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# A Lenten and Easter Hymn:

By Rev David Loo

Spikenard in alabaster
Spikenard pure in alabaster jar,
Poured all out, knowing who you are,
Some upon your forehead, some upon your feet; (Mk 14:3; Jn 12:3)
Come, Lord Jesus, Whom your people greet.

Sacrificial Lamb Who rules now over all;
Dying You redeemed us from the sinful Fall;
In You, we die to selfish pride and sin;
Risen Lord, our hearts bid Welcome In!

Kings and thieves shall come and lowly bow;
Masters, slaves proclaim Your Lordship now.
Take your seat now high and lifted up;
Don your Crown, You who drained the Cup. (Lk 22:42)

Knees will bow and every tongue proclaim:
Salvation comes with healing in Your Name.
Angels in the clouds sing out with glorious voice
Our Lord reigns; be blessed, be saved, Rejoice.

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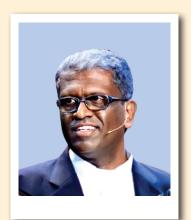


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# Live as Jesus Our Lord Did

By Rev Dr. T. Jeyakumar

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### Matthew 27

<sup>11</sup> Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." <sup>12</sup> But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. <sup>13</sup> Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" <sup>14</sup> But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

<sup>24</sup> So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." <sup>25</sup> And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" <sup>26</sup> Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified. (ESV)

A charge had been brought against our Lord Jesus Christ. So, Pilate asked, "Are you the King of the Jews?" The charge focused on disloyalty and rebellion against the Roman Emperor Tiberius Caesar. Jesus' reply was, "You have said so." It appears like Pontius Pilate the Governor wanted to free Jesus. But we can also see that Pontius Pilate was not trying hard to release Jesus. And Jesus was no longer interested to reply to other questions from Pilate.

In the Gospels we see Jesus refusing to answer certain people. He would not answer pretenders and hypocrites. He would not reply to insincere people. He did not answer those who had trick questions. But we also see in the Gospels that Jesus our Lord was prepared to explain Himself to earnest seekers, and the disciples who wanted Him to explain certain truths further. He reasoned with those who had come from afar to learn from Him. He was prepared to meet with Nicodemus who wanted to learn more in privacy. However, Jesus would not spare a moment for those who were not interested in truth and who had evil motives.

Pilate knew he was sentencing an innocent man. Pilate is often thought of as weak. On the contrary, Pilate had a strong personality. Pilate could not be easily manipulated by anyone. He would not hesitate to kill in order to quell insurrections and rebellions. He had even killed those gathered in peaceful crowds. But why did he not release Jesus? Because he wanted to please the crowd comprising those who were seen to be standing on the side of Caesar. It was not important for Pilate to stand on the side of truth.

In contrast Jesus stood on the side of truth. He preached the truth. He was perfectly sincere and earnest. No falsehood was found in Him. He was the truth. After having spent time at Gethsemane in prayer, Jesus did not answer Annas and Caiphas and an assembly of religious leaders called the Sanhedrin in the manner that they had wanted Him to. He refused to comply with Herod Antipas' request to perform some miracles. He stayed silent before Pontius Pilate.

The Sanhedrin compromised by carrying out a hurried investigation as they were rushing to get ready to celebrate the Passover. Herod compromised in order to improve on his relationship with the Sanhedrin and the chief priests, and in order to start a friendship with Pontius Pilate. Pilate compromised to receive Caesar's favour and gain political mileage. The chief priest, the Sanhedrin, Herod and Pilate teach us what dishonesty and untruths are. We look at Jesus and learn that He was showing consistent

and uncompromising adherence to strong moral and ethical principles and spiritual values. In other words, we learn from Jesus what integrity is. We learn from the political and religious leaders of that time what integrity is not and how compromised people live.

No wonder Jesus' death on the Cross purchased a pardon for us from sins, as He was sinless. No wonder GOD the Father raised Jesus from the dead, to show that Jesus' life and death were in accordance with the will of GOD the Father.

We who have been given a new life as a result of placing our faith and trust in Jesus, must live as Jesus did. We, the Resurrection people of Christ, must live a life of truthfulness, uprightness and not compromise on our Christian values. This resurrection power of Jesus, which will enable us to live fearlessly, courageously and with integrity, will bless us, our family, our church and our nation.

"No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness Divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own."
(Charles Wesley)

Have a blessed Resurrection Sunday!

# TRAC/PMSM Ordination Service

By Rev Ashok Amarasingham Chairman, Board of Ministry, TRAC



On 9 January 2022, we were privileged to witness four pastors being ordained, namely, two TRAC pastors and two Sengoi pastors by Rev Dr T. Jeyakumar, Bishop of The Methodist Church in Malaysia. The ordination took place at Trinity Methodist Church, Petaling Jaya.

TRAC Bishop Rev Joshua Khong and all the District Superintendents were present despite having to travel as far as Penang and Johor Baru. They were solidly united.

Bishop Dr T Jeyakumar gave a challenging and thought-provoking message calling people to hear God's call to enter pastoral ministry.

Pastor Rostam and Pastor Rosmanita were ordained "Diakon" which carries the title "Reverend". The

Superintendent of the Sengoi Mission Conference, Rev Yok Selan, was there to lend his support to both his pastors. This was a momentous and memorable occasion.

Rev James Ong was ordained Elder. He is also the National Youth Director and Pastor of Whispering Hope Methodist Church. Pastor Luke Ng was ordained Deacon which now carries the title "Reverend". He serves as pastor in Penang Wesley and Alor Setar Wesley (new appointment).

Nine new local preachers also received their Lay Preachers' Licence (LPL) certificates. Eight of them were present and one was absent.

We praise God for all the men and women who answer His call and may they serve Him obediently.

Our future in the

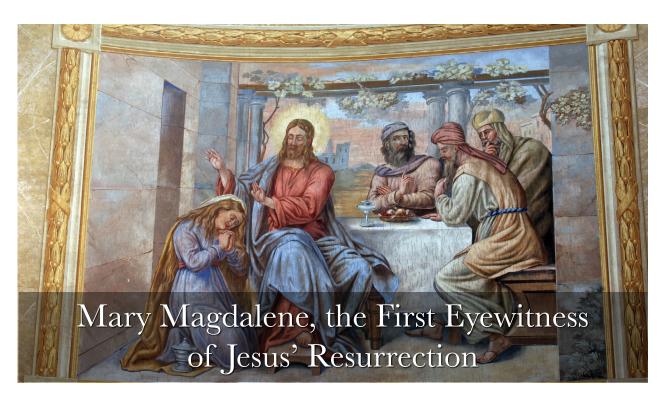
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By Dr Tan Kim Huat Chen Su Lan Professor of New Testament

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he resurrection of Jesus Christ is central to the Christian faith. As Paul teaches it, without Jesus' resurrection, our faith is futile (1 Cor 15:17). In fact, having seen the risen Lord was one criterion for being an apostle (Acts 1:21-22). It is therefore notable that Mary Magdalene — and not one of the Twelve Apostles — was the person God chose to be the first eyewitness of this great

event. This becomes more significant as many ancient societies, including the Jewish, often regarded a woman's testimony as dubious. Moreover given her background, she was the unlikeliest candidate for the important role. The implication is clear: God must be signalling something profound by choosing Mary Magdalene. Who, then, was this special person?

Firstly, she is not to be identified with Mary of Bethany (sister of Martha) or the sinful woman of Luke 7:36-50.

Distilling from all the relevant Gospel passages, the thing that strikes us is that the toponymic name (being named after a place) 'Magdalene' always accompanies her birth name 'Mary'. Now, Mary (or Miriam, if we follow the anglicised Hebrew pronunciation) was a very common name in first century Palestine. To distinguish one Mary from another, additional identity markers were needed.

