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# Growing as Christ's Servants

By Rev Dr. T. Jeyakumar  
Bishop of The Methodist Church in Malaysia



In his letter to the Philippians (chapter 2:1-11), the apostle Paul pleads with the Christians in Philippi to live in peace with one another and to set aside their personal ambitions to put themselves forward. He tells them to grow as servants of Christ, imitating Christ's servanthood.

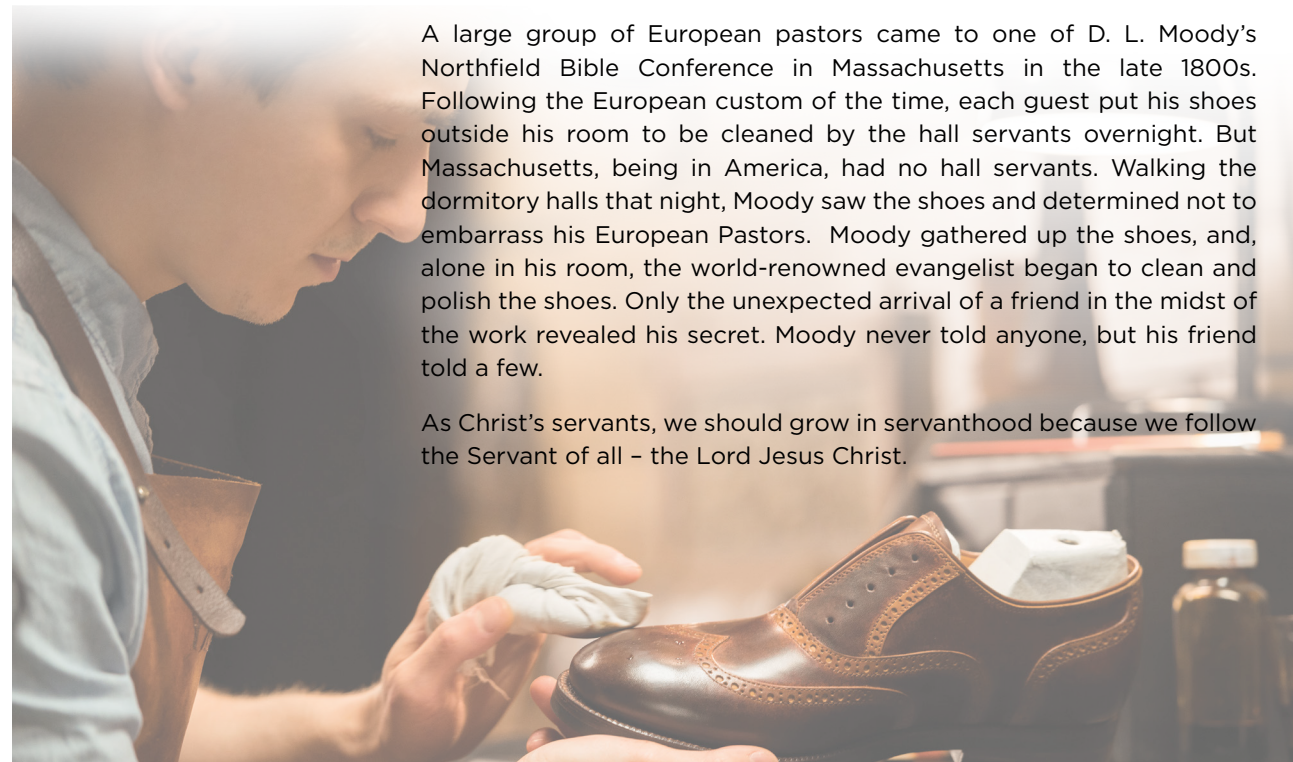
In this passage, the apostle Paul points out that Jesus is the supreme example of servanthood. And if they have the same goal, same mind, and same heart as Christ, then they must discard or get rid of self-ambition, and count others more important than themselves. Jesus did that, and so should we.

Although Jesus is God and is equal to the first person of the Trinity (Father), He did not consider equality with the Father as something to cling to. He willingly laid it down for the sake of humanity. Jesus emptied Himself. Meaning, that He put aside His Divinity, His heavenly glory, and was willing to be born as a human. He humbled Himself, taking the very nature of a servant (slave). He was prepared to die a humiliating death on the cross. Jesus humbled Himself, putting the interest of others (yours and mine) above His own. God the Father exalted Jesus through the resurrection and gave Him a name that is above every name - He is called "Lord" ("kurios", master, owner).

The apostle Paul is saying that if Jesus, the King of the universe, the second person of the Trinity, could embrace servanthood, then we who claim to be servants of Christ should grow in that same servanthood which Christ embodied and demonstrated.

A large group of European pastors came to one of D. L. Moody's Northfield Bible Conference in Massachusetts in the late 1800s. Following the European custom of the time, each guest put his shoes outside his room to be cleaned by the hall servants overnight. But Massachusetts, being in America, had no hall servants. Walking the dormitory halls that night, Moody saw the shoes and determined not to embarrass his European Pastors. Moody gathered up the shoes, and, alone in his room, the world-renowned evangelist began to clean and polish the shoes. Only the unexpected arrival of a friend in the midst of the work revealed his secret. Moody never told anyone, but his friend told a few.

As Christ's servants, we should grow in servanthood because we follow the Servant of all - the Lord Jesus Christ.



# Prayer Service for the 2023 State Elections

By Daniel Khoo

On 11 August 2023, the eve of the state elections for Penang, Kedah, Selangor, Kelantan and Negeri Sembilan, the Methodist churches in Penang gathered together for an evening of intercession and worship. This was hosted at Trinity Methodist Church Penang and jointly organized with the support of Jelutong Chinese Methodist Church (CAC) and the Tamil Methodist Church (TAC).

The service was held in three languages with representatives from various churches leading in the intercessory prayers for the election candidates, the election commission and those in the enforcement, as well as for voters.





# Methodist Convention 2023

## 26-28 August 2023, Kuching Sarawak



The Methodist Church in Malaysia held its Methodist Convention 2023 at UCSI Hotel Kuching from 26 to 28 August 2023. Themed “A Renewed Church”, the convention saw a total of 210 participants from six Annual Conferences.

Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar of The Methodist Church in Malaysia officiated the first day with a service and Holy Communion. He spoke on “A Renewed Church” using the scripture text from 2 Kings 23:1-7. Here, King Josiah instituted major reforms and abolished the worship of foreign gods. The word “renewal” is our desire for conversion and transformation of lives. Bishop Jeyakumar expounded that Methodism defined its mission in terms of renewal. It is a twofold renewal.

1. Bringing people from outside the church **into** the church.
2. Renewing the hearts and minds of those **inside** the church from spiritual slumber.

There are 4 main areas for renewal:

1. Empowering churches - being word-centred people, carrying out ministries, being mission minded and thinking of the indigenous church

2. Enriching families - faith formation as the cornerstone of the home; family devotions
3. Enhancing education - uniting the next generation through education in our Methodist schools and offering the best education at affordable costs
4. Engaging the nation - the Church to be united as one voice and to build godly and exemplary leaders in nation building

Bishop Jeyakumar then challenged participants as to what is God saying to the Methodist Church in Malaysia?

Mr Tim Cheng, CEO of Taiwan Christian Tribune spoke on “Empowering Churches through Media” providing appropriate and applicable tips on how churches can move with the times and use technology to empower itself and its ministries. Time and the world is continually evolving. The emphasis is that the Church must change to make itself relevant to the world and in doing God’s work. The Church must transform itself if it is to impact society and the nation.



