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# The National Malay Speaking Bible Camp Year 2018

By: Education Affairs

We thank the guidance and protection of our Lord God Jesus Christ, the Malay Speaking Bible Camp Year 2018, conducted by the Education Affairs of the General Assembly in West Malaysia was carried out smoothly.

The Camp was conducted from 17th March 2018 to 22nd March 2018, in Petaling Jaya Church.

The main objective of the Camp was to equip young minds with the concept, spirit and knowledge of service towards our Lord.

The theme of the Camp for this year was, "Be Steadfast in the Lord".



Person In Charge of the Camp - Pr. Ezra Chong      The Discipline Master of the Camp - Pr. David Matthew

Two classes participated in this Camp – Upper Primary Class and Junior Youth Class. The speakers and lessons for these two classes were:

(i) Upper Primary Class

Class	Speaker	Lesson
Upper Primary	Sis. Eva Lu	Dua raja di dalam hatiku
		Konsep nilai & konsep moral
	Sis. Chin Pei Chein	Belajar dari kesilapan
		Peperangan rohani
		Berhubungan baik dengan Tuhan
		Jika hidup tiada Yesus



(ii) Junior Youth

Class	Speaker	Lesson
Junior Youth	Pr. Ezra Chong	Jagalah Hatimu Terhadap Budaya Duniawi
		Sikap Terhadap Berdosa
		Doktrin: Tuhan Esa yang Benar
		Siapa Bertenlinga, Hendaklah Ia Mendengar
		Menghadapi Kegagalan & Kekecewaan
		Pembacaan Alkitab & Penyempurnaan Rohani
	Pr. David Matthew	Penerapan Alkitab
		Diperbaharui Seperti Rajawali
		Kesucian
		Dunia Romantis dalam Media Hiburan
		Kehidupan yang Berpusatkan Kristus
		Iman yang Unggul



Thank God there were 11 Camp Facilitators and 5 Camp Assistants who helped out in the Camp.

Class	Bro/Sis Group	Camp Facilitator	Camp Assistant
Upper Primary	Brother	Yee Dean Nyi	Durti Ampasok Apolonio Erza Tan Aljakali Seh Chong
		Yee Dean Li	
		Lim Yi Qi	
	Sister	Firadellia	
		Ho Seeh Ting	
		Ros Ramli	
Junior Youth	Brother	Loo Chi Yang	
		Jonathan Liew	
	Sister	Denise Thean	
		Chong Wenni	
		Eunice Lee	





► March 17th

The Opening Ceremony commenced on the 17th March 2018.

Service Leader : Bro. Aljakalil Pionist : Sis. Phai Chien		
Time	Programme	Person-in-charge
4.30pm	Sing Hymn No. 169 Prayer	Bro. Aljakalil
4.50pm	Words of Encouragement from Discipline Master	Pt. David Matthew
5.00pm	Introduction of Students, Camp Facilitators & Camp Assistants	Bro. Aljakalil
5.20pm	Sing Hymn No. 172 Prayer	Bro. Aljakalil
5.30pm	Briefing - House Keeping Rules	Sis. Chin Phai Chien

Numbers of Participants

Class	Church	No. of Students
Upper Primary	Kajang Utama	2
	Kajang	3
	Subang Jaya	5
	Petaling Jaya	1
	Johor Jaya	9
	Pangkalan Hulu	2
	Tapah	4
	Seremban	1
	Port Dickson	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>
Junior Youth	Kajang Utama	5
	Kg. Koh	2
	Subang Jaya	3
	Petaling Jaya	3
	Johor Jaya	7
	Pangkalan Hulu	1
	Tapah	5
	Seremban	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>

\*Grand Total: 57 students

► Topic of the Day

Life Education Sessions were led by the Camp Facilitators for the different age groups.

- **March 18th, Sunday**  
Semasa Berada Di Dalam Keadaan Yang Mengejutkan Dan Menggerakkan Jiwa
- **March 19th, Monday**  
Bekerjasama
- **March 20th, Tuesday**  
Syurga & Neraka

A witnessing session was conducted during the Camp.

(i) Facilitators & Assistants

Name	Church
Jonathan Liew	Penang
Eunice Lee	Johor Bahru
Ezra Tan	Petaling Jaya

(ii) Junior Youth Class

Name	Church
Chearim	Petaling Jaya
Davidson	Johor Jaya

The students looked forward to the daily activity sessions.



► March 21st

The students went on an outing to the Beryl's Chocolate Factory & Tugu Negara.



Once again, we thank the grace of God that the Camp was carried out smoothly, and we too thank the speakers, camp facilitators and camp assistants for their love and care of His little sheep.

May all glory and praise be given to our Lord God Jesus Christ.

► March 22nd

The Closing Ceremony was held on the 22nd March 2018.

Service Leader : Pt. David Matthew Pionist : Sis. Phai Chien		
Time	Programme	Person-in-charge
8pm	Sing Hymn No. 126 Prayer	Pt. David Matthew
8.10pm	Encouragement by Person-in-charge	Pt. Erza Chung
8.30pm	Speech by Students/ Representative	Bro. Ivan Anderson-Aken
8.50pm	Speech by Camp Facilitators & Camp Assistants Representative	Bro. Yee Dean Li
9pm	Hymn Presentation by Students	Sis. Chin Phai Chien
9.30pm	Sing Hymn No.122 Prayer	Pt. David Matthew





# 100 YEARS

True Jesus Church

## A Heritage of Spirituality & Grace

By: Tan Guat Kim, Cheras Church

### ► June 25th

As we were driving to SJK Yuk Chai in Petaling Jaya, we were greeted with overcast skies. It was drizzling slightly and the typical morning sun has somewhat seemed elusive today. Nevertheless, it failed to dampen our spirits. Initially, there were pockets of empty seats in this cavernous school hall, but it was slowly filled up as the sun made its usual appearance. It was like a sea of TJC members assembled for this 2-day special event- the Centennial celebration of the TJC, a 100 years- a heritage of spirituality and grace.

It was a commemoration of 100 years of the history of the TJC. The gospel was first sown in China and from then, it journeyed onwards to Asia (Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, Sabah, India, Indonesia, Philippines, Myanmar) North America (USA, Canada), South America (Argentina) Europe (United Kingdom), Australia, and to the shores of the African continent (Nigeria, Ghana) – a total of about 60 nations in six continents, all in a span of 100 years.

We have indeed experienced the glory of God this past century. But, it will do well if we remember that God transcends time and history. He remains from eternity to eternity. His name is His memorial to all generations (Ex 3:16). Our faith that is eternal and unceasing, does not end with time; rather, the onus falls on us to pass this internalized faith, the truth, a sense of service and spirituality to the next generation in order that they can inherit the heritage of the past. It should reflect a faith that is firmly entrenched in our hearts; and the truth, the integral part, should be the pillar and bulwark of a noble and glorious Church.

For two days, we feasted on inspiring sermons delivered by speakers who have decades worth of retrospection



to draw on. These thematic sermons set the tempo of the agenda for the two days. They were delivered by Elder Tse Fu Ming, the chairman of the International Assembly and Pr Chin Mun Loong from Australia. Their messages centred on the past and future generations of the TJC and the Mystery of God's will. These were interspersed with a pleasant interlude of choirs and instrumental performances presented by choir members ranging in ages from 4 to 70, from all the regions of West Malaysia. The choir members looked resplendent in their array of colourful uniforms as they sang praises to God. The air resonated with their consonant voices, a testimony of many hours of practices and rehearsals. The social atmosphere is worth a mention. It provided the perfect convivial environment and opportunity for members to meet, many whom have not seen one another in a decade or more. They enjoyed the palpable and vibrant camaraderie which strengthened their appreciation for each another. Also, one of the highlights of the event was a multimedia presentation of all the churches in West Malaysia.



The design of the logo for the Thanksgiving Service is rather thought-provoking. The number 100 is portrayed in 3 prominent primary colours: the number 1 is yellow, the first zero, in shades of green, followed by the second zero in hues of blue. Sunshine yellow symbolizes the shining, radiant and resplendent glory of God. Green represents growth and its emphasis is on evangelism. The hues of blue denote water. Rain brings sustenance and by this, we are reminded that we have to do the work of planting and pastoring the gospel. We plant, we water but it is God who gives the increase (1 Cor 3:6-9). The intersections within the 2 zeros represent the body of members in the church who are connected to each other. Their commission is to spread the gospel throughout the world. Spreading the gospel requires people's lives to intersect so that there is opportunity to preach.

Since then, the Centennial Thanksgiving Service has concluded. More than 1700 members attended. It was indeed a rare opportunity to gather together to give thanks and to reflect and ponder on God's guidance this past century. In retrospect, this may have seem logistically difficult and daunting. It was a mammoth task of epic proportions! We are grateful to all who have worked tirelessly and efficiently. Thank God for their unstinting efforts in putting on such a splendid programme and also to ensure that everything went like clockwork. Praise God for their enthusiastic love and sacrifice.