For women then, this would normally be a male relative's name: her husband's or her father's. Naming a woman after a place was therefore highly unusual, especially when it was done consistently. So why was Mary called the Magdalene?

The toponymic 'Magdalene' referred to the ancient town of Magdala, which sat on the western

shore of the Sea of Galilee and at the southern tip of modern Migdal. Recent archaeological excavations have given us a wealth of knowledge of the place. It was a bustling town, dominating the fishing industry around the lake. Ancient records also mention a prominent tower near its harbour. What is fascinating is that this tower gave the town its name, as Magdala means 'tower' in Aramaic. Accordingly, a handful of scholars have proposed that 'Magdalene' was not toponymic but a trait descriptor. In other words,

they argue that Mary was the 'Tower', just as Peter was the 'Rock'. To be called a 'Tower' would mean that she had special strengths or leadership qualities. Although attractive, this hypothesis is vitiated by the silence of the New Testament and other early Christian literature over this purported characteristic of Mary. This hypothesis emerged first in the writings of Jerome in the fifth century. We are on safer ground if we treat 'Magdalene' as toponymic.

The use of a toponym certainly differentiated her from other Marys among Jesus' disciples. More importantly, it also meant she had left her hometown to be with Jesus because a toponym is relevant only when used of a person outside his or herhometown. Luke 8:1-3 also indicates that, together with a few women, she supported Jesus' ministry. Since she was not identified with a male relative's name, she was most probably unmarried and independent of family ties. Being cut off from family would have been especially difficult for a woman then.

Luke 8:2 sheds light on Mary Magdalene's domestic

situation. In this passage she is described as having once been possessed by seven evil spirits. The number seven in the Bible is often used to mean 'completeness' and hence, she was akin to being a hopeless case of demon-possession. Deemed a menace to society because of her demonised and dehumanised personality, she would have brought shame to the family. Although Jesus successfully exorcised her, her family members probably did not believe in him because, if they did, Mary would

have been identified with the name of a believing family member. This meant she had to leave her family — perhaps even driven out — in order to follow Jesus. The conversion of Mary and her subsequent role as the first eyewitness of Jesus' resurrection will therefore provide much encouragement to the many people who, for one reason or another, are displaced, deemed unstable or problematic. Our future in the Lord is not defined, or limited, by our problematic past or our perplexing present.

Next, we need to ask how Mary Magdalene became the first person to see the risen Lord. In all the Gospels, other than Luke, she pops up only in the crucifixion and resurrection scenes; her significance being understood primarily in connection with those events. In such events, she shone the brightest of all Jesus' disciples. Details in the familiar story of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection demonstrate this and bear highlighting.

The four Gospels testify consistently that the disciples who were present at the crucifixion of Jesus were women, the men having fled. At crunch time, the one nicknamed the Rock crumbled. The Beloved Disciple, if it were not a literary construct, was the exception according to John 19:26. If it was risky to be identified with the crucified Jesus, embalming him could have escalated that risk.

Moreover, there was a formidable obstacle for these grieving women to overcome: the huge stone that sealed the tomb's entrance. Undaunted by the difficulties and probably without any solution, they set forth. But true devotion does not cease, even when no solution is in sight. In all listings of these valiant women, Mary Magdalene is placed first. Possibly, she was the main driver behind the initiative to embalm Jesus or it could be a narrative technique to signal to readers the important role she would soon have.

All the Gospels identify Mary Magdalene as the

first person to see the risen Lord but John's Gospel surfaces a point that is seldom appreciated. Upon discovering the tomb was empty, Mary naturally reported it to Peter and John because they were the prominent leaders of the early Christian community. They then went to the scene and confirmed that the tomb was empty. But they soon left, with many questions still swirling in their heads. In contrast, a likely distraught Mary stayed at the scene, and this set

the stage for the unique encounter with Jesus (John 20:1-17). Through this encounter, she received the commission to convey the good news of Jesus' resurrection to the apostles.

We are familiar with the phrase 'being at the right place at the right time', often applied to successful or fortunate people. In Mary Magdalene's case, this familiar saying must be tweaked to a more profound 'being at the right place at a challenging time'. Her outstanding achievement was no walk in the park. Many people were at the right place but they left because the moment proved too challenging and they therefore missed out on significant blessings. Mary Magdalene was also at the right place but at an incredibly challenging time. Nevertheless, she, like many outstanding women of early Christianity, stayed true to the divine appointment and we are all the richer for it.

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# My Thoughts On The Resurrection

By Rev Devadass Ratnam

One Easter Day, near the end of his life, W.E. Sangster was unable to speak. In writing a message to his daughter, he said, "It is terrible to wake up on Easter morning and be unable to shout 'He is Risen'." However, it is even more terrible to have a voice and not want to shout at all!

Friends, we are in the season of Lent which ends with the Crucifixion and Resurrection. This is fundamental to the Christian faith. Let us consider a few points concerning the Resurrection in this brief article.

### I. The Point Of The Resurrection

Why is the Resurrection so important to the Christian faith? St. Paul says that the whole of Christianity would collapse if the Resurrection was found to be untrue. "And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God. ...your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!" 1 Corinthians 15:14-17.

We would be the most pitiable of all men (vs.19). But Jesus did rise from the dead! Then in the book of Romans 1:4, Paul says that Jesus was "declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead." The resurrection proves that Jesus is who He claimed to be - the only begotten Son of the Living God! Many have come to meet the Living Christ and turned from their sins to receive life from Him!

Two young men were having a conversation on the Resurrection and could not agree on it. They saw an elderly gentleman and asked him if he believed in it. To which the old man replies, "Yes, I was just talking with Him this morning!"

### II. The Proof Of The Resurrection

Two things stand out as solid proof. Firstly, the empty tomb. The tombs of all other religious leaders, teachers and prophets still hold their bodies. But the tomb of Jesus is empty. There is only one clear message or conclusion that can be heard from it, ie. "He is not here! He has risen!" (Matthew 28:6). Many theories have been advanced to explain this phenomenon but they do not hold water. The only plausible explanation - He is risen! Secondly, there are eyewitnesses to the Resurrected Jesus. In 1 Corinthians 15:5-7, it is said that he was seen by Cephas (Peter), the twelve, 500 disciples, James and the apostles. Then Paul says, he himself is a witness of the resurrected Jesus. All through the ages, many have encountered Him who is alive! Even today, He appears to many and touches them and converses with them in the flesh! What an amazing truth. He



### III. The Power Of The Resurrection

The apostle Paul says, "that I may know Him, and the power of his resurrection..." in Philippians 3:10. Therefore, from this we understand that it is possible for us to know the power of the resurrection. In Ephesians 1:18-23, Paul again prays that the Ephesian Christians may know this power which raised Christ from the dead in their lives. Even the Lord Jesus says in John 14:12 that he who believes in Him, will do greater works than Jesus Himself. Wow, what power is available to us through the Holy Spirit. "But ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you shall be my witness..." (Acts 1:8). Surely God has given us the power of the resurrection, through the Holy Spirit, to be His witness and perform mighty signs and wonders.

### IV. The Promise Of The Resurrection

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is a bodily resurrection. He rose from the dead and he rose the others who are sleeping from the dead as firstfruits (1 Corinthians 15:20). He continues by giving us a promise in 1 Corinthians 15:20-23 that we who are in Christ shall also be resurrected in the last days. "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterwards those who are Christ's at His coming. Then comes the end..." 1 Corinthians 15:22, 23. So we look forward to the coming of the Lord when we shall all be resurrected bodily but with a transformed and glorious body! (For detailed study read 1 Corinthians 15).