From left: President Bonnie Sedau (Sarawak Iban Annual Conference), President Lau Hui Ming (Sarawak Chinese Annual Conference), President Joshua Khong (Trinity Annual Conference), Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar, President Hii Kong Hock (Sabah Annual Conference), President Dr Dennis Raj (Tamil Annual Conference) and President Liew Kek Ming (Chinese Annual Conference) celebrating Holy Communion during the opening service.



Mr Eugene Yapp, senior fellow at the Institute for International Religious Freedom



Pastor Matthew Ling, Certified Family Life Educator



Mr Tim Cheng, CEO of Christian Tribune, Taiwan

Mr Eugene Yapp, a senior fellow at the Institute for International Religious Freedom, shared about “Secularism Threat to Christian Values” and “Engaging the Nation.” The Church has a role to play in understanding the social trends of society, getting involved in community empowerment and collaborating to form strategic partnerships with people of other religious groups for projects of common good.

Finally, Pastor Matthew Ling, Certified Family Life Educator, involved in global leadership of family movement spoke on “Family Renewal” stressing that families is where discipleship takes place (Ephesians 5:21-6:9) and where ministries can be developed (1 Tim 3:4-5). But before family renewal can take place, we must first acknowledge that there is a problem - is there a “disconnect” between the church and the home? How important is the family unit? Is there a decline in our church families? In a spontaneous survey, he raised the following questions for reflection:

- How important are the families to MCM’s renewal?
- How much are our families contributing to MCM’s renewal?
- How serious will the decline be for MCM if nothing is being done to help the families soon?

These practical yet pertinent questions are really food for thought and if we want to see our churches grow and be transformed, we must first start at the root - our families. Both church and families have to work together to establish ways in which each will help the other to grow. Churches can help parents in discipling their children and providing support for parents in helping them nurture their children. Parents themselves too need to be their own children’s role models in the ways of following Christ.

In closing the convention, Bishop Jeyakumar challenged all participants with a call for a “Personal Renewal” with our Lord Jesus Christ. It was a very poignant and significant moment. For any renewal to take place, it has to begin with us. We need to be obedient and heed His call; to be a ‘renewed people’ - Christ-centred and Word-centred.

The Methodist Convention 2023 may have ended but the work has only just begun. It is hoped that all who participated will return to their local churches and start the much-needed work to begin the renewal process.

We praise God for enabling the quadrennial Methodist Convention 2023 to take place after waiting 3 long years due to the Covid pandemic and lockdowns. It was wonderful to see the Methodist family congregating as one - from Peninsula and East Malaysia - everyone came .... to worship and praise God in various languages, learn and share from one another, make new friends, rekindle old friendships, accept one another despite our diverse backgrounds. Truly, all praise be to God!



Praise and worship



Q&A Session



Participants in a time of personal renewal



# HAKNOOK JENANG Musical Concert

By Theresa Yip  
Organising Chairperson

On 22 July 2023, a fundraising and awareness musical concert took place at Trinity Methodist Church in Petaling Jaya. This event was in aid of the Haknook Jenang Hostel, a ministry for the Orang Asli children in Raub in the Eastern District. Initiated by Rev Thomas Chin, TRAC District Superintendent for the Eastern District and together with Miss Aileen Khoo explored the viability of the fundraising musical concert.

The entire Management Committee included Rev Koe Swee Kee, the Pastor-in-Charge of Wesley Raub and Christ Methodist Church Bentong, Miss Chua Wee Wee and Han Leyek, the Warden and Assistant Warden of Haknook Jenang respectively. This collaboration served as an opportunity to deviate from the ordinary, engaging a broader spectrum of the local community, thereby extending the outreach beyond existing supporters and connecting with previously untapped individuals. The concert was envisioned not only as a means to raise funds but also to elevate awareness about Haknook Jenang Hostel for its sustained longevity.

Admission to the musical concert was granted with a donation of RM100 per person. This fundraising musical extravaganza ignited the passion of musicians and singers, nurturing their artistic and personal potential through a collaborative experience masterfully curated and directed by Miss Aileen Khoo. The performances showcased an array of musical instruments and genres, ranging from popular movie themes to the timeless compositions of Bach, Chopin, and Mozart. The evening featured String Ensembles, Cantus Musicus Choir, Trinity Handbells, and the Haknook Jenang Singing Children, who, adorned in traditional garb and leaf-woven headgear, presented two songs, "Kunaikkan Syukurku" and "Bless the Lord," making a captivating entrance accompanied by the rhythmic OA cultural music of stomping bamboo on floorboards.

A remarkable unifying factor throughout was the evident talent and dedicated effort exhibited by all, from performers to crews and AV technicians, all driven by the common goal of ensuring an unforgettable, flawlessly executed night. The concert stood as a poignant reminder of the empowering



Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar



Rev Thomas Chin



Performance by the Haknook Jenang children



The entire orchestra in its rousing finale accompanied by Trinity Handbells and Cantus Musicus Choir

nature of music and the tangible rewards that diligence can yield.

Bishop Dr T Jeyakumar was invited to say a few words at the opening of the concert followed by an opening prayer by Rev Thomas Chin. During the concert, attendees were provided with the convenient option to donate via QR code facilitating swift online contributions. Additionally offertory boxes strategically positioned at the entrances further facilitated donations. The souvenir programme presented yet another opportunity to raise funds through advertisements and sponsorships.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who donated from their hearts towards achieving our fundraising goal. The cumulative sum of RM183,345.00 was garnered from ticket donations, QR codes, and offertory boxes. Moreover, donations received between April and July 2023 totalled **RM90,150**. In total, **RM273,495.00** was collected, culminating in the fundraising musical concert. This achievement would not have been possible without everyone's involvement, which is pivotal to our fundraising efforts and has already made a substantial impact, ensuring financial stability for the Haknook Jenang Ministry for the months ahead. This, undoubtedly, guarantees the continuity of our efforts to reach and assist more Orang Asli children in the days ahead.



Sections of the orchestra



Cantus Musicus Choir

For those inclined to extend their support beyond the recent fundraising musical concert, we invite you to consider becoming a recurring monthly donor. Each month, Haknook Jenang Hostel requires an average of RM16,000.00 for operational costs, translating to about RM500.00 per month for each resident student. Your unwavering support remains instrumental in our commitment to provide OA children with an educational transition from their villages to a semi-urban setting, enabling their smoother integration into society and ensuring a brighter future for both themselves and their families.

May we acknowledge and celebrate the glory that comes from such endeavors, ultimately attributing it to the divine grace.

To God be the Glory!



Trinity Handbells



Viola Ensemble



# WFCMC 10th Youth Leaders' Conference 2023

## 世界循道卫理宗华人教会联合会 (WFCMC)

### 第十届青年领袖大会 06-09/07/23



参与者大合照

由世界循道卫理宗华人教会联合会 (WFCMC) 宗教教育委员会主办，马来西亚基督教卫理公会沙巴年议会筹办的第十届青年领袖大会于2023年7月6-10日在马来西亚沙巴州亚庇进行。共有157位来自澳洲、香港、台湾、新加坡、西马、砂拉越及沙巴的青年领袖参与，主题为《ABLAZE 兴起发光》。在开幕礼上，吴乃力首长以马可福音11:11，《不是自己选择的道路》来勉励大家要按着上帝的心意而行，存谦卑的心与神同行，舍己背起十字架跟从主。

在大会期间，专题讲员刘世尧牧师带领大家从《但以理书》学习到：(一) 发光的信心，是建立在神掌权，

国度降临的真理上；(二) 发光的生命，是1.先求神的国和义；2.彼此相顾、激发爱心、勉励行善；3. 得着能力，直到地极，作主见证；4. 有异象方向，软弱变刚强。另外，培灵会讲员苏慈安牧师透过马可福音3:13-19传讲《敬畏上帝的领袖》，敬拜重要过服事、爱重要过责任、态度重要过成功、身传重要过言传；透过使徒行传18:24-28来传讲《谦卑受教的领袖》，教导大家活出F.A.T的生命：1. Faithful 忠于使命；2. Available 随时待命；3. Teachable 谦卑受教。感谢主，在呼召环节，共有21位领袖立志全时间侍奉主。