100 years of history. From this point in time, what is the direction and future of the church? Since we have taken on the spiritual and physical heritage, we now have the responsibility to feed and pastor the sheep, to preach and evangelise in order to expand borders - both far and wide. For a better tomorrow, we have to pray to God to motivate workers to reap His massive harvest. On a personal note, we were reminded that our faith must be internalized, to be short on words, but long in our service to God. Moreover, we must remain united in the love of Christ, the Holy Spirit and the glory of God and follow the beautiful footprints left by our early pioneers. It is imperative that we must carry on the mark of grace which affirms the word we preach.

What of the next 100 years? Sadly, I will not be around to witness them. Undeniably, the road before us is surely a long walk. The Church has to acknowledge and wrestle the complexities of the challenges we face each and every day. But, the Church's motto rings loud and clear: Inspire a future generation with past inheritance and march forward (Eccl 1:4) - remain united. The members should transmit and preach the truth to the four corners of the world. This is the work cut out for us. Remember, there is always scope to improve. Beyond doubt, the church has been blessed with much in-depth talents, waiting to be tapped and used to prosper the church. Harness them.

All praise and glory to God.





## P.J.REU Appreciation Annual Promotion Day

The long-awaited annual PJ REU Appreciation & Annual Promotion Day was held on 7th January 2018. The event commenced with a hymnal session led by our IY students, Bro. Chee Beng Hooi and Bro. Wilson Hee. The hymns reminded us to always count our blessings from God and to have joy in fellowship with one another. The emcees were Sis. Hannah Chong and Sis. Seeh Ting. Dn. Jeremiah Chang led the opening hymnal and prayer. As citizens of the Heavenly kingdom, it is important for us to learn the words of God as it is a blessing granted to those with that status.

Eld. Andrew Tee exhorted the congregation to bring up children in the Lord (Prov. 22:6). It is God's instruction to parents to love their children (Deut. 6:1, 2, 6, 7), thus it is important to educate the children in faith (2 Tim. 4:18). Parents will feel less anxious and burdened (Prov. 29:17) and the children will be less likely to commit sin and be ruined if they have religious education and respect for God. Sis Thong Kwai Lin, the REU Chairman, introduced the REU theme for 2018 – 'to be steadfast in our faith' (Col. 2:6-7). There was a Special Award Presentation for students with the best attendance, highest test marks, best sermon note-taking and best conduct throughout the year 2017.

Then the long-awaited presentations began with the combined hymnal presentation by the Nursery and Kindergarten classes. The adorable little children presented three hymns, 'The Lord's Army', 'Who Did Swallow Jonah?' and a mandarin hymn, 'Praise Ye the Lord'. Many parents stood in front with their phones to record the little children. They were indeed excited and happy to see their loved ones bravely presenting their hymns.

Next was the presentation by the Lower Primary Class. They performed a sketch on 'The Ten Commandments' and gave everyday examples in life relating to the Ten Commandments. They also sang a hymn 'All for Jesus'. Following that, the Upper Primary Class presented '10,000 reasons', a hymn accompanied with some dance moves that amazed the congregation. It well synchronised indeed!

The Junior Youths were up next with a meaningful sketch, "In Deep Pits God Shines the Most". The storyline follows a fictitious character, Mike, who begins his day arguing with his mother, leading him to mix with a bunch of schoolmates who liked partying, smoking and taking drugs. With a change in Mike's attitude at the end, this sketch shows us that God will help and shower His grace on us when we are in difficult times.

Lastly, the Intermediate Youth presented two Hymns, 'Live Out Love' and 'Jesus, Teach Me'. Many were touched and moved by the lyrics despite their simplicity. REU activities on Sundays equip the students with living skills. They are encouraged to have fellowship in the Lord, to sing and praise the Lord through Choir participation and to learn to serve God better. This was all demonstrated by a very emotional slideshow on a compilation of memories of 2017. From January 2017 to December 2017, the children spent time together during fellowship and learned about the Lord together. They even had outings, camp, fun activities and daytrips to other places.

All glory to God for abiding with us and making the REU Appreciation Day successful. All glory to God for watching over us and blessing us with these memories. May we look forward to the next REU Appreciation Day in 2019 and be resolute in serving the Lord in this coming year. Amen.

By:  
Sis Ho Seeh Ting  
Sis. Hannah Chong Quan Hui  
Sis. Joanna Chen KiYing  
Intermediate Youth Class  
P.J. REU



Combine NS & KG Students



Lower Primary Students



Upper Primary Students



"A Sketch" by Junior Youth



Intermediate Youth

## My Trip to Visit Members in Cambodia

In the name of Jesus I bear testimony.

This trip to Cambodia was definitely one of the most life-changing events for me in 2015. Throughout this trip, I felt I was able to draw even closer to God. Seeing the sheer spirit of how the children and brethren prayed there was comforting. It makes me feel really happy knowing that members all over the world pray so diligently and fervently to our Lord Jesus Christ.

My perspective wasn't like this initially. A few months before my trip, I was terrified by the thought of going to another country with just my best friend, Shaun Raveen and his mother. Quite frankly, I didn't want to go at all. Unfortunately, the tickets were already booked and there was no turning back.

When we first arrived in Cambodia, we were greeted warmly by the Cambodian brethren of the True Jesus Church (TJC). The first few days of the trip were really hard to bear as we had no beds or air conditioning in our room. We had to sleep on the floor. It was really hot and we could not imagine how we would be able to make it through the entire trip.

I was glad we had indeed pulled through as after a while we learnt to adapt to their "culture". Waking up at 5.00am for morning prayers was one of the most memorable events of this trip. Every day before the members head off to work (which is usually about 6.00am) they will have their morning prayers, breakfast and then it is off to their daily work. Despite their busy schedules, they always manage to make time to pray and praise the Lord. Their zeal gave me the motivation to strive harder for the Holy Spirit. Thus, I started praying harder not just for the Holy Spirit but for everything, as the members there really showed me a lot of love and care.

Saturdays and Sundays would consist of us going to various places to have home services. Be it in small houses or houses built on stilts, each and every one greeted us warmly and welcomed us. We would eat lunch at their homes. Even in the stilt houses and despite

their poverty, we were still given a meal with three dishes. And they tasted great! This is because we knew they were made with love even if the meal may not be the most expensive or the tastiest that I have ever had. It was cooked and prepared by the members, who showed us genuine love and care despite their poverty. In some occasions, the preacher would take the church members and us out for dinner in a hotel, which really touched me. That was when I knew the love of God is really infinite.

My father always reminded me of the verses in John 21:16-17:

John 21:16: Jesus repeated the question: "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" "Yes, Lord," Peter said, "You know I love you." "Then take care of my sheep," Jesus said.

John 21:17: A third time he asked him, Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you." Jesus said, "Then feed my sheep".

The love and care that the Cambodian members gave us reminded me of these two verses, that if we love God, we will take care of his sheep. In this case, it was the Cambodian members and the preacher who took good care of us. They gave us shelter, good food, helped us in providing transportation and treated us with love and care as if we were their own.

A few days before the trip was about to end, Shaun and I read news that there had been big storms in Malaysia for the past few days and they showed no signs of stopping. So Shaun and I prayed to God for protection and that nothing would happen during our flight home. On the last day, the members of the Cambodian church shook our hands before we left for the airport. The preacher, along with one member, took us to the airport to send us off.

Our trip had come to an end and we arrived safely home. Throughout this trip I was able to experience many things. This includes leading service and sharing as we had to write our own short sermons to present to the Cambodian brethren, and I had to interpret for Shaun.

In conclusion, we should count our blessings and truly appreciate what we

have. The Cambodian members whom we visited didn't have much. Yet they offer what they have to God and that, I feel, is a very important lesson we can learn from them. We should also follow their zeal for God. They have services every weekend despite not having the necessary facilities. About 15-20 members would gather in a small room just to praise the Lord and to hear his words. We should truly improve ourselves in these aspects. We have the facilities to do so and the only thing that is stopping us is ourselves.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the members and the preacher in Cambodia for taking care of us during the course of the two weeks when we were there. We are indeed touched by the love and care they have showered upon us.

All praise and glory to God.



Members gathered in a small room to praise the Lord



Meals they provided in church

By:  
Bro Sean Woo  
True Jesus Church  
Subang Jaya



# Journey of Faith

In the name of Jesus I testify. My name is Carlos Wong. I have been a member of the True Jesus Church for 13 years. I have been baptized since I was born. It is truly blessed to be a Christian. It makes me happy to be chosen by God and to be able to live among church members. But, it is really challenging to reach the Kingdom of God. It is a narrow path filled with trials and temptations. So, I have to pray more and have faith that I will receive the Holy Spirit.

By attending REU classes, we slowly understand and learn about life lessons as well as the importance of the ten commandments that we must always obey. The thought that our Lord God is truly guiding me, fills me with perseverance and determination. The fact that Jesus sacrificed Himself to save us, leaves me intrigued. So, I hope that I can receive the Holy Spirit quicker, so that I can be steadier as I walk on the path to heaven.