So friends praise God for Easter and the glorious resurrection as we celebrate Lent, the Cross and the Empty Tomb. But more than that, we celebrate and worship a Risen and Living King and Lord, who lives and reigns forevermore.

I end with the words of Charles W. Keysor who writes: "He who would preach the Gospel must go directly to preaching the resurrection of Christ. He who does not preach the resurrection is no apostle, for this is the chief part of our faith ... for if this one totters and no longer counts, all the others will lose their value and validity."

# உயிர்த்தெழுதலைப் பற்றி எனது எண்ணங்கள

# மறைதிரு தேவதாஸ் ரத்னம்

ஓர் ஈஸ்டர் நாள், தனது மரணத்திற்கு W.E.செங்ஸ்டர் பேச முடியாத நிலையில் இருந்தார். தனது மகளுக்கு எழுதிய ஒரு செய்தியில், "ஈஸ்டர் காை-லயில் எழுந்ததும் 'அவர் உயிர்த்தெழுந்தார்,' என கத்த முடியாதிருப்பது மிக கொடுமையானது" என கூறியிருந்-தார். ஆனால் குரல் இருந்தும் கத்த வேண்டாம் என இருப்பது அதைவிட கொடுமையானது! நண்பர்களே, நாம் லெந்து காலத்தில் இருக்கிறோம், இது சிலுவையில் அறைதல் மற்றும் உயிர்தெழுதலில் முடியும். கிறிஸ்துவ விசுவாசத்துக்கு இது அடிப்படையா-

னது. உயிர்தெழுதலைக் குறித்தான சில குறிப்புகளை

# I. உயிர்த்தெழுதலின் முக்கியத்துவம்

இங்கு நாம் காண்போம்.

உயிர்தெழுதல் ஏன் கிறிஸ்துவ விசுவாசத்துக்கு மிக முக்கியமானது? உயிர்தெழுதல் பொய்யென்றால், கிற-ிஸ்துவமே வீழ்ந்துவிடும் என பரிசுத்த பவுல் கூறுகிறார். "கிறிஸ்து எழுந்திருக்கவில்லையென்றால், எங்கள் பிரச-ங்கமும் விருதா, உங்கள் விசுவாசமும் விருதா. ...... தேவனுக்காக பொய்ச்சாட்சி சொல்லுகிறவர்களாகவும் காணப்படுவோமே. ..... உங்கள் விசுவாசம் வீணாய-ிருக்கும், நீங்கள் இன்னும் உங்கள் பாவங்களில் இருப்ப-ீர்கள்." 1 கொரி 15:14-17.

நாம் எல்லா மனுஷரைப்பார்க்கிலும் பரிதபிக்கப்படத்-தக்கவர்களாயிருப்போம். (வச 19). ஆனால் இயேசு மா-ித்தோரிலிருந்து உயிர்த்தெழுந்தார்!

ரோமர் 1:5ல், பவுல் இயேசுவை இவ்வாறாக குறிப்ப-ிடுகிறார், "பரிசுத்தமுள்ள ஆவியின்படி தேவனுடைய சுதனென்று மரித்தோரிலிருந்து உயிர்த்தெழுந்ததினாலே பலமாய் ரூபிக்கப்பட்ட தேவகுமாரனுமாயிருக்கிறார்." உயிர்தெழுதல் என்பது இயேசு தன்னைப் பற்றி சொ-ன்னபடியே அவரை குறிக்கிறது – ஜீவிக்கும் தேவனு-டய ஒரே பேறான குமாரன்! ஜீவிக்கும் கிறிஸ்துவை காண பலர் வந்தனர், பாவத்திலிருந்து திரும்பி அவரிடத்-திலிருந்து ஜீவனை பெற்றுக்கொண்டனர்!

இரண்டு வாலிபாகள் உயிா்தெழுதலைப் பற்றி விவாதித்-துக்கொண்டிருந்தனர். ஒரு வயோதிகரைக் கண்டு அவா-ிடம் நீங்கள் உயிர்த்தெழுதலை நம்புகின்றீர்களா என கேட்டனர். அதற்கு அவர், "ஆம் நான் இன்று காலைய-ில்தான் அவரோடு பேசினேன்" என கூறினார்.

# II. உயிர்தெழுதலின் அத்தாட்சி

இரண்டு காரியங்கள் மிக ஆணித்தரமான அத்தாட்சிக-ளாயிருக்கின்றன. முதலாவது, காலியான கல்லறை. பிற மத தலைவர்கள், மத குருக்கள் மற்றும் தீர்க்கதரிசிக-

ளின் கல்லறைகளில் அவர்களது உடல்கள் இன்னும் இருக்கின்றன. ஆனால் இயேசுவின் கல்லறை காலிய-ாயிருக்கிறது. ஒரே ஒரு செய்தி அல்லது முடிவுதான் இதிலிருந்து கேட்கிறது, அதாவது, "அவர் இங்கே இல்லை, தாம் சொன்னபடியே உயிர்த்தெழுந்தார்! (மத் 28:6). இதைக் குறித்து பல வாதங்கள் எழும்ப-ினாலும். எதுவும் நிலைநிற்கவில்லை. ஒரே நம்ப-த்தகுந்த விளக்கம் - அவர் உயிர்க்குமுந்தார்! இரண்டாவது, உயிர்த்தெழுந்த இயேசுவை பார்த்த சாட்சிகள் இருந்தனர். 1 கொரி 15:5-7, கேபாவுக்கும், பின்பு பன்னிருவருக்கும், 500 பேருக்கு அதிகமான சகோதரருக்கும், யாக்கோபுக்கும் அதன்பின்பு அப்பே-ாஸ்தலரெல்லாருக்கும் தரிசனமானார் என்று கூறுக-ிறது. பின்பு, பவுல் தானும் உயிர்த்தெழுந்த இயே-சுவை பார்த்ததாக சாட்சி கூறுகிறார். கால காலமாக பலர் உயிரோடிருக்கும் அவரை கண்டிருக்கின்றனர்! இன்றும் கூட அவர் பலருக்கு காட்சியளிக்கிறார், அவர்களை தொட்டு அவர்களோடு மாம்சத்தில் உறையாடுகிறார்! என்ன ஓர் அற்புதமான சத்தியம். அவர் ஜீவிக்கிறார்!

# III. உயிர்தெழுதலின் வல்லமை

அப்போஸ்தலனாகிய பவுல் பிலிப்பியர் 3:10ல் கூறுக-ிறார், "நான் அவரையும் அவருடைய உயிர்த்-தழுதலின் வல்லமையையும் அறிகிறதற்கும் ......." ஆகவே, இதிலிருந்து நாம தெரிந்துக்கொள்ள வேண்டியது என்னவெனில், நாம் உயிர்த்தெழுதலின் வல்லமையை புரிந்துக்கொள்ள முடியும். எபேசியர் 1:18-23, எபேசு கிறிஸ்தவர்கள், தங்கள் வாழ்க்கைய-ில் மாரித்தோரிலிருந்து உயிர்த்தெழுந்த கிறிஸ்துவின் வல்லமையை அறிய வேண்டுமென பவுல் மீண்டும் ஜெபிக்கிறார். கர்த்தராகிய இயேசு யோவான் 14:12ல் என்னை விசுவாசிக்கிறவன் நான் செய்கிற கிரியைக-ளைத் தானும் செய்வான் இவைகளைப்பார்க்கிலும் பெரிய கிரியைகளையும் செய்வான் என்று கூறுகிறார். ஆ, பரிசுத்த ஆவியின் மூலமாக நமக்கு எவ்வளவு வல்லமையுண்டு. "பரிசுத்த ஆவி உங்களிடத்தில் வரும்போது நீங்கள் பெலனடைந்து, எருசலேமிலும், யூதேயா முழுவதிலும், சமாரியாவிலும், பூமியின் கடைசிபரியந்தமும், எனக்கு சாட்சிகளாயிருப்பீர்கள் ..." (அப் 1:8). தேவன் நமக்கு உயிர்த்தெழுதலின்

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வல்லமையை பரிசுத்த ஆவியின் மூலமாக நிச்சயமாகவே கொடுத்திருக்கிறார், அவரது சாட்சிகளாயிருப்பதற்காகவும், அதிசயங்களையும் அற்புதங்களையும் செய்வதற்காகவும்.