21位青年人回应呼召



参观亚庇沙巴博物馆

大会也安排了户外活动：1.《探索沙巴》，分别去到图书馆、博物馆、文化村、El Shaddai事工村透过精心设计的有趣游戏，观察及分享等来分别探索更多关于沙巴的知识、历史、社会及文化，同时建立团队精神；2. AMAZING SABAH, 在亚庇的文化缩影- 加雅街完成25项小任务来更了解亚庇，更具体的为沙巴祷告。在主日的早上，营员们也被分派去五间堂会参与礼拜，并和堂会领袖们彼此交流，认识沙巴教会。

沙巴年议会会长-许光福牧师在闭幕礼上以提摩太后书2:15-22《蒙神称许的工人》勉励众青年领袖们要努力成为1. 蒙神称许的无愧工人；2. 贵重、合乎主使用的器皿；3. 圣洁、敬虔见证的群体，一同Ablaze, 兴起发光！大会也正式宣布，接下来，将由马来西亚

砂拉越华人年议会接棒来筹办WFCMC第十一届青年领袖大会。

大会的最后一夜为ABLAZE NIGHT。大家透过各区的代祷摊位，敬拜赞美，默想反思，以蜡烛排成十字架的举动来宣告爱我们的天父是我们旷野中的力量！愿主保守各国青年领袖们，把这4天所领受的“光”传递到各自的区域，带领着各区青年人们一同ABLAZE, 兴起发光！

“大蒙眷爱的人哪，不要惧怕，愿你平安！你总要坚强！”（但以理书10:19上）

(张菁芝报道)



大合照



参观沙巴文化村



每个早晨的灵修时光



闭幕礼ALBAZE NIGHT兴起发光之夜



# Retreat & Mission Trip Paderi/Pengajar Sitak Sarikei

Ditulis oleh Rev. Olyver A. Broken  
Tuai Sitak Sarikei



Sesi 1 begulai enggau Rev David Wee



Sesi 2 begulai enggau Bapa Pendeta  
Dwi Widodo

Kena 29 Ogos dataika 1 September 2023 tu tadi, bala Paderi/Pengajar Sitak Sarikei udah mujur ngatur Retreat & Mission Trip ngagai Gereja Methodist Jemaat Imanuel, Pontianak, Kalimantan Barat.

Penyampau tubuh kami ianya 9 iku bala Paderi/Pengajar ari Sitak Sarikei lalu enggau Rev David Wee ari Gereja Methodist Singapore ke mega nyadi siku ari speaker kami maya retreat. Batang ajar ke dibai Rev David Wee ba sesi keterubah retreat tu ianya **“Tu Aku Tuhan, kirumka Aku”** ke diambi ari Isaiah 6:1-13. Lalu sesi retreat kedua dibai ulih Bapa Pendeta Dwi Widodo ke nyadi Pastor-in-charge Gereja Methodist Jemaat Imanuel enggau batang ajar iya **“Gereja Pasca Pandemi”** beduduk ba Rome 8:28.

Kami mega bisi besaum enggau Jemaat Gereja Methodist Imanuel dalam kebaktian doa kena 30/8/2023 lalu Rev Alistair Jupiter bekunsika jaku Tuhan. Kelimpah ari nya kami bisi dibai melawat ngagai beberapa iti endur ianya Tugu Khatulistiwa ke semak enggau Sungai Kapuas, Rumah Radakng (rumah adat Dayak) enggau Katedral St. Joseph ianya Gereja ti pemadu besai ti asia tenggara. Kena 31/8/2023 kami bisi nemuai ngagai dua bengkah sekula teologi ianya Sekolah Tinggi Agama Kristen Abdi Wacana (STAK-AW), Pontianak sereta Sekolah Tinggi Teologi Injili, Pontianak.

Ba dua bengkah sekula teologi tu kami bepeluang berandau enggau bala pengajar pia mega bala



Rumah Radakng



Tugu Khatulistiwa



Sekolah Tinggi Agama Kristen Abdi  
Wacana (STAK-AW), Pontianak



Kebaktian Doa bersama jemaat Gereja Methodist Imanuel

nembiak ke belajar dia. Bekunsika jaku peransang sereta besampika pemujur sida. Ba Retreat & Mission Trip tu kami belajarka mayuh pekara kelebihan agi pasal kangau sebagai Paderi/Pengajar enggau jalai mela Tuhan (Pelayanan). Ari pejalai tu kami semua bela meri kesaksian laban tajapan pelayanan Gereja Methodist di Pontianak nya mencabar tang sida tetap mansang dalam Tuhan. Tu ngajar kami bakani kami sebagai Paderi/Pengajar ba Sitak Sarikei diberi

peransang taja pelayanan enda sebaka baka enggi sida tang sama bela nunga cabaran lalu tu meransang kami terus mansang dalam pengawa Tuhan.

Ngenatakai jaku terima kasih ngagai Missionary Ung Siing Ngiiik ke udah kiruh ngatur pejalai kami, Bapa Pendeta Dwi Widodo enggau bala iya ke udah nyambut penatai kami enggau ati ti gaga. Soli Dea Gloria (Muliaka Tuhan siku aja)



Sekolah Tinggi Teologi Injili, Pontianak



St. Joseph Katedral, Pontianak



# Double Nine Festival

## 9月9庆双九，福州垦场120周年纪念

为了纪念福州先辈的开垦历史、传承先贤们的刻苦耐劳以及勇于冒险的精神，自2003年庆祝福州垦场100周年后，卫理公会曼绒教区与曼绒福州乡团订下每年9月9日（双九节）纪念先贤开垦实兆远的日子。双九节系列活动包括献花礼、思源感恩崇拜、思源游行及思源感恩晚宴。



Siyuan Thanksgiving Worship, sermon by Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar  
思源感恩崇拜，贾古玛会督证道



Siyuan Thanksgiving Worship  
思源感恩崇拜

### 先贤坟前献花

感谢美以美会120年前在中国福州地方招工，感谢先贤林称美牧师、柳依美牧师以及方鲍参牧师愿意舍己，离乡背井、骨肉分离等挑战和不容易，率领第一批363名福州垦民到来“牧师楼”甘文阁开垦。他们刻苦耐劳、冒险精神值得我们后代学习与传承。

2023年9月9日的早上9时，在卫理公会曼绒教区牧者们的率领下，信徒们聚集在宣道堂思源广场后步行到宣道堂墓园林称美牧师坟前进行献花礼之后乘车到二条路墓园方鲍参牧师坟前献花。仪式上，出席者现在牧者的主持下唱诗歌、祷告及陈述历史，接著由社团代表、教会代表及家属代表一一的进行献花，最后再由廖克民牧师主持祝祷。仪式完毕，天空出现宏伟的“十字架”，象征了耶稣大大赐福实兆远。



Siyuan Thanksgiving dinner cake cutting ceremony  
思源感恩晚宴切蛋糕仪式



Siyuan Thanksgiving Dinner guests with souvenirs  
思源感恩晚宴赠送纪念品给嘉宾

当天出席者包括卫理公会马来西亚总议会会督贾古玛、卫理公会马来西亚华人年议会会长廖克民牧师、曼绒教区区长雷德瑞牧师、曼绒中华大会堂会长赵善平、曼绒福清公会主席郭进光、林称美牧师后代和方鲍参牧师后代表。