By:  
Carlos Wong  
Junior Youth Class  
Cheras Churh

# My Impression of the Centennial Choir Presentation

Thank God that I am given an opportunity to share my experience with God with all of you. I experienced the presence of God during our choir practices as well as during the choir presentation on the day of the Centennial special service.

As the Centennial celebration drew closer, the PJ Choir that consists of children from RE classes, youths and senior members stayed back every Saturday to practice hard. Even though we were tired, we were able to sing with joy. My heart filled with joy when I sang and I sang happily.

On the day of the Centennial event, while we were waiting for our turn to go on stage, everyone was very nervous. All of us prayed in silence to prepare ourselves to glorify God. Amazingly, all of us sang gloriously and joyfully to the LORD with a calm heart. Although this was my first experience singing in front of so many people, I was not shy at all. I knew that God was with us.

That was the first time participating in a real choir that I have experienced in my whole life. After the Centennial event, I made a promise to sing better to glorify God. From now onwards, I want to improve my singing and will sing with all my heart.

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord. Amen

By:  
Chow Lit Yang  
Upper Primary Class  
Petaling Jaya Church

# My Impression of the 2017 Youth Theological Course

During the 2017 theological course, I learnt that among people God’s love is the greatest love of all. People of the world claim that they can love their other half for the rest of their lives but only God can do that. No matter how many times we transgress against God, He will always open His waiting arms for us to repent and return to His bosom. Because of God’s love for us, the sun, clouds, stars and moon were created for us. His love is deeper than the sea and higher than the sky. Even though we will encounter many difficulties and obstacles on the journey of pursuing the Heavenly kingdom, I am assured that the Lord will always hold my hand to walk on His path.

During the theological seminar, I also learnt the importance of taking care of my peers. Throughout those three weeks, not only did I laugh with my friends but we also had some misunderstandings. Sometimes, we only find fault with others but actually the fault lies in our own selfishness. At times, we might not like certain brothers and sisters. Nevertheless, they are our spiritual family given by God. Hence, we need to learn to love others to minimize conflicts. I am grateful to have all our brothers and sisters in Christ as they are blessings given by God. Their laughter has cheered my heart and I am thankful that they have shared their thoughts and emotions with me. They have placed me in their hearts making friendship the brightest star. Having them in my life made my life wonderful.

While we walk on this rocky path, not only do we have God to accompany us but we also have our beloved spiritual friends until we finish this journey to the Heavenly kingdom.

By:  
Sis. Chloe Ng  
Junior Youth Class(2017)  
P.J. REU

# My Personal Impression of the 2017 Youth Theological Course at Olive Garden, Port Dickson

Praise God that I had the opportunity to participate in the Youth Theological Course (YTC), which was held at Olive Garden, Port Dickson from 28.11.17 to 18.12.17.

We were able to learn so many things, both spiritual and worldly, throughout the course. We learned about fellowship, that if we were to do everything individually, then everything would be in a mess. We were also acquainted with some tough jobs, like ‘cleaning duty’. We learned to cooperate. We learned about people’s talents, that some people excelled in certain skills, but were weak in others. Through this, we were able to strengthen our bond as brothers and sisters. Of course, we did not go to the YTC just to eat, sleep and play. We went to learn the word of God. What good is worldly fellowship without God?

# My Thoughts on CNY Visiting

The annual Klang and Botanic Church Chinese New Year Visiting Group visited the believers’ families on the 25th of February 2018. On this occasion, a few brothers zealously drove members to and from the houses of the believers in the southern as well as the northern region of Klang for visiting and fellowship. I looked forward to this event as I was participating for the first time.

Whenever we arrived at a believer’s house, we would be received with zeal and love, and different varieties of delicacies and snacks would be prepared for the brethren. The children and those still single would receive red packets from the believers. How joyful everyone was! During the gathering, each family member would share a few words for mutual exhortation and to give thanks to the grace of the Lord.

I had deep feelings after attending these visits during the Chinese New Year. I really thank God for His wonderful arrangement and care that allowed each of us to have the opportunity to take part in this event. From this annual event, I could all the more feel that we are a family in Christ. How warm it was when we greeted and showed concern for one another! The elderly members were also pleased and filled with heartfelt thanks to God, all the more since they could enjoy such delicious and nutritious food. Whenever we arrived at a brother’s/sister’s new house, they would personally show us around the surrounding of their new home.

Thank the Lord that the number of participants for this Chinese New Year event has increased from 60 to 70 people. At the same time, I would also like to thank the brothers, who fetched the members for their love, patience and effort. May God remember their efforts. They were truly exemplary. During the visits, I could feel that everyone was exhausted, but they still maintained a joyous festive mood, because all of us must have felt that it was a rare opportunity to gather together for Chinese New Year celebrations and to have fellowship with one another. During a sharing, a brother mentioned that, “We should all learn from dogs since this year is the Year of the Dog.” All of us were curious as we could not understand him. Then, he continued to explain, “We must learn from the Canaanite woman, who knew that she was unworthy of the grace of God. We are but like dogs that eat only the crumbs that fall from the table of our master. Therefore, we must know how to appreciate the grace bestowed by God to us and be a good servant of God.” I felt that the sharing of this brother was interesting and significant. At the same time, it reminds us to always be grateful, and to remember the grace that has been bestowed from God. I was exhorted by the sharing from all the brethren.

Although it was my first time participating in such an event organized by the church, I felt that it was indeed meaningful. Thank God for allowing the visits to be conducted and concluded smoothly. These visits have enhanced our relationships and helped us to get along better with one another. It is only with these features that we are truly a family in Christ. Thank the Lord for allowing us to exhort one another, to serve Him with one accord and to continue in the tradition of holding this Chinese New Year event.

By:  
Sis. Natalie Yong  
Intermediate Youth Class  
Klang Church

That would just be a gathering of friends. But with God, it becomes a spiritual bond between man and God. We were able to practice fellowship among men as well as spiritual fellowship between man and God. I personally learned many aspects relating to behavior. My behavior has changed drastically for the better compared to the previous year.

All glory to God. Amen

By:  
Bro. Jason Chong  
Junior Youth  
P.J. REU

# My Graduation Speech

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I speak. Today marks the REU prize presentation ceremony. Once again, it is the time for some to be promoted and some to graduate; and



today I am the only student graduating. Since last year, I have had classes alone most of the time. Those lessons were like one-to-one tuition. Even so, the teachers still tried very hard to prepare their lessons, like the guidance of parents, like a shepherd leading the sheep of the Lord. It is not easy for teachers to prepare their lessons, especially for the junior youth and intermediate classes. The teachers need more preperation time in order to explain the texts to us.

Thank God for bestowing a systematic religious education on the True Jesus Church so that we are able to gain more biblical knowledge. The teachers guide us step-by-step, like a hen leading the chicks. Starting from the age of three to four, they guide us year by year up to this present day. They have equipped us with the word of God, allowing our tender spirits to slowly grow strong and enabled us to know how to use the word of God to discern right from wrong. Also, allowing us to have the growing spirit to enter society and face a world of fleshly desires. Whenever we are faced with difficulties, we know how to retreat to our small corner to pray and have spiritual communion with God.

Time passes so fast, in just the blink of an eye, its already the year 2018. I hope that all the little brothers and sisters seated here will be able to keep the truth and never leave God. Thank the Lord Jesus Christ and thank you all. May God remember the love and labour of the teachers. May God also guide the little sheep’s footsteps, so that in the future we can be a suitable vessel for the Lord. Thank God and may all glory be given unto the Lord, Amen.

By:  
Sis. Rebecca Chia  
Intermediate Youth Class  
Cheras Church



## STTC Voluntary Work



Hallelujah, thank God for giving me the opportunity to join the Voluntary Work organized by the General Assembly. This programme was arranged for SPM students (who were waiting for results) to serve the Lord. The duration of this programme was two weeks (3rd January to the 15th of January 2018) and the purpose was to train the youths to courageously stand out and work for the Lord.

In our batch, there were 11 of us participating in the voluntary work. We were divided into four groups and were led by four preachers. We were assigned work in the Central Region, Northern Region, Perak Region and the Southern region. I was sent to the Northern region with two other Klang sisters and we were guided by Trainee Preacher Ooi Lik Hang and Deacon Jonah Tan. Every trainee was given an opportunity to speak from the pulpit, regardless of whether they were speaking sermons, interpreting or bearing testimonies for the Lord. We had to prepare sermons that were assessed by the preachers. We could speak from the pulpit, only if they approved what we had written. The stress we suffered was really great for most of us because it was our first time preparing and speaking sermons formally. I experienced different feelings while I was preparing the sermons.