# IV. உயிர்தெழுதலின் வாக்குத்தத்தம்

இயேசுவின் உயிர்த்தெழுதல் சரீரப்பூர்வமானது. அவர் மரித்தோரிலிருந்து உயிர்த்தார். மரித்-தாரிலிருந்தெழுந்து, நித்திரையடைந்தவர்களில் முதற்பலனானார் (1 கொரி 15:20). தொடர்ந்து 1 கொரி 15:20-23 நமக்கு ஒரு வாக்குத்தத்தை கெ-ாடுக்கிறார், கடைசி நாட்களில் கிறிஸ்துவுக்குள்ளா-னவர்கள் உயிர்ப்பிக்கப்படுவார்கள். "ஆதாமுக்குள் எல்லாரும் மரிக்கிறதுபோல, கிறிஸ்துவுக்குள் எல்ல-ாரும் உயிர்ப்பிக்கப்படுவார்கள். அவனவன் தன்தன் வரிசையிலே உயிர்ப்பிக்கப்படுவான், முதற்பலனா-னவர் கிறிஸ்து, பின்பு அவர் வருகையில் அவரு-டையவர்கள் உயிர்ப்பிக்கப்படுவார்கள். அதன்பின்பு முடிவு உண்டாகும் ......" 1 கொரி 15:22-24. ஆகவே நாம் ஆண்டவரின் வருகைக்கு காத்திருக்கிறோம், சரீர உயிர்த்தெழுதலுக்கு ஆனால் மறுருபமடைந்த மகிமையான சரீரத்தில். (ஆழமான ஆராய்சிக்கு 1 கொரி 15 வாசிக்கவும்).

லெந்தை, சிலுவையை மற்றும் காலியான கல்லறையை நாம் அனுசரிக்கும்போது ஈஸ்டருக்காக ஆண்டவருக்கு ஸ்தோத்திரம் செலுத்துவோம், அதற்கும் மேவாக, உயிர்த்தெழுந்த, ஜீவிக்கிற ராஜாவை ஆண்டவரை, சதாகாலமும் வாழ்கின்ற மற்றும் அரசாட்சிசெய்கின்றவரை நாம் கொண்டாடுவோம்.

இறுதியாக, சார்ல்ஸ் கேய்சர் கூறுகிறார், "சுவிசேஷ் த்தை பிரசங்கிக்கிறவன் கிறிஸ்துவின் உயிர்த்தெழுதலை நேரடியாக பிரசங்கிக்க வேண்டும். உயிர்த்தெழுதலை பிரசங்கியாதவன், அப்போஸ்-தலன் அல்ல, காரணம் இதுதான் நமது விசுவாசத்-தின் முக்கிய கூறு ...... இது தடுமாறினால் அல்லது எண்ணப்படாமல் போனால், மற்ற அனைத்தும் தங்களது மதிப்பையும் தன்மையையும் இழக்கும;".

அவர் உயிரோடிருக்கிறார் அவர் எழுந்தார் அவர் சதாகாலமும் அரசாள்வார்

# We honour and remember five of God's faithful servants who were called home to the Lord early this year

## PERSIDANGAN MISI SENGOI METHODIST (PMSM)



Rev. Bah War A/L Bah Rantau

Rev Bah War A/L Bah Rantau, berasal Kampung Ulu Gruntum, Gopeng. Perak. Lahir pada 11 Ogos 1944 . Beliau mula mengikuti kursus Alkitab di Maktab Injil Malaysia. Lawas, Sarawak pada tahun 1972 selama 3 tahun dan berjaya menyelesaikan kursus theologi pada tahun 1974. Beliau mula melayani dengan Persidangan Misi Sengoi Methodist pada

tahun 1975 dan pada tahun 1981 beliau ditabiskan menjadi Diakon dan Elder pada tahun 1984. Beliau telah bersara pada tahun 2000 setelah 25 tahun melayani.

Setelah bersara dari PMSM beliau melayani di Malaysian Care selama 15 tahun, mulai tahun 2000 sehingga 2015. Semasa itu beliau juga terlibat dalam penterjemahan Alkitab Bahasa Semai selama 3 tahun iaitu pada tahun 2003 sehingga tahun 2005. Selanjutnya pada tahun 2005 sehingga 2011 selama 7 tahun, melalui Malaysian Care beliau melayani di Persatuan Orang kelainan Upaya di Taiping.



Rev. Bah Saha A/L Bah Bulu, JSM

Bah Saha mula melayani dengan PMSM pada tahun 1985 seperti berikut:

- Pusat Slim River dan Pelayanan Kg Bersih Slim River 1985
- Pelayanan Kg Cluny Slim River 1986 - 1987
- Pelayanan Kg Bota Parit 1998
- Pelayanan Bukit Rok Temerloh Pahang 1984

Sepanjang pelayanannya, mendiang telah dilantik

PMSM seperti berikut :-

memegang beberapa jawatan yang penting di

- Ketua Daerah Kampar
   Ketua Daerah Gopeng
   Mengajar SWTC Kampar
   Pengerusi SWTC Kampar
   Pengerusi Hebi Sabah/Sarawak
- Pengerusi Pelayanan PMSPengetua PMS2014 20162016 2020

Sarawak Iban Annual Conference (SIAC)



Reverend Ansor Kut
Origin - Sarikei
DOB 24.1.1950 • DOD 10.03.2022
Served in SIAC since 1973
Ordained as Elder 1977 • Retired - 2015 (till 65)
Licentiate of Theology (L.Th) - Methodist
Theological School 1969-1972
Served as Missionary at Sengoi Mission Conference in 1970s.

# TAMIL ANNUAL CONFERENCE (TAC)



Rev T. Devadason Peter
DOB 27.03.1950
DOD 03.01.2022
Year admitted to trial
1979 (TAC)
Conference Secretary
(1988-2000)
Retired 2007 (TAC)



Rev David Tharmakan
DOB 29.11.1946
DOD 02.03.2022
Year admitted to trial
1976 (TAC)
Conference President
(1993-1998)
Year retired 2008 (TAC)

# Christmas at Canning Garden Methodist Church (CGMC) Ipoh

@CGMC was Christmas pandemic-style celebrated with many 'outside the box' events and milestones, some held in-person and others in celebration all of Jesus' glorious birth. CGs and the MYF hosted Christmas events on Zoom, the KIDS church produced a Christmas Vimeo production with carols and a drama, the 3 congregations (English, BM & Chinese) came together for a virtual choir presentation in

3 languages, and Christmas food boxes were delivered to home-bound members. Celebrations were also in full swing at our community centres, reaching the OA, Tamil, Nepali and B40 communities.

