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24  
May**

*Fellowship Of Evangelical Students*



**We have a newly renovated National Office now. THANK YOU for enabling it!**

**[Pix: Students from Life Cell Group (LCG), Monash University visiting our National Office after the renovation in February 2024.]**

# Posture in a time of Anticipation in... Ordinary Times

## Reflections on the parable of the “Ten Virgins” (Matthew 25:1-13)

*From a quick reading, “keep watch” (v. 13) is the obvious emphasis of this parable. I was drawn to how the parable began. At the very start, all the 10 virgins had their lamps with them, and all had the same pathway, which was to go out and meet the bridegroom. However, a distinction was quickly made. There were 2 very different groups of virgins, the wise and the foolish ones. These 2 adjectives were given to them based on what they did or didn’t do next. In short, the wise were prepared while the foolish ones were not. And this got me thinking: What does “preparedness” got to do with the transitions happening in FES?*

### Preparing for the long haul

God is doing something amid this generation of students and the generations to come, and the student movement in Malaysia will continue to exist regardless of the state of my being as an FES staffworker or even the state of FES as an organization. I remembered a question that was posed to us by a colleague during one of our staff meetings: “How is FES still relevant today?” This question came at a very apt time. I believe it was also around this time that David, our General Secretary, announced the leadership transitions that would take place in the months to come. We would be witnessing a “change of the old guard”.

The wisdom of the five wise virgins goes beyond their foresight. They were wise because of **their preparedness to stay for the long haul, regardless how long it would take the bridegroom to come**. Similarly with FES, this humble yet courageous act of leadership change is our way of saying that we want to stay in God’s business for the long haul, to stay relevant to this current generation of students, and to be prepared for those who will come. In my years in FES, I have observed past leaders who gave up their positions of power and influence so that new ones can learn to hold the reins and direct the movement.

### The need to keep watch always

There is still a degree of uncertainty as to how this transition will play out. In many ways, we still need to “keep watch” – **to see and follow God’s movement in this ministry**. This brings us to my second observation of this parable. In v. 6, a clarion call (cry) was made at midnight, “*Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!*” In this case, all of them heard the call. They woke up and trimmed their lamps to ensure the flame would be clear and bright for the journey.





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## Pointing to Jesus in our midst

It has been very clear to FES, churches, and various ministry partners that the student generation has changed, and it is changing quickly. Following the years of pandemic, many are not quite sure how to navigate through the challenges of today's generation. We see a generation that is engaged yet disengaged, one that is aware of what's happening within but perhaps numb or indifferent to the things around, and one that finds a sense of security (be it vocation, finance or even identity) in the narrative of the world. Yet, amid all these, we hear *"the voice of one crying in the wilderness"* (Isa. 40:3), a clarion call not to be missed.

It is our prayer in FES that we will also heed this call, **to direct our students to Jesus, to show them that God is in their very midst, like an oasis in the desert.** And it is in this oasis that we experience life once again.

**As our partners in the ministry, would you join us in keeping watch  
till the hour and day has come -  
together with our students, to be on the look out, to prepare  
ourselves, to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit, and to witness the  
glory of God descending upon His Kingdom?**



**Koay Su-Jian**  
Staff since 2012  
(Central Region)



# TRANSITIONS IN FES

**2023-2024** *"We covet your prayers especially through this time of transition!"*



Gabriel becomes  
Northern Team Leader



Ruth becomes  
Central Team Leader



Wan Ling becomes  
Training Coordinator



Esmond becomes  
Southern Team Leader



Eddryll joins  
Southern Team



Yuong Eng becomes  
Theological Formation  
Coordinator

Leta joins  
Central Team



Rayneld becomes  
Assistant General  
Secretary & joins  
Central Team



Peter becomes Church  
Relations & Fund  
Development Coordinator  
(Sarawak Region)



Richard becomes  
Sarawak Team  
Leader



*"By God's grace, that we might serve  
Him in ways that glorify Him..."*



# A MOMENT WITH

**Assistant General Secretary (AGS)  
Rayneld Edam**



Ray hails from Sarawak. He joined FES in 2004 upon graduation from Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) and moved back to be based in Kuching a year later.

In 2012, he moved to Melaka region together with his wife, Leta, and became the Team Leader there. In 2019, the need arose to have an office in Johor to be nearer to students, and he uprooted his family to answer the call. Now the circle is complete as he returned to Central Region this year to be the AGS.

Ray married Leta in July 2011, and they have three children: Naomi (11 years old), Serri (7 years old) and Noel (1 year old).

## 1. Why did you join FES?

I remember how my spiritual journey was shaped by the church and FES during my campus days. When I first joined FES, I said, "**I believe in the ministry**" and I still do today.

## 2. What made you stay on for 20 years?

I stayed for a long time because of the grace of God. In the end, I believe that students are still the ones who God is calling me to serve.

## 3. What is your role as AGS?

My role involves assisting David, the General Secretary, in the area of administration, overseeing the regions, and journeying with the staff.

## 4. What is your personal hope for

**FES:** To continue leaving an impact on students, in shaping their faith and challenging them to make a difference wherever they are called to.

