987

Inter Varsity Tour Mission Team (IVMT)

was introduced to encourage local missions

Camp 2

was birthed to develop a Christian mind. Participants were attendees from Camp Cameron

1995

2nd National Conference

with theme: "Tomorrow Challenges Today's Choices"

1998

Introduction of short private college camps

such as Authentic; Infectious 'F's; Tomorrow: Live it!; Deep Impact; and ER: Extra Real!

1982

Student Leaders' Consultation

addressing issues in campus and churches

1999

3rd National Conference

"Ordinary Faith, Extraordinary God" Mission Partnership with East Asia Movements: KGK Japan, IVF Korea, and CEF Taiwan

1980

Project Regrow

Good Christian books were brought in and offered at bargain prices to encourage students to Read & Grow



FOR WHERE YOUR

value

TREASURE

IS,

THERE YOUR

HEART

WILL ALSO BE.

[LUKE 12:34]

WHAT DO YOUR CHOICES SAY
ABOUT WHAT YOU VALUE?

✓ **Mark your calendar!**

Camp @14th-21st August 2022

Sarawak Tour @1st-7th July

Towards FES 60th Anniversary & 20th year of FES in Sarawak.
The Sarawak team visits students, graduates and churches in Sibul, Bintulu, Miri & Mukah.

3rd July: Hi-Tea with graduates in Miri.

60 day Prayer Countdown @10th August

at the **Moment**

IT TAKES ALL OF US!



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