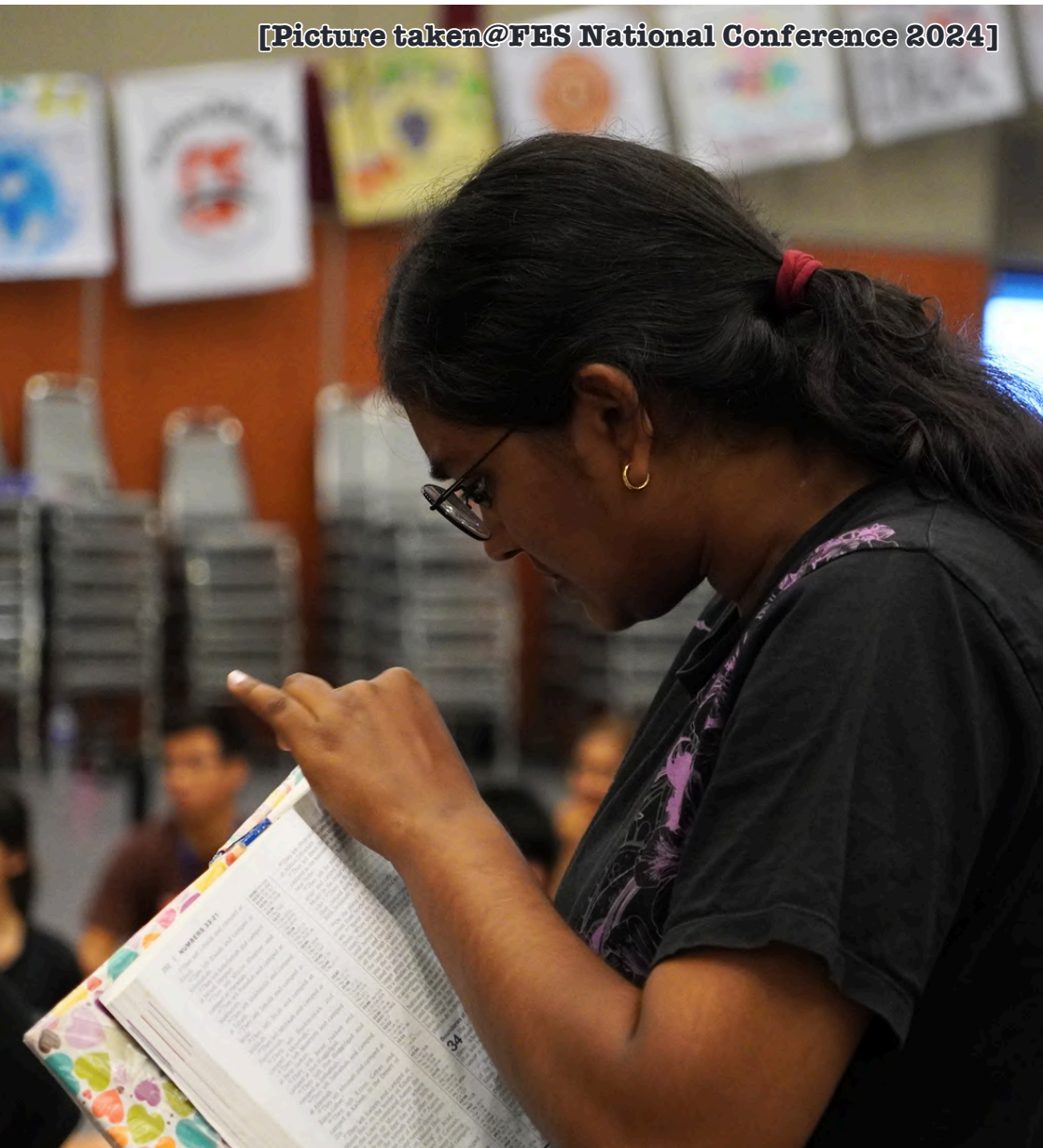




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[Picture taken@FES National Conference 2024]



Posture in a time of Anticipation for Creation Renewed

Revelation 22:1-5

“Are we there yet?” chimed Trinity, my 6-year-old sweetheart as we started our holiday trip. Her eagerness was cute but I was more concerned that it was a 3-hour journey and we had yet to go beyond the house gate!



Thomas K. Samuel

FES EXCO

with wife Amelia Grace, daughters Naomi Mary (eldest) and Trinity Joy.

Anticipation - What does it mean?

Helen Calder highlights that in modern times, anticipation has been reduced to a *feeling of expectation*.

‘Anticipate’ comes from the Latin word ‘*anticipare*’, which means to ‘*take care of ahead of time*’ or literally, ‘*taking into possession beforehand*.’

The original meaning of anticipation had an element of ‘action’ and ‘preparation’. To anticipate was ‘to foresee and act in advance of’.

It means so much more

For a Christian, anticipation is an expression of faith, and this faith cannot happen without obedience (1 John 5:1-4).

Noah demonstrated this powerfully:

By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith (Hebrews 11:7).

Therefore, anticipation is much more than just hoping that our wishes and dreams come true. It is essentially carefully listening to what God wants us to do; carrying out His will in every facet of our life; and trusting Him that the final outcome of our obedience will give us unspeakable joy.

Anticipation and me

Is such Godly anticipation seen in our daily lives?

I confess that, many a time, it is the anticipation of a crispy *thosai*, a dallop of spicy coconut *chutney* and my piping hot *masala* tea (*kurang manis*, of course) that drives me in the morning.

King Solomon in Proverbs 29 observed that, “Where there is no vision, the people perish.....”

Helen Calder highlights that when anticipation has been lost, God is able to restore it.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What are we anticipating in life right now?