We had our first practical training in Kota Bharu Evangelical Centre. While we were on our way there, I experienced the difficulties faced by preachers as well as their determination to serve the Lord. Even though it was a long journey, they were determined to head towards the destination, just for the sake of preaching the word of God. Departing from Sungai Petani church, we had to travel for six hours before arriving at Kota Bharu Evangelical Centre. So, approximately twelve hours were needed for a return journey. In Kota Bharu Evangelical Centre, we had to deliver our sermons in English. Even though I had graduated from high school, and English was my first language, I still faced a huge obstacle. I tried to request for an interpreter but my request was refused by the preacher. He told me that it was part of the practical training; every preacher has to overcome the difficulty of communicating in different languages when they are at different places. Thus, he wanted me to overcome my fear and learn to speak in English. Thank God, that even though it was my first time speaking a sermon in English, I could complete it smoothly.

Brother Sunny Tan was our host while we were in Kota Bharu for the few days. His hospitality enabled me to feel his love for the Lord. Brother Sunny is the owner of a car dealership; yet, he is never absent from church services even though he may be very busy or tired. I felt ashamed of myself after witnessing his fervor. When I was a student, I often used excuses like: 'I've so much homework, there's an exam tomorrow, or, I'm tired after tuition' as reasons to skip services. His dedication is something that is worthy for me to learn. Later on, we went to different places to attend services. While on the journey, I felt the preachers' spirit for

preaching the gospel. Even though a two-hour drive was needed to visit just a family, they never grumbled. On the second last service, we gathered in the house of one of the brothers in KEM Desa Pahlawan. This was the place where I gained the most in the course of divine work. The family insisted we hold the service in their simple and basic house. During the service, I felt guilty before God because they were so persistent to hold services, regardless of the place it was held. But, for me, despite having the chance to attend services in a beautiful chapel, I often do not pay attention. Their thirst for the words of God is something I really wish to learn. Even though they are not a well-to-do family, they still received us. Although it was just an ordinary meal of char siew rice, it expressed the abundant love of the brothers and sisters.

After returning to Sungai Petani Church, we visited the houses of many members. During the visits, I heard many testimonies from old members about their experiences with God. What made the strongest impression on me was a ninety-year-old sister, who though advanced in age, is still healthy. She kept encouraging us to work harder for God. Having reached her age, she felt that though she desired to work for God, she did not have the strength to do so. After hearing what she said, I felt touched. It reminded me of the times when I was assigned duties in the church but I often declined to do them. But, this old sister still wished to serve, but was unable. Thinking about this made me feel that I had fallen short of God's expectations. From that moment, I told myself that I must equip myself and not reject divine work anymore.

On the last Saturday of the programme,

Deacon Jonah Tan brought us to Pengkalan Hulu to attend Sabbath service and to partake the Holy Communion. Here, I learnt to bear testimony in the Malay Language. Though Malay is the official language of our country, we are not fluent in speaking Malay. Nevertheless, it was a good opportunity for us to learn. While we were relaxing, Deacon Jonah Tan shared with us that we should acknowledge our strong points and develop them, and in turn, use them to labour for the Lord and work for the church. After listening to his advice, we pondered on our strong points.

Having participated in this voluntary service programme, I have learnt a lot and matured spiritually. I have also witnessed the dedication of preachers and ministers apart from their willingness to labour for the Lord. I also learnt not to reject divine work and to rely on God in all matters, because to men, it may seem impossible, but to God, all things are possible. Moreover, I understood the actual meaning of a sentence often quoted by the preachers; 'Your Faith is dependent on yourself, no one can walk it for you'. In our daily lives, there are many things that people can do for us, but when it comes to faith, it is not possible for them to do so. Do remember that where faith is concerned, you have to be self-reliant. Pray continually and ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and we also need to nurture ourselves spiritually. Many asked me; "Why did you participate in this programme? Wasn't it very demanding? Aren't you afraid of speaking sermons?" To be honest, I was afraid, but I definitely did not regret participating in voluntary work. Instead, I thank God for giving me this opportunity to participate. So, I would like to encourage brothers and sisters to sign up for voluntary work. Do not fear, and let us serve the Lord joyfully!

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## Little Christian Soldier – small f

By: Dn Aaron Tan

Let me tell you the story of small f. "Who is small f? Why is she being named small f? How did she become a little Christian soldier?"

In II Kings chapter 5, there was a commander of Syria by the name of Naaman. He was noble and always fought a good fight. But, unfortunately, he was afflicted with leprosy and this made him look less honourable. Neither could he lead a normal life nor could doctors heal his sickness.

The wife of Naaman had a young servant girl who was a captive from the land of Israel. She said to her mistress, "if only my master is with the prophet who is in Samaria, he would surely heal him of his leprosy." Naaman followed the advice of the young servant girl. Indeed, his leprosy was healed by the prophet!

Why was the young servant girl able to make such a bold statement in order to persuade her master to seek help from the prophet to heal him of his leprosy? This was because she had great faith in God as well as the prophet. Moreover, she had a simple faith. She was not perturbed that she would be mocked by others should her master's sickness not be healed. So, let us name her small f (f represents faith).

She believed that the prophet could heal all sicknesses. She also knew that the God who Elisha worshipped was an omnipotent God. How did she come to know of this? Definitely, she learnt this information from the older members whom she stayed with. Moreover, she was very observant of her surrounding environment and all its recent happenings. Furthermore, she loved and cared for her master; she was not willing to see him suffer from leprosy. She was just a young child and a humble servant girl, but because of love, she plucked up her courage and told her mistress to seek the prophet.

Small f was merely a young girl, but her service was indeed praiseworthy. I believe that we all can learn from small f. We must have faith in God and the church, and listen attentively to bible stories and witnessing taught by the RE teachers. Besides loving God, we must also learn to love our classmates, elders and church members with a sincere heart. Moreover, we must bear witness to others when there is a need. Only then, will we be just like small f who did something to help others. When we become little Christian soldiers, God would surely be pleased with us.

May God's providence always be with you. As you move on in your journey of faith, may He help you acquire faith and love, learn the truth wholeheartedly and fight a good fight for the Lord Jesus in future!

Amen.





# The Art of God, His Art Am I

## The Creation

Art is a creation of something beautiful, creative even meaningful. Without an artist or creator, would it exist?

This picture 'Nature's Grandeur', an artwork beautifully painted by an artist is a fine example. It illustrates the spectacular view of the crystal clear river flowing down the great mountains through a forest of pine trees.

Such scenery enough to inspire an artist to create a painting is an artwork created by the greatest Artist since the beginning of time, which is God the Creator. It is God who created all nature; it is He who created the universe which we dwell in. Through His creations, it manifested His Almightyness and Glory worthy of our worship. Among His many creations that we stare in awe and wonder, there's one creation God loved most, man.



## His Art Am I

As an artist who cherishes his art, it is similar to God who cherishes His greatest creation and loved them as His children. For that very reason, He came down as Jesus to crucify Himself on the cross, to shed His blood that we may once again reclaim our status as the sons of God. In Genesis 1: 28, God gave dominion over all living things that moves on earth to man whom He created. These examples had shown how much our LORD God loved us by creating a conducive environment for us to live also by planning a path of salvation so we may obtain eternal life.

In His love, the LORD God is constantly abiding with us, walking beside us all the time, guiding us in each path of life and faith even though some of us who aren't fully aware of His presence. Could it be the reason that some of us who have yet to realize that God, Who is with us, finds life difficult? Did we think of the LORD Jesus, just as He think of us day and night? By understanding the phrase "His Art Am I", we are indeed precious to the eyes of God, and we cherish our relationship with God by welcoming God Who wants to dwell within our hearts.



“God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

- Genesis 1:27 -

“Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Are you not worth much more than they?”

- Matthew 6:26 -

## The Attributes of His Art

Each art is unique in its own ways, for example music. Although a piano sonata “Pathetique” compared to the “Moonlight” piano sonata both sounded differently, however, the style of the music being composed is none the less similar. This is because both were composed by the same composer, Beethoven. In other words, the art itself resembles its artist. Similarly, being the children of God, our character or attributes should resemble our Heavenly Father. How we speak and behave determines our character whether we reflect the similar virtues of God. By then only we are His true child and a true Christian. On the other hand, if we are not able to distinct ourselves from the world, by following our desires and the trend. We are not living out the attributes of God but the world. How could we say that we are of Christ Jesus?

Through welcoming Jesus to dwell within our hearts, we have made a choice to put Jesus first in our life. By doing so, we are prioritizing the matters of the heavenly kingdom above our daily work. Yet, that does not mean our daily task at hand isn't important. It only means that being the children of God who had been specially chosen and redeemed through the precious blood of the LORD Jesus; we have another responsibility to fulfill, for our faith has become part of our life. This is truly a blessing because the LORD Jesus knows of our burden and cares for us. He would provide us according to our needs, so we do not have to worry for our daily cares. For He knows.

## The Mission

Everything that was created has its purpose. For example, the sun. The sun is a star that plays a role not only to produce warmth to sustain life, but also serves as the center of gravity which attracts the planets to revolve around itself, forming the Solar system. As children of God, what is our purpose? The 100 centennial, is not just a celebration of the history of the True Jesus Church but it's about the heritage which has been inherited from generation to generation, a heritage of spirituality and grace, which is the complete Truth of the salvation plan of God.