### 思源感恩崇拜

下午3时，信徒们聚集宣道堂多元圣殿举行“思源感恩崇拜”。出席者约有500人。汤文升牧师是今天的崇拜主席，由宣道堂敬拜团带领信众们一起唱诗敬拜。大会以播放双九节短视频向兄弟姐妹述说120年前开荒的故事。

今午崇拜获得卫理公会马来西亚总议会会督贾古玛牧师分享信息“寻求神”，以此鼓励会众必须时常更



The ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Siyuan Parade  
思源大游行剪彩仪式

新、建造和安宁。曼绒教区圣乐团于会中呈献两首诗歌“神应许”及“上帝常常相伴”，崇拜恭请卫理公会马来西亚华人年议会会长廖克民牧师祝祷后圆满结束。

### 思源大游行

今年虽面对恶劣天气的考验，但承天父怜爱游行开始前30分钟天空放晴。共有43个社团、教会、非政府组织及民众参与的千人大游行，约2000人一起开大步行。

思源大游行于下午5时开始，嘉宾包括前交通部长丹斯里江作汉、木威国会议员拿督倪可汉、阿斯达卡州议员黄天荣、马来西亚卫理公会总议会会督贾古玛牧师、马来西亚卫理公会华人年议会会长廖克民牧师、马来西亚卫理公会华人年议会会友领袖林伟杰弟兄、西马福州十邑社团联谊会总会长拿督董仕星、双九节筹委会主席兼曼绒教区长雷德瑞牧师及曼绒教区会友领袖彭宏国，主持剪彩开幕仪式后，游行队伍浩浩荡荡地从宣道堂出发，绕行林称美大街，再往后街绕行回到宣道堂。

当天的游戏队伍有穿扮成垦民的队伍，他们推着脚踏车载着树胶桶、打扮成胶工，有者拿斧头，背着锄头，推着铁水桶参与游行。双九节乃是纪念实兆远开垦日，纪念垦荒者的刻苦耐劳，坚持不懈，奋斗努力开荒，让今日的实兆远欣欣向荣。

### 思源感恩晚宴

续大游行后，7时正假福清洋老人联络所礼堂举办千人思源感恩晚宴。由余丽蓉牧师担任大会司仪，爱宴在曼绒教区教区会友领袖彭宏国弟兄祷告后，酒家就陆陆续续上菜。双九节是庆祝实兆远的垦场日，当晚获得来自教会、乡团、社区朋友的支持，宴开125席。出席者包括前交通部长丹斯里江作汉、木威国会议员拿督倪可汉、阿斯达卡州议员黄天荣、马来西亚卫理公会总议会会督贾古玛牧师、马来西亚卫理公会华人年议会会长廖克民牧师、马来西亚卫理公会华人年议会会友领袖林伟杰弟兄、西马福州十邑社团联谊会总会长拿督董仕星。

大会安排多项节目，包括嘉宾致词、赞美操、扇子舞、青少年舞蹈、新书推介礼、圣乐诗班、献唱等。宴会结束前，马来西亚卫理公会华人年议会会长廖克民牧师及曼绒教区区长雷德瑞牧师在宴会上代表曼绒教区将双九节锦旗，移交给明年度的双九节庆典晚宴接办单位曼绒闽清同乡会的会长陈崇湊。



Flower Offering Ceremony To The Ancestors, placing flowers at the grave of Pastor Huang Pau Seng  
献花礼，方鲍参牧师墓园



# An Invitation to a Spiritual Engagement

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A young man was wondering how he can get enlisted in the army to be able to fight for his country. He went to the army barracks nearby his house and inquired to the officer there. They informed him that he needed to apply and fulfil the requirements before he can be enlisted. He immediately requested for the form and the officer concerned told him he needed to wait for the advertisement that would appear in the local papers. The young man was asked to follow the instructions that will appear in the advertisement. After prodding further, the young man was surprised to find out that the advertisement would appear only once a year. He was curious and asked if they really needed more recruits or not. The officer calmly replied that it's the procedure and there was no way to change the system in place.

Guess what? The young man was surprised with the response because he was eager to respond when he saw the news flash and the call made by the government for young people to come forward to become soldiers. Instead, over here, he was asked to wait for the advertisement. He didn't understand why the need for all the procedures which, to him, seemed to be hindrances rather than encouragement. His zeal and passion to become a soldier became dampened and he went back home dejected and discouraged.

This short illustration may seem very obvious to you and me. Why did the young man become dejected and discouraged? Didn't he understand the instructions given to him by the army officer? Let us look at the scriptures and see how we respond to the call to be enlisted as the good soldier of Christ Jesus. All of us are enlisted as soldiers in this spiritual battle against the flesh, the world and Satan. We have received many orders from our Commanding Officer, our Lord Jesus Christ. He has empowered us with the Holy Spirit and given us the everlasting and eternal sword which is double edged, the Living Word of God. The amazing quality of all His endearing are they will not deplete in power or prowess, rather

the POWER of the HOLY SPIRIT, the PRECISION and PENETRATION of the SWORD which is the LIVING WORD does not weaken overtime or become overused but rather they will become more powerful and more penetrating as you increase its use.

Below we take a look at 3 of those commands we have received as soldiers of our Lord Jesus Christ;

## A. 2 Timothy 2:3 - Endure hardship like a good soldier of Christ Jesus

This scripture portion clearly gives us the mandate to endure hardship like a good soldier. Hardship is a must in the life of a soldier. No one is exempt from it. The fact of the matter is you and I may not be able to change our circumstances or what is going on around us. However, you and I can and must change our mind set, attitude and behaviour of how we face these challenges and hardships that seem to bombard us daily in order to be a good soldier and not just an ordinary one. Our primary thought should be **nothing has anything to do with who we are**. It has everything to do with our Creator, our Heavenly Father. It has nothing to do with whether you and I are feeling discomfort or what we desire should take place. Rather we should declare as Paul said in Philippians 3:8, 'I have lost all things that I may gain Christ'. A soldier of Christ Jesus will consider all things as garbage. Our ultimate purpose must be to participate in the sufferings of Christ, and to become like Him for the glory of God.

How are you managing under the current Covid-19 pandemic? Are you able to endure it?

## B. No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs

You may be wondering what it means by 'civilian affairs.' It encompasses everything from trade to

business of life. Whatever that is of worldly affair and care should not entangle the life of a soldier. Your immediate response would be how can we get on with our lives if that was the case? The difference is in getting involved and entangled. Jesus prayed for us who are in the world that we would not be of the world (John 17:11,14,16). We do what is necessary for survival but our primary care and concern should be towards our mission as the soldier of Christ Jesus. Jim Elliott's life verse clearly depicts how a soldier must be, "He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose". It is not easy to get an eternal view of things until you and I admit that everything here on earth are temporal. Our citizenship is not here on earth. This is just a temporal abode. And therefore, let us set our minds on things above (Colossians 3:2).

Are you worried about your savings? Or settlement of your loans? Are you concerned about the future of your children?

"Let worldly minds the world pursue, it has no charms for me; Once I admired its trifles too. But grace has set me free." (John Newton).

## C. 2 Timothy 2:4 - Serve as a soldier to please your commanding officer

What is our mission as a soldier of Christ Jesus? Is it to slay the demons and does our worth depend

on the number of people we delivered? Friends, our call is to Christ. We need to understand what it really means before we can please our commanding officer. Jesus Christ loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood. He made us to serve God and Father. Glory and power be to Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Once we understand that we have been set free for the sole purpose of serving our Almighty God that through our service, we shall glorify Him, then we will comprehend that it is all for Christ. We serve not because it feels good, or somebody else makes us feel good with their praises and accolades but because all things were created through Christ and for Christ (Colossians 1:16).

Do you sometimes feel that people do not appreciate your ministry? Are you on the verge of giving up?