# To God be the glory!







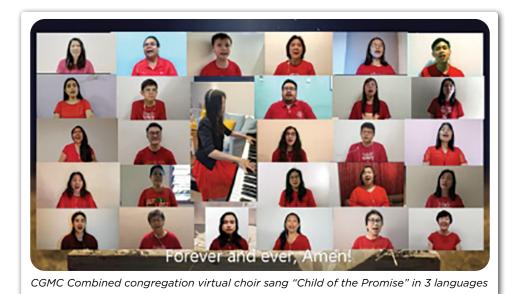
Lyrical Dance on Christmas Eve

CGMC KIDS Christmas Special production on Vimeo and Junior KIDS Zoom Christmas attracted 250 kids!













Home bound members received Christmas gift boxes from visitation teams on Christmas Day.







Full attendance at BM service. New UVC lights & turbine ventilators increased confidence for in-person services during Christmas.









17 students from non-Christian B40 families received education aid at Tamil Christmas outreach event

# The Sky Has Fallen BUT God Is In Control

By Johnny Lim Community Services, Wesley Methodist Church Klang







Part of the 200 packs of dry groceries



L-R: Pastor Romita, Ketua Kampung head (in the background), a villager and Johnny Lim

On 17 December 2021, many people in Selangor and Klang Valley will remember this date as it was the "day when the sky fell". literally speaking. On this day, the Klang District recorded a "very heavy" rainfall and severe flooding was reported at nearly 90% of Klang District. Worst hit areas were the townships in Shah Alam and Taman Sri Muda.

The Community Services (CS) Team of Klang Wesley Methodist Church took the initiative to carry out "relief work" and embarked on a 4-phase action plan:

- Provisions of dry groceries
- Replacement of waterlogged mattresses and awollia
- iii. Financial aid in repairing essential electrical items, fridge and washing machines
- iv. Financial aid to repair damaged roofs of houses

On top of the 4-phase action plan, the team also decided to help:

- i. A Children's Home, Persatuan Kebajikan Suria Pagi (Dayspring)
- ii. Orang Asli (Indigenous People) Village, Kampong Bakar Leleh

The team worked closely with Pastor Romita and Methodist Women. Pastor Romita has been helping our Orang Asli team and going into the villages to deliver God's good news for the past few years.

On 20 December, Pastor Gaurri Maniam, Pastor Romita and the CS Team delivered dry groceries to 20 Indonesian families at Telok Gong.

Through the online media, the team also met up with the Ketua Kampung of Telok Gong who informed us that the Evacuation Center that was set up to help the villagers was also in need of dry groceries. God opened doors for us to connect with people!

As at 21 January 2022, the church had received about RM131,000 in donations of which RM98,000 had been spent on dry groceries (485 packs), mattresses and pillows.

Whilst meeting with the Ketua Kampung and some of the villagers, we also discovered that one of the other ways in which we could help them was through education. Many of the kampung children did not fare well in their studies. The church and some volunteer members could come alongside to encourage and help these mothers who are often so busy with just looking after the household and the other siblings. Church members can also help the children by giving them tuition, making a lunch pack for them, etc. Truly we thank God for opening doors in reaching out to them!

Sharing my experiences during MCO lockdowns and flood relief work:

- i. 1st priority is to show JESUS' LOVE to everyone
- ii. Pray for open doors during your relief work
- iii. Be frank to the people you are helping. Inform them you are from "gereja" (church) and that someone informed us of their need
- iv. Share your aid recipient's information to other ministries, churches and organisation such as the Methodist Women for subsequent follow-up/ relationship building. You cannnot do everything on your own.
- v. For any relief work to be carried out effectively. time is of the essence, so any internal procedures (such as approval or releasing of money) must be carried out promptly as the need is urgent.
- vi. Get small groups/cell groups to join your programmes. Be involved!!

As we continue to reach out to the community around us, please pray:

- 1. That we can build a good relationship and trust with the Ketua Kampong, Telok Gong
- 2. For better 'connection' to the villagers of Telok
- 3. For the CS Team and myself for guidance, wisdom and strength to do God's will

Brother Mordecai says this in Esther 4: 14 "And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"

# Helping Hands from Methodist Crisis Relief and Development

The flood that surprised many came about last December and early January. Many families were seriously affected. A number of families lost their entire household items and as a result, also lost all of their life savings. We are grateful to our General Conference and the Methodist Crisis Relief and Development (MCRD) for coming forward to lend a helping hand to help the flood victims. Volunteers from MCRD came daily to the affected areas to clear debris and clean up houses.

On 23 January 2022, the TAC Board on Social Concerns coordinated an evening meeting to distribute funds to those who were affected. The program was held at Tamil Methodist Church Shah Alam. Each of the affected families received RM500 as a token of assistance. Overall, 45 families from different churches of the Tamil Annual Conference benefitted from the programme. The much-needed funds will go some way in helping these families to re-build their homes and their lives.

The Tamil Annual Conference wishes to thank Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar and Mr Jacob Lee for their kind assistance. We also praise and thank God for grace and favor towards the needy.





Some of the recipients receiving the funds from Bishop Dr T. Jevakumar (centre). Looking on is Rev Dr Dennis Raj (Bishop of Tamil Annual Conference) and Mr Jacob Lee (Chairman, MCRD)

A cross-section of some of the recipients







Volunteers from MCRD and Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar, at work to clear debris and clean up homes.



# Wesley Methodist Church Kuala Lipis' Response to Floodings in Kuala Lipis

By Dr Richard Chan Lay Leader of Wesley Methodist Church Kuala Lipis



Jalan Jelai Kuala Lipis

2021 has not been a good year for Kuala Lipis. The year started with a devastating flood on 4 January following just a day of continuous monsoon rain. The flood waters rose rapidly to heights and scale not experienced since 1998. Places that never experienced flooding before were flooded for the first time catching residents off-guard. Most of the affected residents did not have time to save their belongings and hence suffered huge losses. More than 1000 homes were affected. Schools, religious premises and shop lots were not spared. Access roads into Kuala Lipis were completely cutoff for 3 days as the flood turned roads into rivers.

The year came to a close much the same way it started. Kuala Lipis experienced another round of flooding which started on 18 December, this time as a result of three days of incessant rain. This flood was almost as severe as the one in January leaving



Taman KSM - the aftermath



Desa Jeram Batu

a trail of mud-filled houses, damaged furniture and electrical items. It was almost like a replay of the scenes in January. Our hearts go out to these flood victims who had to bear the losses twice in a year.

In response to the flood in January, Wesley Methodist Church Kuala Lipis put in motion our Flood Relief House Cleaning Operation on the very day the flood receded. Being a small church with just a membership of 16 members, we were only able to assemble a cleaning crew of six members (a member from Christ Methodist Church Bentong ioined us midway). Armed with brooms, scrapers. pails, a water jet and a generator we managed to help clean six houses, one school and a café over a period of one week.

Seeing the destruction and losses suffered by the flood victims, we felt that we should also help some



Taman Fah Choon







House Cleaning Team after Flood in January

families financially. We dug deep into our bank reserves and figured we have enough to help about 30 families. However, Bishop Joshua Khong, upon hearing about the dire flood situation immediately sent out an appeal to other TRAC churches to contribute to our Flood Relief Fund. Praise the Lord a number of churches and caring individuals responded swiftly and generously. With the amount collected, together with our own funds we were able to bless and give financial aid to 142 families.

The second flood which occurred in December could not have come at a worst time. This was a deluge that affected many parts of Malaysia with some places that got the brunt of it especially Sri Muda in Shah Alam, Klang, and Hulu Langat. With the dread of the more infectious Omicron Variant of Covid virus around us coupled with the busy-ness of Christmas preparations and programmes and in addition to a sudden death of a church member, our Flood Relief House Cleaning Team had to work within the limitations and constraints of time to help

the flood victims. There was one house which we set off to clean immediately after we had conducted the funeral service. This time our cleaning crew consisted of just five local members. In one outing we were fortunate to be assisted by a team of 6 trainee teachers from the nearby Teachers Training Institute who availed themselves after lectures. We were only able to help clean three houses over two separate days. These houses were located in Taman Cheneras Indah, one of the worst affected areas in Kuala Lipis.