Therefore, what we inherit is not the physical building of the church, but the spirit of servitude, the spirit of commitment to the commission and the Truth which forms the foundation of our faith.

We, being in the end times, ought to realize that we, who have been saved through the Grace of our LORD Jesus Christ should preach the good news to every corner of the world. This is the commission that the LORD Jesus has charged us with. Through the spirit of servitude of the early workers and those before us, they understood that it's the will of God to pass the complete Truth from one person to the other, from one generation to another. It is through this, the commitment of the workers and also the will of God that we are His chosen nation. We who have this chance of salvation shouldn't keep this to ourselves, instead we have to share this salvation with the world. A commission this great makes our purpose on Earth more significant.

Yet this is not our only mission. The teachings that has been passed down as a heritage would deviate from the Truth as false prophets will arise as prophesied by Jesus. Therefore this makes the work of defending the Truth equally important to evangelism. To defend the Truth, members of the true church are encouraged to be familiar with our 10 basic beliefs and the biblical doctrines. Could only then we can remain steadfast on the Truth. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we can understand His Words and know His will.

## His Chosen Ones

As a conclusion, we are His greatest art. For we are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation and His own special people. This is our status as His children!

“Your adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.”

- James 4:4 -

“But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.”

- John 2:5 -

“He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.”

- John 2:6 -

“For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.”

- Matthew 6:32 -

“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.”

- Matthew 6:33 -

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## Making God's Word Part of Your Family Life

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“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.”

- Deut 6:6-7 -

Deut 6:4-9 constitutes what is stated as the ‘shema’ which is one of the only two prayers that is biblically commanded in the Torah. It is the oldest fixed daily prayer in Judaism that is recited in the morning and at night of Jewish prayer services. The shema which means ‘to hear and do’, is a statement of faith in the Jewish religion. It is considered one of the most important passage in the Old Testament for the Jews. In its entirety, the Shema consists of 3 parts linked together into a unity. Deut 6:4-9 is the first part and is the core Hebrew prayer. Apart from an affirmation of God’s sovereignty and unconditional love, it further accentuates a promise to study His teachings, dutifully to love God whole- heartedly and to teach and talk of the Torah to your children at every possible time. Verse 6 asserts that God’s word is to be passed from generation to generation. Parents were entrusted with the responsibility of passing the faith to their children. What they themselves have experienced, they were to instruct their children in a holistic approach in the course of daily living. This entails verbal communication (Deut 6:6-7), through example (6:8) and writing (6:9). God dictates that the shema be contained in the mezuzah that is affixed to the doorposts and that it be worn close to the head and heart.

From the very beginning, family life in Israel was bound up with religious life. Religion and family life were intertwined in the manner the children were brought up by their parents. The Israelite children were encouraged to ask questions

pertaining to their faith and history. In the times of the Old Testament, the family would remember and worship God on the Sabbath Day. Parents were required to teach their children about the laws of God; “Set your hearts on all the words which I testify among you today, which you shall command your children to be careful to observe—all the words of this law.” (Deut 32:46). Moreover, in the evenings, members of the family gathered together to recite many of the stories and learned by heart parts of the Bible.

Children are God’s gift to parents; but, in actuality, they are God’s possession, temporarily placed under their care. Indubitably, one of the most precious treasures God entrusts to parents is a child. So, as parents, we need to invest much effort in inculcating and integrating the words of God in the home. More so, we need to prioritize religious education in our family life because the spiritual development of children entails examples and instructions from parents who bear the responsibility of shaping their children’s mental, psychological, intellectual, emotional and most importantly their spiritual growth. This is the parent’s responsibility; not that of the teachers of the school nor the RE teachers of the church. If we neglect to spend meaningful time instructing our children in the Word of God on a regular basis, it will tantamount to a gross dereliction of our responsibility as a parent. Hence, we have to diligently and constantly make God’s work part of family life.

Christian godly parents must lead by example because they cannot hope to teach their children what they don’t practise. They must show a consistent spiritual example that they themselves have that deep constant personal and spiritual relationship with God. Children will not religiously practise their faith just because their parents tell them to do so. Well, perhaps they will if you manage to coerce them in doing so, but it will only be an outward display of Christian piety. Children will more often than not respond to instructions when their parents themselves demonstrate a living faith and commitment to God. The word of God and spiritual truth must be bound up in a parent’s actions and only then can it be taught and passed on to our children. What good can be gained when parents give good and meaningful instructions but set a bad example? What if parents fail to prioritize God as the most important in their lives? If so, we are not effective but defective Christian parents. Therefore, inculcating the word of God begins at home. Parents shoulder the full responsibility of being good role models.

Christian parents should also teach their children the importance of loving God. In the gospel of Mark 12:2831, a scribe approached Jesus and asked Him an honest question; “ which was the greatest commandment of all?” Jesus’ answer was, ““The first of all the commandments is: ‘Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one. And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ This is the first commandment.” Jesus’ answer reiterates the words written in the Shema from Deut 6:45. In reciting the Shema which is the fundamental belief for Jesus, He reestablishes the foundation to love God with our heart, soul and mind. The metaphorical use of the word ‘heart’ is used to express the innermost and deepest aspect of the human nature rather than just emotions. ‘With all your soul’ means with all your being, and ‘with all your mind’ means a God given ability to think and reason. Therefore, to love God with your heart, soul and mind, means that we love God completely; to live for Him, to live a life that is pleasing to Him and to live a life of service. In short, it is to deny ourselves of a self -centred existence and to live for God above everything else.

King Josiah, the king of Judah was one who loved the Lord. “Now before him there was no king like him, who turned to the LORD with all his heart, with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the Law of Moses; nor after him did any arise like him” (2 Kings 23:25). This triple listing is to encompass his love for God, his actions and entire being. He loved the Lord God with sincerity, fervour, enthusiasm and faithfulness. He was a good example of one who God acknowledged as one who loved Him completely. Apart from loving God, teach them to meditate on the word of God as a family, obeying His statutes and commandments and to live in accordance to them.

Christian parenting should ensure that children should be taught to obey and remember God’s words. “I will always obey your law, for ever and ever”. (Ps 119:44). For the psalmist, obeying God’s precepts and command has become his practice. It has become a consistent discipline because he desired to develop a strong bond with Him. He is determined and resolute to live his life in accordance with God’s word. It is all about spiritual discipline. Obeying God demonstrates that we love Him Moreover, being submissive

is an expression of our faithfulness to Him. Jesus was the absolute example of selfless obedience to God. He always submitted to the will of God, even to the painful death on the cross; “Nevertheless, not my will, but thy will be done” (Lk 22:42). Obedience was central to Jesus’ life and thoughts. He has shown a succinct example that obedience to God’s will should be paramount.

Apart from obedience to God, Christian children should be taught to obey their parents in the lord, for this is right in the sight of God (Eph 6:13). Jesus has shown His obedience to His parents too. (Lk 2:51). He behaved towards His parents with dutiful submission and obedience and carried out His duties as a faithful and obedient child who loved His parents and was ‘subject’ to His mother. Parents should require obedience of their children because it is explicitly stated in the Bible; ‘Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.” (Deut 5:16). This instruction is the Bible’s most repeated command to children. Recall Isaac’s example of obedience. Isaac was greatly loved by Abraham because he was his only begotten son and he endeared himself to his parents, fulfilling his duties to his parents and was zealous and obedient to God. Firstly, the virtue of obedience was evidenced in Isaac’s father, Abraham, who demonstrated unequivocal faith in God and likewise, being brought up well by Abraham, Isaac learnt the importance of obedience and faith in God. Isaac’s conception of obedience was formed by the example set by his father. Therefore, he sought to always obey both God and his parents. Consequently, because of his faith and obedience, he was blessed by God.

Every family has their own defining challenges. But, a focused Christian home is a home with a calling that goes beyond the mere satisfaction of being a ‘good’ Christian family. Rather, look ahead, move forward, make it your earnest mission to make God and His word part of your family because He forms the central and most enduring foundation of a Christian home. Make that your first and foremost priority.

All glory to God.



# Receiving the Holy Spirit

By: Jamie Chan, Cheras Church

I come from a family of different religious background. My relationship with God used to be weak. To be precise, I was most ‘religious’ whenever there was an exam.

My mother is a member of the TJC but I was never keen to go to the church because I did not see the importance of religious education, and deep inside I felt ‘different’ and ‘unloved’, since everyone was praying in tongues but me. Thankfully, my mother made her best effort to ensure that my siblings and I prayed at least once a day at home. Throughout the years, and at times, I do pray for the Holy Spirit - but to no avail. Faithlessly, I gave up asking from God.

Despite my disobedience, our Lord God has always been gracious to me. I was abundantly blessed over the years with only minor hiccups in life. However, as I grew older, I began to lose the sense of satisfaction and peace that my inner self was searching. I started to doubt myself over every decision that I had made. I felt as though I was swimming in an ocean all alone, fighting an unknown battle on my own. This depressing feeling hit the peak when I was posted to the General Hospital in Ipoh, Perak for my compulsory service; and, that was when I faced great challenges at work and in relationships.