"Living for Jesus - O what rest! Pleasing my Saviour, I am blest. Only to live for Him alone, Doing His will till life is done!" (Weigle).

Friends, we are living in unprecedented times. Jesus the Messiah will return soon. Keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour (Matthew 25:13). Will Jesus find us faithful when He comes to receive you and me? A good soldier would have fulfilled all the commands of his commanding officer. What about you?





## ஆவிக்குரிய போராட்டத்துக்கு ஓர் அழைப்பு

ஒரு வாலிபன் தனது நாட்டிற்காக போராட எப்படியாவது ராணுவத்தில் சேர வேண்டும் என அலைந்து திரிகிறான். தனது வீட்டிற்கு அருகில் உள்ள ராணுவ முகாமிற்கு சென்று அங்குள்ள அதிகாரிகளிடம் கேட்கிறான். தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்படுவதற்கு அவன் விண்ணப்பிக்க வேண்டும் எனவும் எல்லா தகுதிகளும் அவனுக்கு இருக்க வேண்டும் எனவும் அவர்கள் தெரிவிக்கின்றனர். உடனே அவன் பாரத்தை கேட்கிறான், அதற்கு சம்பந்தப்பட்ட அதிகாரி அவன் நாளிதழில் வெளிவரும் விளம்பரத்திற்கு காத்திருக்க வேண்டும் என கூறுகிறார். விளம்பரத்தில் வரும் விதிகளை பின்பற்றுமாறு அந்த வாலிபன் கேட்டுக்கொள்ளப்படுகிறான். பின்னர், அந்த விளம்பரம் வருடத்தில் ஒரு முறைதான் வரும் என கேட்டு அதிர்ச்சியடைகிறான். அவர்களுக்கு நிஜமாகவே ஆட்கள் தேவையா என அறிய அவன் ஆவலாயிருக்கிறான். இதுதான் வழிமுறை எனவும் நடைமுறையில் இருக்கும் இதை மாற்ற வழியில்லை எனவும் அந்த அதிகாரி அவனுக்கு அமைதியாக பதிலளிக்கிறார்.

அந்த பதிலை குறித்து வாலிபன் அதிர்ச்சியடைகிறான், காரணம் அரசாங்கம் இளைஞர்களை ராணுவ வீரர்களாக முன்வர வேண்டும் என கொடுத்த செய்திக்கு அவன் உற்சாகமாக மறுமொழி கொடுக்க ஆவலாயிருந்தான். ஆனால் இங்கோ, விளம்பரத்திற்கு காத்திரு என அவனுக்கு சொல்லப்படுகிறது. ஏன் அனைத்து விதிமுறைகளும் உற்சாகமுட்டுவதாய் இல்லாமல் தடையாக அமைகிறது என, அவனுக்கு புரியவில்லை. ராணுவ வீரனாக வேண்டும் என்ற அவனது வைராக்கியம் தணிந்து போகிறது, நிராகரிக்கப்பட்டவனாகவும் உற்சாகம் இழந்தவனாகவும் அவன் வீடு திரும்புகிறான்.

இந்த சிறிய கதை உங்களுக்கும் எனக்கும் மிக வெளிப்படையானதாக தெரியலாம். அந்த வாலிபன் ஏன் நிராகரிக்கப்பட்டவனாகவும் உற்சாகம் இழந்தவனாகவும் காணப்பட்டான்? அந்த ராணுவ அதிகாரியால் கொடுக்கப்பட்ட விதிமுறைகள் அவனுக்கு புரியவில்லையா? கிறிஸ்து இயேசுவின் நற் சேவகனாக இடம்பெற நாம் எப்படி மறுமொழி கொடுக்க வேண்டும் என்பதை நாம் வேதத்தில் பார்ப்போம்.

மாம்சத்துக்கு, உலகத்துக்கு மற்றும் சாத்தானுக்கு எதிரான ஆவிக்குரிய போராட்டத்தில் நாம் யாவரும் போர்ச்சேவகர்கள். நாம் நமது மேலதிகாரியான கர்த்தராகிய இயேசு கிறிஸ்துவிடமிருந்து பல கட்டளைகளை பெற்றிருக்கிறோம். பரிசுத்த ஆவியானவரால் நமக்கு அதிகாரமளித்திருக்கிறார், சர்வகாலமும் நித்தியமான இருபுறமும் கருக்குள்ள பட்டயமான தேவனுடைய ஜீவனுள்ள வார்த்தையை நமக்கு கொடுத்திருக்கிறார். அவரது அன்பான இந்த பண்புகள் அதிகாரத்தால், வலிமையால் ஒழியாது, மாறாக **பரிசுத்த ஆவியின் வல்லமை, திட்டம்** மற்றும் **விவேகம்** கொண்ட **பட்டயமான ஜீவனுள்ள வார்த்தை**யானது காலத்தால் பலவீனமடையாது அல்லது அதிகப்படியான பயன்பாட்டினால் வழுவழக்காது, மாறாக அதிகமதிகமாக நீங்கள் அதை பயன்படுத்தும்போது அது அதிக வல்லமையுள்ளதாகவும் அதிகமாக ஊடுருவுகிறதாகவுமாகிறது.

கர்த்தராகிய இயேசு கிறிஸ்துவின் போர்ச்சேவகர்களாக நாம் பெற்ற கட்டளைகளில் மூன்றை நாம் இங்கே காண்போம்

யு. 2 தீமோத்தேயு 2:3, இயேசுகிறிஸ்துவுக்கு **நல்ல போர்ச்சேவகனாய்த் தீங்கநுபவி.**

நல்ல போர்ச்சேவகனாய் தீங்கநுபவிக்க நமக்கு இந்த வேத பகுதி தெளிவாக ஆணையிடுகிறது. போர்ச்சேவகனின் வாழ்க்கையில் தீங்கநுபவிப்பது நிச்சயம். யாரும் அதிலிருந்து விடுபடமுடியாது. நீங்களும் நானும் நமது சூழ்நிலைகளையோ அல்லது நம்மை சுற்றி நடப்பவைகளையோ மாற்ற முடியாதவர்களாயிருக்கலாம். ஆனாலும், நீங்களும் நானும் நமது சிந்தனையை மாற்ற வேண்டும், சராசரி போர்ச்சேவகனான அல்லாமல் நல்ல ஒரு போர்ச்சேவகனாக திகழ நாம் தினமும் எதிர்நோக்கும் இந்த சவால்களையும் கஷ்டங்களையும் சந்திக்க நமது மனப்பான்மையையும் நடக்கையையும் மாற்ற வேண்டும். **நாம் யார் என்பது எதையும்** நிர்ணயிக்காது என்பது நமது முதல்நிலை சிந்தனையாக இருக்கவேண்டும். அது நமது சிருஷ்டிகரை, நமது பரலோக தந்தையை சார்ந்ததாயிருக்கும். நீங்களும் நானும் குறைவற்று இருக்கிறோமா அல்லது நமது விருப்பம் நடைபெற ஆவலாயிருக்கிறோமா என்பதல்ல. மாறாக பவுல் பிலிப்பியர் 3:8ல் என் கர்த்தராகிய கிறிஸ்து இயேசுவை அறிகிற அறிவின் மேன்மைக்காக எல்லாவற்றையும் நஷ்டமென்று எண்ணிக்கொண்டிருக்கிறேன் என கூறியதுபோல, நாம் கூற வேண்டும். கிறிஸ்து இயேசுவின் போர்ச்சேவகன் எல்லாவற்றையும் குப்பையென்று கருதுவான். நமது நிலையான நோக்கம் கிறிஸ்துவின் பாடுகளில் பங்கெடுப்பதாகும், தேவனுடைய மகிமைக்காக அவரை போலாகுதல் மற்றும் அவருக்குரியவனாகுதல் ஆகும்.