What we anticipate and hope to achieve; and what our vision for our future is, will reflect how much Christ is central in our lives.

Unfortunately, the converse is also true: If all that we anticipate revolves around *our* dreams, *our* ambition and *our* desires; there will be little that God can do through us. Mathew 6:21 reminds us: *“For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”*

Have we lost the vision and anticipation that God had intended in our loves? **Maybe it is time to seek Jesus and His Word, to be silent and ask Him to refresh and restore unto us what we should be anticipating.**

Anticipation gives us hope

We live in a broken world where there will be pain, tears and heartache.

In May 2020, Mum was losing weight rapidly and medical tests showed stage four pancreatic cancer. I prayed, fasted, wept and negotiated with God, pleading with Him to spare Mum's life. Less than three months later, Mum was taken. It was the end of her life but not the end of her story.

Christ's resurrection from death and Mum's faith in Jesus means that I anticipate a joyful reunion with Mum and all those who have journeyed before me.

Revelation 22 promises healing to the nations; no longer living under the curse of sin; seeing our Lord face to face; His name etched on our foreheads, no more darkness; and we reign forever and ever with Jesus.

This anticipation is mine and provides me comfort during difficult days.



Transition in FES

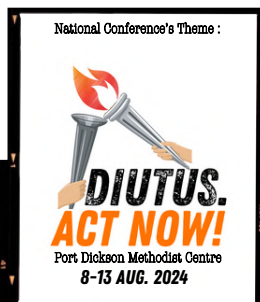
David Ho (FES GS) shared with me the story of the birth of FES. He spoke about five UM medical students in Singapore in 1952 who had a burning desire for the Lord Jesus and for discipleship. This then led to the birth of FES in 1962. In the 1960s, four doctors upon their graduation, rented a car and went around Malaysia, seeking God's will. Today, FES Malaysia ministers to thousands of local and foreign students, in almost every part of the nation.

In anticipation of pleasing the Lord and in obedience to follow Christ, FES was born. So long as we stay true to this, God will be glorified!

CAPTURED MOMENTS

<https://fes.org.my/events/past-events/national/>

National Conference returns after a 7-year wait! We traced the movement of the Holy Spirit at work in the church and the challenges facing our nation today. Student's Corner provided space for students to express their views on campus and CF.



CAPTURED MOMENTS

Students from 51 campuses gathered to hear God's heartbeat as a national student movement from the Book of Acts. 282 people, including staff and graduate helpers, spent six days receiving a galore of meaningful experiences as a community.

Thank you for enabling this through your prayers, finances, & encouragement.



**IFES East Asia Regional
Conference, Thailand,
3-9 July 2024**



The Malaysian delegation represented by 11 staff and 11 students.

"Meeting students from 17 countries and hearing their stories was profoundly uplifting. Despite facing restrictions, their joy in serving the Lord was evident. This made me grateful for the freedom to practice my faith in Malaysia. The theme "VOICE MATTERS" reminded me to depend on God's guidance in every decision. It was a life-changing experience."

Anbualagan Chandran,
Universiti Malaysia Pahang
Al-Sultan Abdullah

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Faithfulness!

by Esmond Khoo



**Southern Region Team
Leader since Oct.
2023.**

faithfulness

As a new team leader, what I ultimately hope for is faithfulness.

Faithfulness in personal life

I hope to **lead with personal godliness**. I am very aware that there are so many ways in which leaders can fall if we are not careful. For example, being easily angered when faced with high stress or conflicts.

Faithfulness of the students to Christ in the region

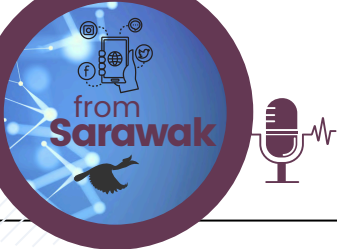
The needs of the students in the entire region now fall under my purview in a more direct way. Because of this, I hope to grow in concerned prayer, thinking and action for all the students we serve in the Southern Region. More so against the backdrop of a lot of false teachings and cults, worldliness and idolatry, lukewarmness and so on.

Faithful to the end

Finally, I hope to be a leader who is faithful to the end. Whether that will be the end of my life or the end of my time as a team leader.

I hope that I will **always rely on the One who is faithful** –

God who saved me, who is equipping me, who strengthens me in moments of weakness, and walks with me in seasons of darkness.



“Not qualified”

by Richard anak Ramlee



**Sarawak Region Team
Leader since Oct.
2023, with wife,
Decxlen Endu.**

Initial Thought

When I realised I would become the next team leader for Sarawak, my initial thought was, “I’m not qualified.” Even after almost a year, I still feel unqualified for the calling and responsibility. This is not false humility; I can confidently name other jobs where I feel qualified.

Why do I feel this way? Some of the reasons are:

- experience (leading staff like me is difficult)
- personality (dealing with people for ministry business is exhausting)
- expectations (replacing a beloved team leader is hard).

When I first joined FES, my main goal was to reach out to students, not to become a team leader.

Reminded of the “cloud of witnesses”

However, I remember Moses, Gideon, Peter, and other men and women of faith. Each one of them was unqualified in some way, yet God used them mightily for His glory.

So, I quickly registered to join the club. The president of this club, God-who-equips-the-called, is pleased to know that I do not feel qualified. He specializes in using my weaknesses to showcase His wisdom and greatness (1 Corinthians 1:26-29). **Thus, my lack of qualifications is a good thing. It’s not about me; it’s about Him.** This is not an excuse, but a reminder of my lifetime membership in this heavenly club to always move forward in faith.

As I anticipate the years to come, I hear the club’s tagline: **“Look, I am coming soon!”** (Revelation 22:7, 12, 20). **Amen! Be faithful to the end.**

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