One night, I knelt on my knees to pray and turned my heart wholly to God. I could feel God guiding me to pray, giving me strength to set aside my pride and seek for forgiveness. I repeatedly prayed to God to forgive my sins and to grant me the Holy Spirit.

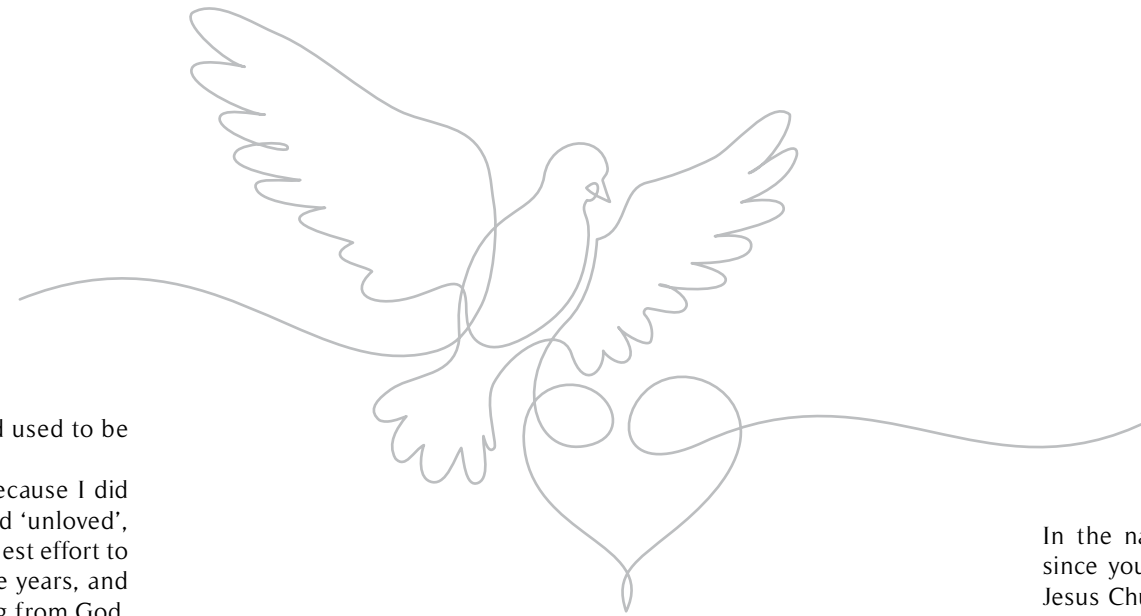
“Lord I know I have not been a good child and have always turned away from You; but You never left and continued to watch over me. You were always there when I looked back. Lord will You forgive me? I hope I am not too late to come back to You, Lord...”

God heard and answered my simple prayer. The next thing I knew was that my arms were shaking, my tongue vibrating and I spoke in a foreign language. I wept and kept repeating “Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna!” (Although I was clueless about the existence and meaning of the word). My heart was filled with immense joy and an indescribable feeling from within. I will never forget how I felt that night, because this is God’s way of showing His love for me.

Out of curiosity, I searched the meaning of Hosanna the next morning. In liturgical context, it refers to a cry expressing an appeal for divine help. It is also a word use as a cry of acclamation and adoration. I knew that this was God’s way to dispel my doubts about my faith. All to the Lord I shall surrender, Hallelujah!

“But from there you will seek the Lord your God, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul. When you are in distress, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, when you turn to the Lord your God and obey His voice (for the Lord your God is a merciful God), He will not forsake you nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore to them.”-Deuteronomy 4:29-31

May all glory be to Christ the Lord! Amen.



# My Life of Faith

By: Vanessa Chee, Johor Bahru Church

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I testify. My hometown is situated in Kedah, but since young, my parents and I moved to Johor to begin a new life. At that time, the True Jesus Church in Johor was located near to my house, but the public transport was not well developed. Moreover, my father’s income wasn’t enough for him to own a car. Because of this reason, coupled with others, I have not been attending religious education classes nor have I participated in any church activities. But all this while, I envied the brethren who grew up in church since young and were able to attend religious education classes. As such, they were able to acquire a deeper understanding of the word of God.

The turning point in my life of faith came when I was 15 years old. At that point, I decided to participate in the Short-Term Youth Theological Seminar. In the first week of the camp, I felt very uncomfortable because I was homesick. Besides that, I noticed that brethren around me were knowledgeable in the bible, because they grew up in church since young. Moreover, they were very zealous in divine work; like interpreting and playing the piano. Even though I come from a Christian background, but when I compared myself to them, I felt that I had nothing to offer, and so I felt inferior and ashamed. But thank the Lord God, the brothers and sisters who were with me were very understanding. The facilitators willingly came to comfort me and soon I was able to adapt well there. Not only were the brothers and sisters willing to share with me, but the greatest reward of all was when I received the Holy Spirit during the second week of YTTC. The joy I felt at that time was indescribable, and truly, I experienced the grace and the almightiness of the Lord. He knew that I was weak in faith and He strengthened my faith like what is mentioned in 1 Corinthians 1:8.

By God’s grace as well as the guidance of the Holy Spirit, only then did I continue to participate in divine work, attend church activities and also joined the choir to praise God. Through this I was also given the opportunity to preach the gospel to my friends. The journey of faith isn’t easy at all, but I thank God for He allowed me to meet many brethren, ministers and preachers who willingly shared and aided in the growth of my faith so that I would not feel lonely on this pathway. As tertiary students, we often need to balance our lives between the secular world and the church. I would not dare to say that my faith is stable enough, but something I am assured of is that I understand and am able to apply the words of God in my daily life, and with His guidance and also the abidance of the Holy Spirit, surely I will be able to overcome all challenges faced in my life of faith. Just like the lyrics of this hymn, “Walking on the King’s Highway”, I need not fear or worry. On the other hand, I should rejoice because the Lord abides with me, and I am walking in the King’s highway.



# Reinforcing the Goals of Child & Youth Religious Education in the Twenty-First Century True Jesus Church

By: Preacher Simon Chin

Religious education for children and youths has been a feature of the True Jesus Church in West Malaysia since the 1960’s. In almost every church, weekly Sabbath day religious education classes are held for children of five years old upward to youths of eighteen years of age. In the bigger churches, Nursery Children Classes are also held for toddlers as young as two-and-a-half years to five years old. Teachers are recruited from the older youths and from parents who are exemplary in faith and in conduct. After an initial RE teachers training of a week or so, the trainee teachers are employed to teach bible lessons to the children and youths in the Church who belong to the Kindergarten Class, Lower Primary Class, Upper Primary Class, Junior Youth Class and Intermediate Youth Class. When these trainee teachers successfully complete the probationary period, they are appointed as RE teachers.

The goals of the Religious Education in the True Jesus Church are to impart knowledge of the bible to the next generation of believers, to inculcate in them the faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and His church and also the fear of God, as well as to cultivate Christian virtues and character in them. It aims to build up the future generation into a spiritual house to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God (I Pet. 2:45).

With phenomenon behavioral changes in the 21st Century society, advance technical developments, widespread use and availability of electronic equipment such as the smart phone and iPad, the depravity of moral behavior in society, the breakdown of family and world political ethics, the True Church faces a great challenge to promote true faith with godliness and purity in the believers especially among the children, youths and young adults. TJC Religious Education in the present times should therefore reinforce its goals and endeavor with greater effort and zeal to inculcate faith and holiness, and more importantly, fear of God in the believers when they are still in their tender age. Parents should give greater emphasis to the religious faith and spiritual development of their baptized children than just academic success and educational development.

The Church should enhance the quality of Religious Education that is imparted to the next generation of believers, modernize teaching methods and workshop activities, review the curriculum of the RE unit, re-edit the textbooks to suit the students spiritual and intellectual needs, facilitate development in the quality of existing RE teachers, and improve on class space and facilities. Parents should be engaged to solicit their co-operation to work with the RE teachers and administrators to prioritize religious education above extra academic education for their sons and daughters.



## ► Strengthening the Goals of Religious Education

“ For He established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children; that the generation to come might know them, the children who would be born, that they may arise and declare them to their children, that they may set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God but keep His commandments. ”

- Psa. 78:5-7 -

### 1. Inculcate faith and holiness

i. Joseph, the son of Jacob, was sold by his brothers to Egypt when he was seventeen years old. There he served as a slave in the house of Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh. The LORD was with Joseph, and he was a successful man. His master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD made all he did to prosper in his hand. So Joseph found favour in his sight and served him. Then his master Potiphar made him overseer of his house, and all that his master had was put under his authority. So it was, from the time that he had made him overseer of his house and all that he had, that the LORD blessed Potiphar's house for Joseph's sake. And the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had in the house and in the field (Gen. 39:15).

Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. And it came to pass after these things that his master's wife cast longing eyes on Joseph, and she said, “Lie with me.” But Joseph refused and said to her, “Look, my master does not know what is with me in the house, and he has committed all that he has into my hand. There is no one greater in this house than I, nor has he kept back anything from me but you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?” So it was, as she spoke to Joseph day by day, that he did not heed her, to lie with her or to be with her (Gen. 39:6-10).