தற்போதைய கோவிட்-19 பெருந்தொற்றை நீங்கள் எப்படி கையாளுகிறீர்கள்? அதை சகிக்க உங்களால் முடிகிறதா?

௨. போர்ச்சேவகனாய் பணியாற்றும் யாரும் **பொதுமக்கள் விவகாரத்தில் சிக்கிகொள்ளக்கூடாது.**

பொது மக்கள் விவகாரம் என்றால் என்ன என்று நீங்கள் யோசிக்கலாம். வாழ்க்கைக்கு தொடர்புடைய அனைத்தையும் இது உள்ளடக்கும். உலக ரீதியான கவலை மற்றும் விவகாரம் போர்ச்சேவகனின் வாழ்க்கையை சிக்கலாக்கக்கூடாது. உங்கள் உடனடி பதில், இப்படியென்றால் நமது வாழ்க்கையை எப்படி தொடருவது என்றதாக அமையும். இதன் வித்தியாசம், சம்பந்தப்படுவது மற்றும் சிக்கிக்கொள்வது. இயேசு உலகத்திலுள்ள நமக்காக, உலகத்தாராயிராமல் இருக்கும்படியாக ஜெபித்தார் (யோவான் 17:11,14,16). உயிர் வாழ்த்தலுக்கு அவசியமானதை நாம் செய்கிறோம், ஆனால் நமது முதல்நிலை கவனமும் அக்கறையும் கிறிஸ்து இயேசுவின் போர்ச்சேவகன் என்ற நோக்கத்தையே சார்ந்திருக்க வேண்டும். ஜிம் எலியட் அவர்களின் வசனம் ஒரு போர்ச்சேவகன் எப்படியிருக்க வேண்டும் என்பதை தெளிவாக காட்டுகிறது, “தான் வைத்துக்கொள்ள முடியாததை, விட்டுக்கொடுப்பவன் முட்டாள் அல்ல”. இந்த உலகத்தில் இருக்கும் யாவும் நிரந்தரமானவை அல்ல என நீங்களும் நானும் ஒப்புக்கொள்ளுமளவும் நித்திய கண்ணோட்டத்தை காண்பது சலபமல்ல. நமது குடியுரிமை இவ்வுலகத்தில் இல்லை. இது ஒரு தற்காலிக இருப்பிடமே. ஆகவே, பூமியிலுள்ளவைகளையல்ல மேலானவைகளையே நாடுங்கள் (கொலோசெயர் 3:2).

உங்களது சேமிப்பை குறித்து கவலைப்படுகிறீர்களா? கடன்தொகையை அடைப்பதை பற்றி? உங்களது பிள்ளைகளின் எதிர்காலத்தை குறித்து கவலையாயிருக்கிறீர்களா?

“உலக சிந்தையிலுள்ளவர்கள் உலகத்தை தொடரட்டும், என்னை அது கவரவில்லை, அது அற்பமானது. ஆனால் கிருபையானது என்னை விடுவித்தது.” (ஜோன் நியூட்டன்).

ஊ. 2 தீமோத்தேயு 2:4, **மேலதிகாரிக்கு ஏற்றவனாக** போர்ச்சேவகம் செய்.

கிறிஸ்து இயேசுவின் போர்ச்சேவகனாக நமது நோக்கம் என்ன? சாத்தானை வீழ்த்துவதிலா மற்றும் எத்தனை பேரை விடுவித்தோம் என்பதிலா நமது மதிப்பு இருக்கிறது? நண்பர்களே, நமது அழைப்பு கிறிஸ்துவுக்கு. நமது மேலதிகாரிக்கு ஏற்றவனாக நடந்துக்கொள்வதற்கு முன் அது என்ன என்பதை நாம் புரிந்துக்கொள்ள வேண்டும். இயேசு கிறிஸ்து நம்மை நேசிக்கிறார், அவரது இரத்தத்தால் நமது பாவங்களிலிருந்து நம்மை விடுவித்திருக்கிறார். நாம் தேவனுக்கும் பிதாவுக்கும் ஊழியம் செய்ய நம்மை உருவாக்கியுள்ளார். மகிமையும் வல்லமையும் என்றென்றைக்கும் கிறிஸ்து இயேசுவுக்கே. சர்வ வல்ல தேவனை நமது ஊழியத்தில் சேவிக்க நாம் விடுதலையாக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறோம் என புரிந்துக்கொள்ளும்போது, நாம் அவரை மகிமைப்படுத்துவோம், இவையாவும் கிறிஸ்துவுக்கே என நாம் விளங்கிக்கொள்வோம். நமக்கு நன்மையாயிருக்கிறது என்பதற்காக நாம் ஊழியம் செய்யாமல், அல்லது யாரோ ஒருவரின் புகழ்ச்சியும் பாராட்டும் நமக்கு மகிழ்ச்சியூட்டுகிறது என்பதற்காகவும் அல்லாமல், சகலமும் அவரைக்கொண்டும் அவருக்கென்றும் சிருஷ்டிக்கப்பட்டது என ஊழியம் செய்ய வேண்டும் (கொலோசெயர் 1:16).

மக்கள் உங்கள் ஊழியத்தை பாராட்டவில்லையென உங்களுக்கு வருத்தமா? தோல்வியின் விளிம்பில் இருக்கிறீர்களா?

“இயேசுவுக்காக வாழ்தல் - ஆ! எவ்வளவு இளைப்பாறுதல், எனது இரட்சகருக்கு பிரியமாய் நடந்துக்கொள்வது, நான் ஆசீர்வதிக்கப்பட்டவன். அவருக்காக மட்டுமே வாழ்வேன், வாழ்க்கை முடியும் வரை அவரது சித்தத்தையே செய்வேன்!” (வெய்கெல்).

நண்பர்களே, அடுத்து என்ன சம்பவிக்கப்போகிறது என தெரியாத காலத்தில் நாம் வாழ்கிறோம். இதோ 6வது நாள் முடிவுக்கு வருகிறது யெசுவா ஹமாசியாக் “மேசியாவாகிய இயேசு” மீண்டும் வருவதற்கு முன்பதாக. மனுஷகுமாரன் வரும் நாளையாவது நாழிகையையாவது நீங்கள் அறியாதிருக்கிறபடியால் விழித்திருங்கள் (மத்தேயு 25:13). உங்களையும் என்னையும் இயேசு அவரது வருகையின்போது உண்மையுள்ளவர்களாக காண்பாரா? ஒரு நல்ல போர்ச்சேவகன் தனது மேலதிகாரியின் எல்லா கட்டளைகளையும் நிறைவேற்றியிருப்பான். நீங்கள் எப்படி?



# Trip to Türkiye

## 4-16 August 2023



*Extent of damaged buildings and clearing up work by local government*

In response to the 2023 Türkiye-Syria Earthquake which struck on 6 February 2023, Methodist Crisis Relief and Development (MCRD) swiftly partnered with various organizations to establish relief and rehabilitation projects in vulnerable communities affected by the disaster. A mission trip was organized from 4-16 August 2023 with the aims to (1) evaluate ongoing projects, (2) conduct needs assessments, (3) form new partnerships, and (4) provide crucial assistance to earthquake survivors in the Adiyaman and Hatay regions. The team comprised Leonidas Woo (leader), Sam Tee (Uncle Button), Simon Kong (photographer) and Samuel Chiam (coordinator).

Upon arriving in Adiyaman, the team visited a Türkiye citizen camp, a Syrian refugee camp, and several mountainous villages to assess their communities' needs. MCRD had provided for a "Mini Library"

project in the Syrian refugee camp, which afforded a safe and comfortable learning space for over 30 children to continue their education. Classes were conducted by volunteer teachers daily to educate the children.