**Family:** To trust, know, and live in God's obedience and to love one another through this time of transition.

## 5. What is your immediate challenge as you serve in this capacity?

That would be adapting to the Central team, which is a bigger team than the regional offices that I have been a part of, and to fully grasping my role as the AGS.

# UP NEXT

**Sabah**

"Selah" for Students

11 May 2024



**FES  
National Conference**

**8-13 AUGUST**

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# *It's been 10 months*

by Ruth Vinoth

It's been 10 months  
 Taking on a new role  
 Learning, manoeuvring, figuring, understanding, contemplating  
 Trying to take one step at a time  
 Not to hurry things but patiently going through the process  
 Not giving up but like the virgins\*- to wait with extra oil  
 To trust the Lord who is at work  
 With many changes whether within the organization, ministry or on a personal level.

Anticipation; things look exciting  
 So much to look forward to  
 But when the unexpected comes  
 The excitement may die down  
 And things may look more difficult and burdensome  
 Am I prepared for seasons like this?

So important is the extra oil the five wise virgins carried  
 It made them last until the bridegroom came  
 And so, every day, even when things are going well  
 I am reminded to look at the bridegroom  
 To seek for strength, to always go out with that extra oil  
 So that even when my oil seems to be drying up  
 I will have an extra jar of oil  
 Still able to serve with joy  
 Even when I can't seem to enjoy.

Fears, hopes, goals  
 They are all part and parcel of this new role  
 It is a privilege that I take not for granted  
 With eyes and heart looking to the Lord  
 Hoping that I serve faithfully not with my might  
 But with His.

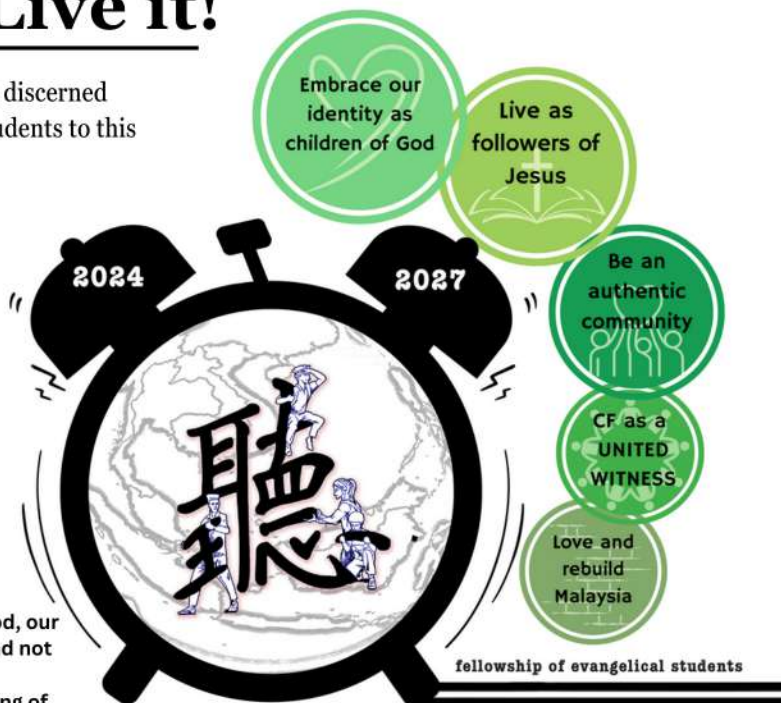


*\*Parable of the "ten virgins" Matt. 25:1-13*

**Central Team Leader since July 2023**

# Ring it, Live it!

The FES staff team, having discerned together, are calling our students to this in the coming years:



## Our identity

- Created in the image of God, our identity is given by God and not defined by the world.
- Gain a proper understanding of yourself and experience what it means to be loved by God.

## as disciples

- Rooted in God's Word and courageously living out our identity in Christ, enabled by the Holy Spirit.
- Knowing and becoming more like Jesus because of the joy, blessings, and glory in Christ, which far outweigh the cost of following Him.

## witnessing as a CF

- A fellowship of believers across denominations, languages, cultures, and social barriers. This itself is a witness to Christ.
- Bring our friends to Jesus.
- Seize every opportunity to engage the university.

## as we live together

- Build genuine relationships.
- CF as a welcoming place, speaking truth in love into one another's life in humility, gentleness, patience, and bearing with one another.
- Restore the place and practice of personal and corporate spiritual disciplines in a community.

## in Malaysia, tanahairku

- Trust in our sovereign God and not lose hope; live out our calling as Malaysian Christians.
- Cultivate a biblical understanding of national issues and prayerfully rise up and respond.
- Prepare to serve locally as Malaysian graduates and be a Christian presence wherever we are sent.

*Imagine an entire generation*

**ASSEMBLED.  
CALLED.  
TAUGHT.  
SENT.**

SEMENANJUNG, SABAH, & SARAWAK, TOGETHER AT PORT DICKSON

HEARING THE CLARION CALL TO "RING IT, LIVE IT"

FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

"DIUTUS" TO THE CAMPUS, NATION AND BEYOND

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FES National  
Conference  
happen!*

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