\* Joseph was taught the commandments of the LORD from young by his father Jacob, hence he grew up with the word of God and was holy before the LORD. He did not succumb to the seduction of his master Potiphar's wife to lie with her, and do that great wickedness to sin against God. Religious Education at home and the church should emphasize on the imparting of the word of God and cultivating holiness in the children from young (Prov.22:6). Stories should be spoken to the toddlers and children with the aim of inculcating moral and biblical concept of values, rather than just on imparting knowledge of the contents. Such moral and biblical teachings should be adapted to the things these toddlers and children do every day in their lives at home and at school.

ii. “Then the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were confined in the prison, had a dream, both of them, each man's dream in one night and each man's dream with its own interpretation. And Joseph came in to them in the morning and looked at them, and saw that they were sad. So he asked Pharaoh's officers who were in the custody of his lord's house, saying, ‘Why do you look so sad today?’ And they said to him, ‘We each have had a dream and there is no interpreter of it.’ So Joseph said to them, ‘Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell them to me, please.’” (Gen. 40:5-8)

“Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him quickly out of the dungeon; and he shaved, changed his clothing, and came to Pharaoh. And Pharaoh said to Joseph, ‘I have had a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that you can understand a dream, to interpret it.’ So Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, ‘It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace.’” (Gen. 41:14-16)

\* Joseph had faith in God, being taught the commandments from his childhood by his father Jacob. He knew that his ability to interpret dreams was from God, for only the LORD God is omniscient. He knew that he being sold as a slave to Egypt by his brothers was the LORD's doings. For though his brothers meant evil against him yet God meant it good. God sent Joseph before his brothers into Egypt to preserve life, in order that many people were saved alive (Gen. 45:45; 50:20). Joseph had the mercy of the LORD with him when he was sold as a slave. Hence he was promoted to be the governor in Egypt, next in rank only to Pharaoh. Joseph did not take revenge on his brothers but showed mercy to them, promising to provide for them and their families (Gen. 50:21). Religious Education should be focused on building up faith in God, so that the younger generation may learn to trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as they grow in years. Joseph was a man of faith, who when he died, wanted his bones to be carried out with the Israelites at the exodus which happened many years later (Gen. 50:24-25; Exod. 13:18-19). That was the faith he had been taught from childhood and which remained with him until he died at the old age of one hundred and ten years old.



“ Now is the commandment, and these are the statues and judgements which the LORD your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe them in the land which you are crossing over to possess, that you may fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statues and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe it, that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the LORD God of your fathers has promised you-a land flowing with milk and honey. Hear, O Isreal: The LORD our God, the LORD is the one! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

- Deut. 6:1-9 -

2. To instill the fear of God in the children

i. Hannah was a woman of great faith and the mother of Samuel, the son whom she prayed for and vowed would be lent to the LORD all the days of his life. Before Samuel was born, Hannah was not able to bear children because the LORD had closed her womb. She was provoked by Peninnah, the other wife of Elkanah her husband, whenever they went up to Shiloh to make the yearly sacrifice at the Tabernacle of Meeting (I Sam. 1:2-11). After Samuel was born, Hannah kept him by her side and did not go up to Shiloh with Elkanah to make the yearly sacrifice until she weaned him of milk (I Sam. 1:21-22). During that few years, she taught Samuel the commandments and the fear of the LORD, so that when the child was weaned and brought to the Tabernacle of Meeting at Shiloh, he could minister to the LORD before Eli the priest (I Sam. 1:24-28). Hannah left Samuel in the Tabernacle of Meeting at Shiloh and used to make him a little robe, and brought it to him year by year when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice (I Sam. 2:11,18-19). Samuel grew in stature and in favour both with the LORD and men (I Sam. 2:26). He grew before the LORD unlike the two sons of Eli who grew to be wicked men whom the LORD later destroyed (I Sam. 2:12,17,25; 4:11). The LORD let none of Samuel’s words fall to the ground. And all Israel knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD. He judged the people of Israel all the days of his life and was also a priest who burnt sacrifices to the LORD (I Sam. 3:19-20; 7:9-10, 15-17).

Later in history, when the people of Israel rejected the LORD and wanted a king to rule after them like the other nations, Samuel was angry but he heeded the command of the LORD to anoint Saul as the first king in Israel (I Sam.8:6-9; 9:27-10:1,17-24). Samuel said to all Israel, “Indeed I have heeded your voice in all that you said to me, and have made a king over you. And now here is the king, walking before you; and I am old and gray headed, and look, my sons are with you. I have walked before you from childhood to this day. Here I am. Witness against me before the LORD and before His anointed: Whose ox have I taken, or whose donkey have I taken, or whom have I cheated? Whom have I oppressed, or from whose hand have I received any bribe with which to blind my eyes? I will restore it to you.” And they said, “You have not cheated us or oppressed us, nor have you taken anything from any man’s hand.” Then he said to them, “The LORD is witness against you, and His anointed is witness this day, that you have not found anything in my hand.” And they answered, “He is witness.” (I Sam. 12:1-5) Samuel feared the LORD and did not take a bribe or anything from the people when he went throughout Israel and judged them. After Saul was anointed king, Samuel withdrew himself from being judge to dwell among the prophets in Ramah (I Sam. 15:34; 19:20).

When the Israelites realized afterward that they had sinned to anoint a king to rule over them as the other nations, they pleaded to Samuel to pray for them. Samuel said to them, “Do not fear. You have done all this wickedness; yet do not turn aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart. And do not turn aside; for then you would go after empty things which cannot profit or deliver, for they are nothing. For the LORD will not forsake His people, for His great name’s sake, because it has pleased the LORD to make you His people. Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you; but I will teach you the good and right way. Only fear the LORD, and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you.” (I Sam. 12:19-24). Samuel prayed to the LORD for the people who had sinned, believing in His forgiveness and divine forbearance. That was a prayer offered out of his faith and fear of God.

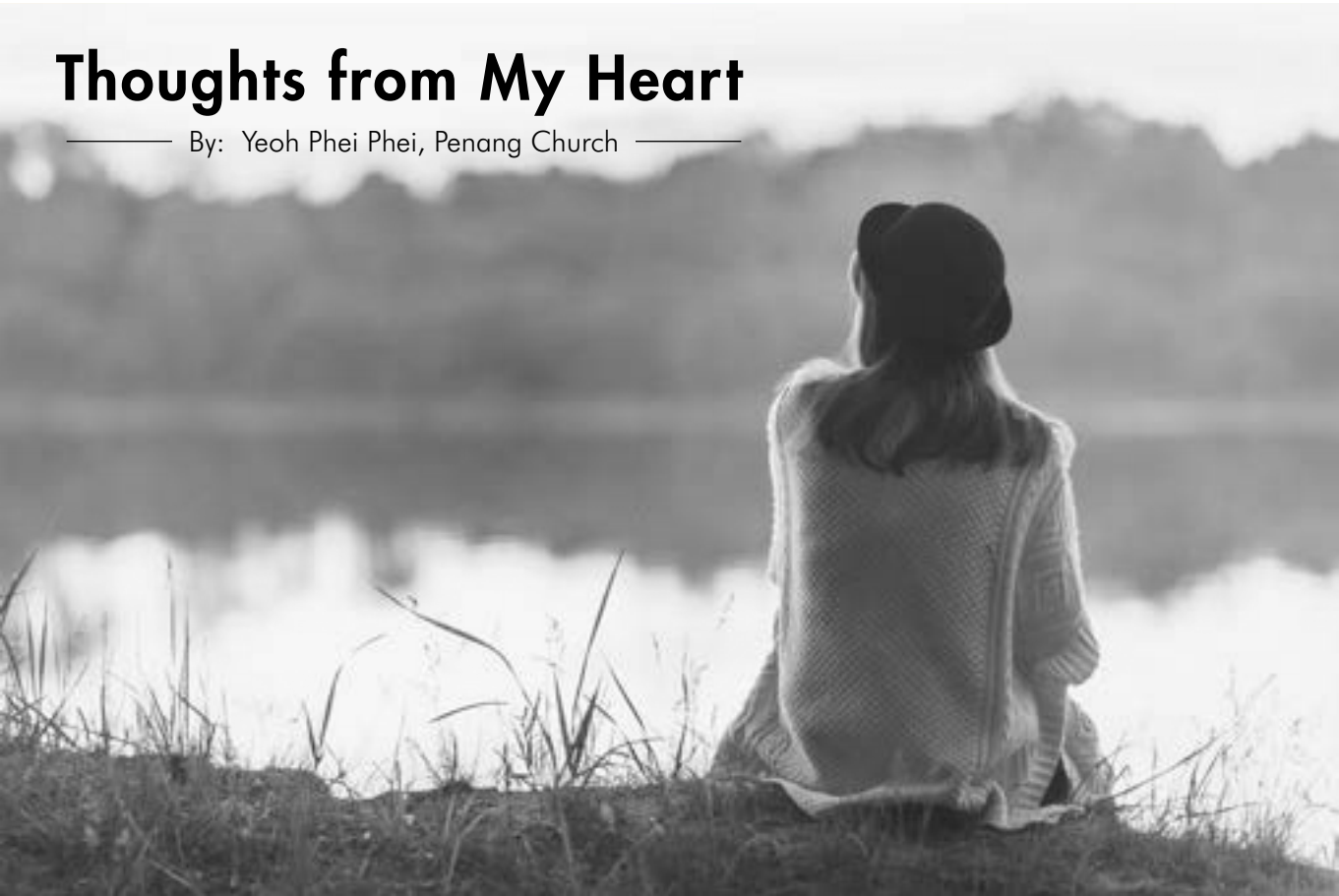
\* Hannah was exemplary as a Religious Education instructor being full of faith and godliness and as a godly mother who feared the LORD. She laid the firm foundation of faith in her son Samuel and instilled the fear of God in him from childhood, during the short few years he was kept by her side before being weaned of milk. Samuel manifested the fear of God from the time Hannah left him in the Tabernacle of Meeting at Shiloh until the day he died. Hannah cultivated in Samuel the godly concept of value and consecration to the LORD by leaving him behind in the Tabernacle of Meeting to minister with Eli the priest; only making a little robe to bring to him when she went to Shiloh to make the yearly sacrifice with her husband year after year. In contrast, Eli the priest honoured his sons more than he honoured the LORD (I Sam. 2:29) and did not punished them according to the law of Moses when they committed evil and treated the sacrifices of the LORD with contempt (Deut. 21:18-21). Eli’s sons grew up in the Tabernacle of Meeting but not before the LORD and without fear of Him. Thus they were killed by the Philistines in battle and the ark of the Lord was captured. It is understood therefore that cultivating the fear of the Lord Jesus Christ in children from young is imperative for their faith in this wicked and perverse generation. Only when believers are filled with the fear of God would they not sin nor be overtaken by evil but be kept in the grace of salvation unto eternal life. Fear of the Lord is cultivated in children when parents and RE teachers themselves are godly and holy believers, exemplary in their life of faith and of service to the Lord at home and in the church, and also pure in their social and recreational activities. The biblical concept of values which they uphold and show in their behavior would contribute to the fear of God being instilled in the children whom they raise and teach.