We realize that we are just a small church but that is not an excuse not to respond in times of crisis. We cannot help everyone, but helping someone is still better than not helping anyone.

Though we are saddened by the destruction brought on by the floods, we are thankful that we were able to serve the community and given the opportunity to demonstrate Christ's love by extending help to others in their times of need.







Giving Out Financial Aid - January flood







Roads to town inundated by flood waters: Dec 2021







"Keluarga Malaysia" chipping in to clean house: Dec 2021

# CAC Methodist Children's Home 华人年议会卫理儿童之家奉献礼

2022年2月20日下午3时,总议会会督贾古玛牧师 (博士) 莅临位于加影的卫理儿童之家新中心, 并与华 人年议会会督MOO黄迪华牧师(博士)联合主持奉 献启用礼。

黄迪华会督在信息分享中说,他曾到峇里岛拜访教 会,发现有教会竟动用所有资源,在一个村落照顾和 培养孤儿,直到他们可以升中学,甚至大学,这带给 他震撼。他又说马来西亚3244万人口中, 14岁以下 佔7%, 去年统计有六万名孩童住在孤儿院, 又佔总 人口的7%, 所以我们要用心的照顾他们。

总议会会督则在祝福祈祷中特别为加影社区、教会、 儿童之家祷告。他说,求主兴起众教会来保护我国所 有面对生存困境、经济困境、教育困境的各族孩童。 他盼望每个孩童都能得到妥善照顾, 可以健康成长并 拥有完整的教育机会。同时他也为雪兰莪州行政议员 YB许来贤和其他政治工作者能在这片国土领受智慧能 力推动善政祈祷。最后贾古玛会督与黄迪华会督一起 为儿童之家新中心揭幕和剪彩。虽然那时疾风骤雨正 在冲击启用礼场地,但众人众志成城,视滂沱大雨无 物,耐心的走完奉献启用礼。



贾古玛会督祝福祷告。Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar giving blessing to Kajang Community and Children's Home.



揭幕礼与签名仪式 Unveiling Ceremony.



贾古玛会督和黄迪华会督在启用礼中剪彩。Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar, Bishop Dr Wong Tik Wah and YB Lai together with former CAC presidents and others in the ribbon cutting ceremony.

# Living Hope Methodist Church

By Dr Chan Chee Yan & Pastor Christopher Manivannan







LHMC Sanctuary on Sunday 20.02.2022

Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar delivers his message

20.02.2022 - This was the day that the Lord had made for the new premises and sanctuary of Living Hope Methodist Church (LHMC) in Bukit Rimau, Shah Alam to be declared and dedicated for service to the Glory of God. The Declaration and Act of Dedication was led by Rev Dr T. Jeyakumar, Bishop of The Methodist Church in Malaysia. Both Bishop Jeyakumar and Rev Joshua Khong, Bishop of Trinity Annual Conference, signed the Dedication plaque.

The Special Celebration Service also commemorated the 8th Anniversary of the founding of LHMC, (first as a preaching point inaugurated by Bishop Jeyakumar on 9 February 2014 and then constituted as a Local Conference on 2 August 2015), by the grace of God. Bishop Jeyakumar delivered the message "Imparting Blessings" based on 2 Timothy 2:1-7. He reminded all who were listening that whilst the church building may be fully paid for, the church is "still owing". Indeed, LHMC acknowledges its debts, both financial and spiritual, as the purchase was financed mainly by loans and donations, big and small, from several TRAC churches, church members and friends, and to a large extent, by God's grace.

Also present at the dedication service were Rev Paul Christie (TRAC Central District 2 DS), Mr Loi Kim Shung (Central District 2 Lay Leader), DUMC Senior Pastor Chris Kam, Rev Gaurri Maniam and former CD2 Lay leader, Mr Alan Yong.

### **Word of Thanks**

We are thankful to God Almighty for His faithfulness and wonderful love shown to us at LHMC. The dedication service and the celebration of the 8th Anniversary of LHMC marks a new milestone in the life of the church. LHMC is very grateful to Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar and Bishop Joshua Khong together with DS CD2, Rev Paul Christie and our Pastor in charge, Christopher Manivannan for their continuous guidance and support. LHMC is very grateful to all TRAC churches and their pastors for their support, donations and prayers.



The new LHMC premises



L to R: (Front row) Rev Gaurri Maniam, Capt. Sitther, Pastor Chris Manivannan, Bishop Joshua Khong, Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar, (Back row) Mr. Loi Kim Shung, Pastor Chris Kam. Mr. Desmond Nelson, Mr. Alan Yong. Rev Paul Christie





Signing of the Dedication plague by the two Bishops

# Dedikasi Pusat PMSM dan Mohon Pemberkatan Tuhan

Disediakan oleh: Rev Anjang & Bishop Joshua Khong









Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar dan Bishop Joshua Khong

Pada tanggal 22hb Mac,2022 hari Selasa, bangunan pentadbiran baru Pusat Persidangan Misi Sengoi Methodist, di nombor 2, Jalan Kampar Permai 2, Tmn Kampar Permai telah ditasbiskan pada pukul 11.30 pagi. Ini merupakan hari yang amat bersejarah bagi seluruh iemaat PMSM.

Perasmian Pusat pentadbiran baru ini telah disempurnakan dalam Nama Bapa, Anak dan Roh Kudus oleh Bishop Gereia Methodist Malavsia Rev Dr T. Jeyakumar dan Bishop Gereja TRAC Joshua Khong. Ia dihadiri oleh pastor-pastor dari Gereja Methodist Korea serta Pengetua, Ketua-ketua Daerah dan pekeria PMSM.

Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar membawa mesej Dedikasi vang bertajuk: Belas Kasihan Dalam Pelayanan, dari petikan Alkitab buku Markus 6:34-37. Bishop menyeru kita agar berusaha bersama-sama menyampaikan Berita Baik Yesus Kristus kepada masyarakat Orang Asli kerana ramai lagi antara komuniti Orang Asli yang masih belum berpeluang mendengar Berita Baik Yesus Kristus. Ini adalah firman dan utusan Kristus kepada kita. Yesus Kristus sendiri penuh dengan belas kasihan membawa berita baik kepada orang ramai. Walaupun betapa letih nya Kristus, Dia tidak mengabaikan keutamaan menyampaikan firman Tuhan kepada orang ramai. Belas kasihan

Yesus Kristus bukan sahaja dari aspek kerohanian, tetapi juga dari aspek fisikal. Dalam petikan Markus 6:34-37, Yesus dengan penuh belas kasihan memberi roti dan ikan untuk mengisi perut mereka yang kelaparan kerana hari telah suntuk and mereka masih berkumpul asvik mendengar firman Tuhan.

Bishop mengingatkan kita semua di PMSM yang Tuhan Bapa telah mengutuskan kita agar mencontohi Yesus Kristus dan menunjukkan belas kasihan kepada orang ramai. Janganlah kita lalai tetapi dengan bersungguh-sungguh membawa Berita Baik Yesus Kristus kepada orang ramai agar mereka mengenali Kristus dan firman Tuhan dan menerima keselamatan dalam Yesus Kristus, Juruselamat kita.