The team then travelled to various areas in Hatay to conduct assessment and distribute goods to those in need. Among these efforts, there was a temporary education centre in Samandag that MCRD and Mercy Malaysia collaborated to establish. Since its establishment in March 2023, the education centre has accommodated 700 children.

Subsequently, the team stayed in a temporary refugee camp in the Expo Park of Iskenderun, where MCRD collaborated with Iskenderun Bible Church ("IBC") to provide relief. During their



*Visited survivor camp in Iskenderun, Hatay.  
From left: Samuel Chiam, Leonidas Woo,  
Cenk from Istanbul River Church and  
Tee Kam Bee (Uncle Button)*



*MCRD Mini Library  
From left: Amir, Samuel Chiam, Leonidas Woo,  
Misagh and Tee Kam Bee (Uncle Button)*

stay, MCRD and IBC visited affected areas and discussed potential collaborations for rehabilitation programmes. During these visits, Uncle Button performed clown shows and hosted workshops for children, bringing smiles, laughter, and joy to all at the sites. Throughout the mission trip, the team saw numerous damaged, collapsed or demolished buildings, creating a landscape filled with sand and dust. Affected communities were scattered near hazardous structures and makeshift camps for shelter. During interviews with Türkiye residents, they expressed a sense of helplessness, especially for those without economic means who were forced to reside in temporary accommodation such as container houses, portable buildings, and tents. Despite some basic needs being met, significant challenges remained, and the emotional wounds of the people needed healing. Nevertheless, they expressed immense gratitude to the team for visiting,

acknowledging their situation, and responding to their needs. Particularly in remote areas, during MCRD visitation, residents were deeply touched that someone from a foreign land remembered them and was willing to travel overseas to assist. Additionally, some villagers requested Bibles, attended Sunday services and even chose to follow Jesus.

The team gives thanks to God for ensuring their safety throughout the trip. They also extend their appreciation to all those who supported them along the way and express gratitude to those who partnered with MCRD to assist vulnerable populations.

MCRD has heard the needs of the people and intends to continue working in Türkiye with the ultimate goal of addressing their challenges and sharing the love of Jesus Christ with their hearts and actions. Glory be to God!



*Education Centre supported by  
MCRD in Samandag, Hatay*



*Clowning around with the children in Hatay*



*Clown performance in Samandag, Hatay*

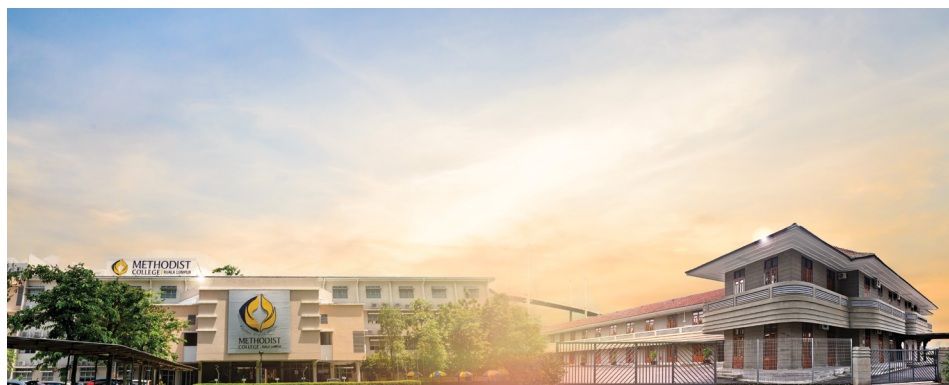


*Bags and stationery distribution, Buyukdere, Hatay*





## 40 Years of Education Excellence



*MCKL providing quality education for 4 decades.  
MCKL, KL Campus (L) and MCKL Pykett, Penang Campus (R)*



*MCKL's CEO,  
Dr. Chua Ping Yong*

Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) celebrates its 40 years of education excellence this year! Throughout this time, MCKL has rapidly established itself as an ideal tertiary education provider, striving to create a nurturing environment through transformative learning and teaching practices. Its humble origins as Methodist High School Kuala Lumpur started with the intention to serve as an institution of second chances for students who had failed their public-school examinations. It enabled them to complete their secondary education and move on into tertiary institutions and eventually secure employment. In 1983, the school was reorganised to cater to tertiary education by replacing secondary classes with A Levels and was renamed Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL).

MCKL offers quality education whilst adhering to Methodist traditions and principles. Students are given equal opportunities and attention regardless of their academic ability, ethnicity, social or religious background. This applies not only to student admission but also to all aspects of college life. As students' education is given priority over profitability, MCKL's course fees have been kept affordable and many scholarships are available for students based on academic results and personal achievements.

As a testimony to academic excellence, MCKL has a track record of sending students to top universities.

MCKL's alumni have gained admission into renowned universities around the world. MCKL takes pride in consistently having a great track record, achieving almost 100% pass rate for Cambridge A Levels for the past decade, which is an accomplishment on its own. Since 2020, they have on average achieved over 50% 3As and above and achieved over 60% As for six subjects. MCKL students are also simultaneously being awarded for achieving Top in the World and Top in Malaysia. This achievement is truly remarkable as this will be their stepping stone for their future.

"At MCKL, we aim to nurture high-achieving individuals of calibre who will become passionate and compassionate leaders in society by embedding the 'MCKL DNA' in each student through various extra-curricular activities, community service learning and character formation. Our wish is for students to undergo personal development that helps them define their objectives in life. It is our 10 Core Values that guide MCKL graduates to become positive agents of change - making significant contributions to others, their world, and those on the margins of society," says MCKL's CEO, Dr Chua Ping Yong.

In 2022, MCKL achieved another milestone when it launched its first branch campus, MCKL College Pykett Campus in Penang providing higher education opportunities and pathways for secondary school leavers and adult learners in the northern region.



*Students at the science laboratory in MCKL Pykett, Penang Campus*



*Students during their leisure time at MCKL Pykett, Penang Campus*



*The graduating class of September 2023 from MCKL*

It was with great excitement that MCKL Pykett Campus, Penang was chosen as the campus to kick off MCKL's 40th Anniversary Celebrations with the #MCKLFestforChamps. Held on 22 July 2023, the entire campus was decked out with colourful carnival flags enhancing the carnival feel even more. It featured diverse activities including interschool sports competitions, food trucks, pop-up bazaars, and a colouring contest that was enjoyed by all. An education fair that featured representatives from 12 esteemed local and private universities in Malaysia was also held.

More recently MCKL has fully embraced the challenges and opportunities of educating and preparing students for further education, professional development, and job careers in the new IR4.0 environment. Future jobs will require the

use of technology, cloud-based application systems and the ability to digitally collaborate and network with teams within and outside an organisation. MCKL endeavours to embed these skills in the academic programmes and learning experiences of the students, in line with their wider vision of MCKL in providing a holistic education to produce well-rounded individuals.

Other courses provided by MCKL are pre-university, American Degree Transfer Programme, diploma and professional courses.

For more information on MCKL and the programmes on offer, visit [www.mckl.edu.my](http://www.mckl.edu.my), email [admission@mckl.edu.my](mailto:admission@mckl.edu.my), or call +603 2274 1851. Follow MCKL on its official social media channels on Facebook and Instagram @MethodistCollegeKL.



*MCKL Alumni - Sheena Siva, the Valedictorian & Prize winner for Surgery and O&G at RUMC*



*MCKL Alumni, Denise Yan, graduated with First Class Honours from Munster Technological University, Ireland*



*MCKL Alumni, Nathaniel Inn has enrolled in University of Cambridge*





## Wesley Methodist School organises STREAM Festival & STEM Week

STREAM & STEM education is a divergent approach that integrates science, technology, reading, engineering, arts, and mathematics into a great learning experience. At Wesley Methodist School located in Penang and Bandar Seri Coalfields, we provide the necessary catalytic push for students to invent, create, design and solve problems.