Dedikasi diakhiri dengan Perjamuan Kudus, Sungguh baik bila umat seiman dalam Kristus bersama-sama memecah roti dan minum dari cangkir yang Kristus telah tebus untuk kita dengan darahNya sendiri. Ini lah belas kasihan Yesus Kristus kepada kita. Yesus mengorbankan dirinya untuk menebus kita, agar kita menjadi anak-anak kesayangan Tuhan Bapa Syurgawi. Kita bersyukur pada Tuhan Bapa kerana kurnia kasih dan rahmat Nya yang melimpah kepada kita dan generasi yang akan datang. Kami percaya pusat pentabiran baru PMSM ini akan digunakan untuk kemuliaan Bapa, Anak dan Roh Kudus. Amin.



Pastor-Pastor dari Korea Selatan



Bersama pastor-pastor dari Korea Selatan



Bishop bersama Pastor-pastor dan Pekerja PMSM

# Wesley Methodist School Bandar Seri Coalfields (Private) Celebrates Record Student Numbers





**WESLEY METHODIST SCHOOL BANDAR SERI COALFIELDS** 

By the grace of God, Wesley Methodist School Bandar Seri Coalfields (Private) (WMSBSCP) surprisingly surpassed its enrolment target for 2022, setting school records for incoming students and overall enrollment.

Parents are making their way to the school in view of the effective learning option as compared to government schools; another obvious differentiation from the previous years is the decision to provide bursaries to attract parents. The school also had an influx of transferred students from another private school which ceased operation resulting in the school offering additional classes to cater to parents sending their children to WMSBSCP.

### **About WMSBSCP**

WMSBSCP was established in partnership with KLK Land - a developer of Bandar Seri Coalfields, with a capacity of housing 1.000 students for Kindergarten (KSPK), Primary (KSSR) and Secondary (KSSM)

education. WMSBSCP opened its doors in January 2019 offering the Malaysian curriculum with Dual Language Programme, English being the medium of instruction.

The school believes in imparting the highest knowledge to students, complemented with an educational experience beyond academic results. which will not only encourage critical and creative thinking, but instill an appreciation of the sciences, arts, and culture, through the Methodist Education.

To find out more about our school, please contact us at 010 408 8980 or scan the QR code below:





Our early years students getting ready for outdoor activities

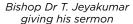


Secondary school students in science practical class

# Recommencement and Dedication Service at Wesley Methodist School Kuala Lumpur (Private)









Bishop Dr. T. Jeyakumar (centre) and Rev Koe Swee Kee (fourth from left), the school's chaplain together with representatives from the Board of Management, Methodist Council of Education, and the management team of Wesley Methodist School Kuala Lumpur.



Students, teachers, staff, and colleagues from the Methodist Council of Education attending the Recommencement & Dedication Service.

Wesley Methodist School Kuala Lumpur (Private) (WMSKLP) held its Recommencement & Dedication Service on 24 March 2022 giving thanks to God for His blessings and favour. The event marks the recommencement of the school which now offers the Malaysian KSSM syllabus and accepts students for the 2022 intake.

Organised by the school with support from the Methodist Council of Education (MCOE), the service was graced with the presence of Rev Dr T. Jeyakumar, Bishop of The Methodist Church in Malaysia who gave an inspiring sermon, prayer of commitment and dedication and benediction.

The event was attended by the Private Education Director of MCOE. Mr Lim Kah Cheng and its Board of Management members - Dato' Dr Tan Kee Kwong and Mrs Patricia Rajahser, principal, colleagues, and students from the school. Following the official service, guests were invited to tour the school and enjoyed refreshments while networking.









# **About WMSKLP**

WMSKLP made its debut in 2001 offering secondary school education. The Cambridge International syllabus - IGCSE was offered in 2015 when the school changed its name to Wesley Methodist School Kuala Lumpur (International), alongside the Malaysian syllabus. The school marks our ability to distinguish and focus the appropriate school programme to meet the different needs and aspirations of the community: the private school now offers the Malaysian syllabus while the international school offers the Cambridge International syllabus.

It is our commitment to continuously focus on academic excellence with affordability, and emphasis on Christian ethos and values. WMSKLP now offers comprehensive Malaysian syllabus, complemented with a conducive environment to ensure that every student is nurtured in a holistic, all-rounded way.

To find out more about our school, please contact us at +6016-2642354 / 03-40416470 or scan the QR code:

# Wesley Methodist School Kuala Lumpur (International) Breaks the Record - BEST IGCSE RESULTS SINCE 2016





We rejoice in the Lord where Wesley Methodist School Kuala Lumpur (International) (WMSKLI) broke the record - BEST IGCSE RESULTS SINCE 2016. The school recorded the highest number of A\*- A grades ever achieved with an 88%.

WMSKLI, formerly known as Kolej Methodist Sentul Campus, is one of the most sought after international secondary schools in the country. The school is committed to building up each student into responsible, purposeful individual and citizen equipped with the aptitudes to succeed and adapt in a rapidly changing world through the Methodist Education:

- A Academic excellence with affordability
- C Character building with Christian values God Centeredness; Respect for Life; Integrity; Excellence with Humility
- E Extra-curricular activities providing an extensive exposure into the arts, science, sports, and team building to develop leadership skills and responsibilities for community service

At WMSKLI, we offer the Cambridge International curriculum, where we deliver high quality and internationally recognised education with affordable fees. We offer a wide range of subjects with an emphasis on English, Mathematics and Science. This is with the intention to help students identify and develop their interests in various subjects, training them in problem solving, critical and creative thinking.

WMSKLI is a school associated with:









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# ACS Ipoh Dedication of Kesselring Hall

By John Seeni Principal - SMK Methodist (ACS) Ipoh





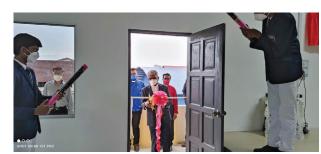
KESSELRING HALL in SMK Methodist (ACS) Ipoh was dedicated to the Glory of God by Rev Dr T. Jeyakumar, Bishop of The Methodist Church in Malaysia on 9 February 2022 in a meaningful Consecration Service.

Kesselring Hall sits on the 3rd floor of the Kesselring Building which was built by the late Mr P. Subramaniam in 1984. Originally intended to be a 3-storey building, completion of the 3rd floor was halted as the project ran out of funds and was left as an open-air void deck. However, after 38 years, the open-air void deck has been constructed as a multipurpose hall in order to meet the growing student population and many student activities. The hall can be divided into two smaller rooms giving flexibility and allowing maximum usage of space. The 2021 SPM students are the first batch of students sitting for their exams in the new Kesselring Hall.

The building and the newly completed hall is named after the late Reverend Ralph Adolph Kesselring who served as the principal of the school many years ago. He was a gifted American missionary

teacher who came to Malaysia in his 20's back in the early 1900's. Rev Kesselring was said to be a caring boarding master as well as a stimulating teacher of Literature and Mathematics.

Rev Kesselring played an instrumental role in bringing SMK Methodist (ACS) Ipoh to glory and he served as the principal on three separate occasions. His first time in office was from July 1935 to September 1936. Then after almost 20 years, he returned to serve for six months from April to September 1948. He last served as principal of ACS Ipoh from March to September 1955.



Ribbon cutting by Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar



Group photo

# Celebrating Over a Decade of Successful Early Childhood Education Partnership

MCKL reaches a 10-year milestone partnership with MTU, Ireland in providing transformative Early Childhood Education

Recently, Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) celebrated the remarkable achievement of reaching a milestone of over 10 years in partnership with Early Childhood Education (ECE) provider Munster Technological University (MTU) (previously known as Institute of Technology, Tralee) in Ireland. Both institutions have mutually built a long lasting and transformative partnership to achieve a sustainable goal that is to provide quality and comprehensive ECE to students to meet the ever-evolving demands of the workforce.