STREAM Festival in Wesley Methodist School Penang (International) (WMSPI) - an act of Celebration of Learning - was organised on 5 August 2023 to celebrate creativity and the hard work of its primary students by showcasing their STREAM projects. Among the many highlights were student-led pocket performances including a medley of music performances in line with the Sustainable Development Goals of United Nations, Goal No:11 -- Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Primary students were encouraged and motivated to get involved in these activities as it helped them to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Hands-on learning provided students with a unique way of interacting with school subjects and engaging them differently by increasing their excitement about the subjects they are learning.

Many parents attended the event in support of their children to meaningfully engage with STREAM as a bridge between the school and many families. Praise the Lord that this festival also attracted many new potential parents who came and learnt about the school.



Educational exhibits presented by WMSPI primary students



Dance performance by primary students



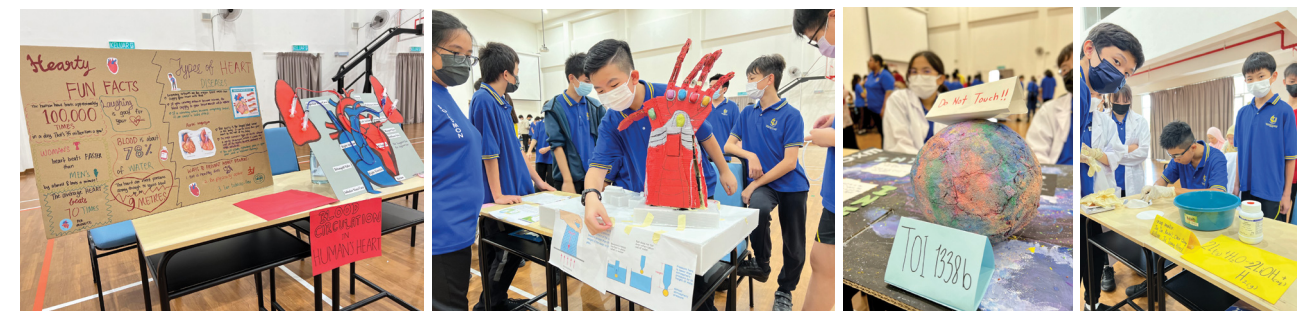
Hands-on learning: Cookie-baking competition



WMSPI students put on afternoon orchestra performances filled with surprises and spontaneity.

At Wesley Methodist School Bandar Seri Coalfields (Private) (WMSBSCP), we witnessed the brilliance of its secondary school students as they showcased their science projects relating to biology, chemistry, physics and mathematics during STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Week which was held from 10-15 July 2023.

The school emphasizes STEM education as a gateway for its students' future economic success and as a vehicle for promoting student communication skills, preparing students to be competitive and ready prior to entering the workforce. Traits that are taught in STEM education are logical thinking, innovation, creativity and productivity which are directly related to real-world scenarios.



A STEM experiential learning experience for secondary school students at WMS Bandar Seri Coalfields (Private).

At Wesley Methodist School, we provide holistic learning in building up each child into a responsible, purposeful individual and citizen equipped with the aptitudes to succeed and adapt in a rapidly changing world through 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 achievements - aiming to provide extensive exposure to arts, science, sports, and team building; also, to develop the learners' leadership skills and to have the responsibilities for community services
- **S** - Spiritual formation - teaching and exposing the Bible to students, targeting spiritual development "in favour with God" as envisioned in Luke 2:52: And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

For more information about Wesley Methodist Schools, please scan the below QR codes:



WMS Penang (International)



WMS Bandar Seri Coalfields (Private)





## Cambridge International IGCSE Results Released

The Cambridge International IGCSE examination candidates received their results at their respective Wesley Methodist Schools located in Kuala Lumpur, Penang, and Ipoh on 16 August 2023. There was a mixture of emotions with students, teachers and principals expressing excitement as well as anxiety.

We give thanks to our Almighty God for the hard work put in by the students in achieving their results – they have shown resilience and perseverance over the past years and kept up the progress of their education. With the Cambridge International qualification, students now have more confidence in what they have learned and the skills they have gained, empowering them to chart their future.

Teachers and principals at Wesley Methodist Schools once again have displayed tremendous commitment and passion for education that is the core to their student's success, in a holistic education system which emphasizes the development of the whole individual – intellectually, emotionally, physically, and spiritually.

It is important for us as a community of faith to continue to pray for our youths who pass through the corridors of our Methodist schools; that the Godly values they learned will continue to shape them as they move on to their next phase of life.

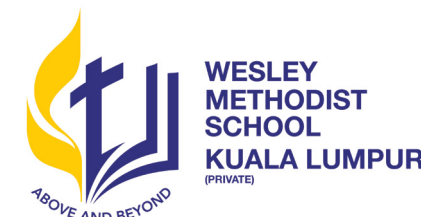


Collaborative learning



Students in group

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## Celebration of Unity Day at Wesley Methodist School Kuala Lumpur

*"Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise -- the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. Hebrews 13:15"*

All glory to our Almighty God for a memorable and successful celebration of Unity Day on 4 July 2023. Mr Wong Chee Kheon, the principal welcomed the esteemed community guests – YB Senator Datuk Seri Prof Dr Awang Sariyan, Datuk Seri Wong Chun Wai, Tan Sri Johan Jaafar and Tan Sri Dr Syed Hamid Albar to participate in the event.

Students dressed in colourful cultural costumes left a lasting impression on the audience with a dikir barat performance called 'tukang karut'; armed with gong and kompang that was led by four main singers as one of the opening gambits.

The event featured other cultural performances such as an angklung ensemble and traditional dances from Sabah and Sarawak. There was also a choral speaking performance while members from the National Culture and Arts Department mesmerised the audience with their dance.

The celebration was organised with the intention of creating an inclusive culture within the school community. Students were able to develop respect, empathy and tolerance towards individuals with various backgrounds.



(Third from left)  
YB Datuk Seri Prof Dr Awang Sariyan, Tan Sri Dr Syed Hamid Albar, Mr Wong Chee Kheon, Tan Sri Johan Jaafar, Datuk Seri Wong Chun Wai and Wesley Methodist School vice-principal (co-curricular activities) Lim Chee Ho cutting a cake during the celebration.



Students' cultural performances.

For more information about the school, scan here:







## Showcase of Young Musical Talents

*Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty,  
for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord,  
and you are exalted as head above all. 1 Chronicles 29:11*

Wesley Methodist School Klang (Private) staged a concert to celebrate the abilities of its students, combining acting, singing, dancing and prop creation. The Pocahontas musical aimed to be a transformative experience for the young performers: combining artistic growth with valuable life skills and a deeper understanding of cultural heritage.

It was also the school's intention to provide opportunities for them to exhibit effective teamwork and communication throughout the production, build confidence in their abilities, project a strong stage presence and handle any unforeseen challenges during the musical.

It was a beautiful display of inclusivity, bringing together families, teachers and staff to witness the extraordinary talents of the school's young performers. The concert kept the audience entertained for two hours on a Saturday night.

We give thanks to our God for the gift of music and the young performers who worked hard in their pursuit of musical and artistic excellence.



Young performers from Wesley Methodist School Klang (Private) on stage

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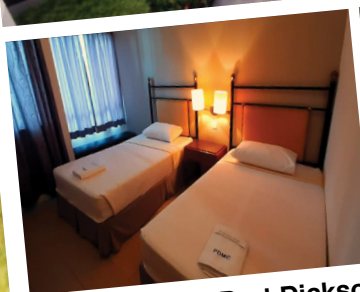




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