MCKL and MTU, Ireland first entered into a partnership back in 2011, with the ambition of enabling MCKL students to directly enter year 4 of MTU's Early Childhood Education Bachelor's programme. MCKL's students are eligible for this express pathway due to the comprehensive selection of subjects and robust practical exposure which guarantees admission to MTU upon completion of MCKL's two and a half years of diploma studies.

Now boasting over 102 alumni, the partnership has grown from humble beginnings, with just six (6) students in the first graduating cohort in 2015. MTU consistently remains one of the top providers of the ECE programme and ranked Top 151 in Academic Ranking of World Universities.

MCKL alumni, Samuel Pau (28), from the first batch of diploma students in 2011, pursued his bachelor's programme in IT Tralee (currently known as MTU) in 2015 and successfully graduated in 2016, through the express pathway. Samuel who recently completed his Master's in Education is one of the many MCKL students who has successfully pursued their careers in Ireland. In 2020 alone, ten (10) students who were studying the ECE programme at MTU are now pursuing their careers in Ireland.

Best Start Preschool and Afterschool Donnycarney shares: "The education at MCKL provided me the knowledge and opportunity to explore the suitable career options in Ireland." He also shared, "Male educators in ECE are rare and I am very proud to be in the childcare industry as we are acting as a male role model to young children, which is very crucial in their life. Male early childhood educators are creating a diverse workplace. The quality of teaching tends to improve with diversity, and the professional relationships between all work colleagues tend to be In 2021, even during the challenges of the pandemic,

Samuel who is currently a Childcare Manager at

MCKL has successfully sent eighteen (18) students to pursue their final year in MTU, a breakthrough since 2015. The partnership being the top choice of many students has continued to open various academic and career opportunities for MCKL graduates in Ireland. Recently with the growth of MCKL's ECE faculty, the programme has now further established partnership with various Universities around the globe such as University of Northampton which is quickly becoming the top two university of choice as it offers various exclusive scholarships to MCKL graduates, followed by University of Gloucestershire, New Zealand Tertiary College, Brock University and many more.

For over 38 years, Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) has been providing quality higher education in the best of Methodist tradition. Follow MCKL on its official Facebook and Instagram page for more updates. For details, visit mckl.edu.my or call 03-

### **About Methodist College Kuala Lumpur**

Visit: https://mckl.edu.my/about-mckl/our-story/



Several alumni from the latest group of 18 MCKL Early Childhood Education graduates successfully pursuing their undergraduate studies at Munster Technological University (MTU).



Samuel Pau from the pioneer batch of MCKL alumni admitted to MTU in 2015.



University of Northampton based in Northamptonshire, England is now quickly becoming the top two university of choice for MCKL Early Childhood Education graduates.

### RECRUITMENT ----

: Centre Manager Position

(Hope Methodist Vocational Centre)

: Sitiawan, Perak Location

Reporting To: Public School Head



### **ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Work closely with the Head of Public Schools, from the Methodist Council of Education
- Oversee all daily operations of the HOPE Methodist Vocational Centre (HMVC)
- Plan, coordinate, and implement Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) courses which meet quality standards by working closely with programme team & trainers
- Manage the preparation of resources and materials for trade and vocational programmes
- Ensure that HMVC infrastructure is maintained, fit for purpose and is in place for the TVET course offered

• Ensure occupational competency of all centre staff is in line with programme requirements

## **SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS**

- Degree in Business Administration, Education Management, Education Leadership or equivalent
- Certification in project management or Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET)
- Work experience with B40 and/or Orang Asli communities
- A passion to work with teenagers/young adults
- · Good communication skills in English and Bahasa Malaysia (oral and written).

: Head of Languages (Mandarin/German/French) Position

: Wesley Methodist Schools (Kuala Lumpur, Location

Bandar Seri Coalfields, Klang, Seremban, Ipoh, Penang)

### JOB DESCRIPTION

- Develop, in consultation with the relevant stakeholders of the school and the Council (HQ) a broad and balanced range of relevant courses/modules which stimulate students' interest and engagement in learning, and are appropriate to the needs of the student.
- Develop and lead on the internationalism aspect of the school and create a wide range of opportunities for students including language exchanges and extra-curricular activities as well as cross-departmental projects
- Oversee curriculum development, including the development of appropriate syllabuses, resources, schemes of work, teaching, assessment and marking policies
- Maintain accreditation with the relevant examination and validating associations/bodies.

: Teachers (All Subjects) Position

: Wesley Methodist Schools (Kuala Lumpur, Location

Bandar Seri Coalfields, Klang, Seremban, Ipoh, Penang)

### **JOB DESCRIPTION**

- Teach full-time IGCSE or KSSM subjects.
- Develop lesson plans, provide homework to students, marking of workbooks, and give appropriate feedback to the students. Prepare test papers and revision papers to prepare students for their exams.

# **JOB REQUIREMENTS**

- · Candidates must possess at least a Bachelor's Degree/Post-Graduate Diploma/Professional Degree in Education/Teaching/Training or equivalent.
- At least two (2) years of teaching experience in IGCSE subjects in an International School setting.
- · Candidates must be fluent in both written and spoken English & Bahasa Malaysia

Interested candidates may contact Ms Geraldine at the Methodist Council of Education at (03) 7956-5310 or email full resume to: geraldine@mcoe.edu.my



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# **OUR CORE VALUES**

God-Centredness | Respect For Life | Integrity | Excellence with Humility

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# **Methodist Prayer Convention 2022**



David Doong (MDiv and Ph.D in Theology, Fuller Theological Seminary, USA) is currently the general secretary of the Chinese Coordination Centre of World Evangelism (CCCOWE). He served as a pastor for 10 years in the US

ministering to Chinese International students, young professionals, and 2nd generation Chinese Americans and spent his last two years in a local church in Taiwan. David is an adjunct professor in various seminaries teaching on subjects such as "Practical Theology and Contemporary Issues" and "Ministry Practices in a Pluralistic Society". He is also the author of "Practical Theology as Discipleship" published in 2019. His passion is to be a bridge-builder between different generations, cultures, and disciplines, exploring faithful ministry practices in today's pluralistic world dominated by the market economy and ideological conflicts.

Asiri Fernando (MDiv, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, USA) is serving with Youth for Christ, Sri Lanka, leading the work in the mountain regions. He is actively involved in teaching and giving pastoral care

to staff and volunteers engaged in grassroots evangelism. Asiri also has a preaching and teaching ministry both internationally and in his local Methodist Church and he is passionate about serving the urban poor. Asiri is writing his first book on Paul's letter to the Philippians. Married to Cheryl, they have two kids, Yasas (7) and Yeheli (4). Asiri is also a singer-songwriter and in his spare time loves reading, watching movies and playing cricket.

### FRIDAY (20 May 2022)

7:30 - 8:00 pm	Worship
8:00 - 8:45 pm	Sermon - Mr Asiri Fernando
8:45 - 9.30 pm	Prayer Session

### **SATURDAY (21 May 2022)**

Worship
Sermon - Mr Asiri Fernando
Break
Prayer Session
Q&A Session with Mr Asiri Fernando
Break
Worship
Teaching Session by Rev Dr David Doong
Prayer Session
Q&A Session with Rev Dr David Doong
Break
Worship
Sermon - Mr Asiri Fernando
Prayer Session

# ALDERSGATE SUNDAY (22 May 2022)

Worship Services in Local Churches
Worship
Teaching Session by Rev Dr David Doong
Prayer Session
Q&A Session with Rev Dr David Doong
Acknowledgement & Summary