Conclusion

Religious education in the True Jesus Church should be accentuated and its goals reinforced in order that the faith which was once for all delivered by the Holy Spirit to the saints would be passed down from one generation to the next. Apostle Paul wrote in his 2nd epistle to Timothy, “Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.” As the Church faces the challenges to maintain the purity of faith and word of truth, to promote the zeal to propagate the gospel of salvation, to uphold the principles of holiness and consecration in Christian living taught in the bible, religious education for children and youths should be given importance in the promotion of unwavering faith and spirituality.







# Thoughts from My Heart

By: Yeoh Phei Phei, Penang Church

Every religious education student is loved by God. I strive to play the role of a good religious education teacher entrusted by God. His footsteps and His Words that the Lord Jesus had given while he was on earth remind me that setting an example is better than instruction. Oh Lord, I want to be taught by You (Isa 50:4); please grant me wisdom and strength in leading and helping my students (1 Tim 4:16).

Religious education is teamwork; it does not rely on the abilities of one or two teachers only. A good team means that every teacher must work and cooperate with one heart. Each and every teacher needs to be serious in his/her teaching, to put in effort and care for his/her students, and to pray for them. The mutual support amongst teachers has been a motivation for me as a religious education teacher in-charge.

Children are God’s gift to parents. Our faith needs to be passed on to the children in order that they can obtain salvation. Thanks to the parents who have encouraged their children to attend religious education classes and other church activities such as: Bible Camp, Life Camp, Theological Training etc. Besides religious education classes in the church, religious education at home and prayers of

both parents for their children are also indispensable (Deut 6:6-7).

Live and learn, live and spiritual nurture. After the Sabbath Services, not only do the children attend their religious education classes, youths also attend their youth services and parents and other members participate in the adult fellowship. How wonderful is the attitude and atmosphere of learning together!

My beloved students, may God look after you. I sincerely pray that you will grow up sturdily in the Lord. I earnestly wish that you will comprehend how precious is the faith. When you step into society to work or while seeking your life partner in the future, be watchful and hold fast to your faith, because He is the only Saviour for all the days of our life, and one who we must never forsake. Amen.



# Challenges as RE Chairperson

Anonymous

2011 marked a beginning of various challenges with a new appointment. Reminiscing about the six years after my first appointment, I wonder if there were any changes or impact made. Gratitude is the word to describe the years of support from the EA for the needed push in establishing RE lessons in the smaller local churches throughout the whole region. RE lessons were set up in the churches. If there were no teachers in the church, support teachers were sent from other regional churches by the EA. Without these manpower resources, it would have been hard to conduct the RE lessons.

### ► Internal & External Struggles:

Do I accept the role or should I reject it? This was the first question which I struggled internally with for the first two months. A spirit of adaptability is required by the Lord - to accept and do what can be done, which is actually so little and minor. It was indeed overwhelming at times – having to overcome my own weaknesses in faith, the mental and emotional struggles, balancing duties towards children, family, work and church. Nevertheless, whenever I experienced internal and external challenges, hymns brought much comfort. Many times, we forget that we are not alone.

“Day by day, and with each passing moment,  
Strength I find to meet my trials here;  
Trusting in my Father’s wise bestowment,  
I’ve no cause for worry or for fear.”

And the hymn continues with comforting verses...

### ► Communication:

“Communication is the imparting or exchanging of information and a means to connecting with people”. Being an introvert, communicating with my spouse, family and co-workers is challenging. Knowing that an understanding family and co-workers will determine the success of everything, communicating is an on-going lesson, which I am still learning... When we’re weighed down by all sorts of burdens, communication paves the way and helps to lighten our load. Sharing thoughts and happenings with family members brings us closer to one another. Having a group of dedicated co-workers, too, brightens the future of the church.



► Faithfulness:

To be faithful to a certain task over a long period of time is not easy. We may begin with excitement, enthusiasm and zeal upon being newly appointed. Over the years, however, does this genuine heart of eagerness and fervor change? To remain as a faithful worker is difficult, but not impossible. Therefore, the Bible teaches us in time of weakness to “come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”(Heb. 4:16), “and to show same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: be followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises”. (Heb. 6:11-12)

► Future: -a rooted faith???

There is so much more to be done to ensure that we are all rooted in faith and to develop the little lambs that they may become future workers. That may seem so far yet it is near. What is required of us is to go beyond just being teachers to becoming shepherds of lambs; this is a challenge for us. To monitor the strength of our children and to develop them into real workers, ready and useful for our Lord God require wisdom from God. By the love of God that compels us, the Spirit of God that enables us, we can all do it. Let us serve with a heart of thanksgiving for all the opportunities granted. Let us learn to give the little lambs of the Lord our small efforts.

It is with high hopes that these little ones may grow in wisdom and stature and find favour with God and man. As the years pass and with a good shepherd standing by to guide him, the little child will become a youth and a good vessel in the making. May the wisdom of God abide in our heart always.



# God’s Grace & Love

In Jesus’ name I bear testimony. My name is Wong En Ya and I am 11 years old. This incident happened to me two months ago. It was a Tuesday when I went home from a piano lesson in an angry mood. I was angry because my parents wanted me to go for Maths tuition after the piano lesson. I talked back to my mum when she was trying to talk to me. After finishing my homework, I went upstairs with my sister to read bedtime story books. Suddenly, as I gently touched my nose, it started bleeding. There was so much blood flowing from my nose that I thought I was dying. I had difficulty in breathing and spat up a lot of blood. While I was going through tissues to wipe off the blood, I got more and more nervous. I kept shouting, “God will help me! God will help me!” at the same time my mother was telling me that I should go to the hospital. Then, my dad came and said to me, “stop crying, let us all kneel down and pray.” We knelt down and prayed, and I cried and asked God to help me. After the prayer, immediately my nose stopped bleeding.

I truly believe that God really helps us when we are in trouble. All we need to do is to have faith in God. Thank you Lord!

Hallelujah, all glory to God, amen!

By:  
Sis. Wong En Ya  
Upper Primary  
P.J. REU

# God’s Protection & Care

Hallelujah! In the name of Jesus Christ I bear testimony. My name is Enni and I am 12 years old. Last year, at about 8 o’clock one evening, I was waiting in the tuition center for my daddy to fetch me home. Before he arrived, I went to a room upstairs to change my clothes. After changing, I found the door locked from the outside. I could not get out of the room because the door was locked. As I was very timid and shy, I did not dare to scream for help. Instead, I tried all ways to unlock the door, but with no success. Finally, I remembered my parents once telling me that I could pray to God in times of trouble and God would save me. I prayed in my heart thinking to myself that God will definitely save me. Then I found half a piece of paper in a drawer and immediately had the idea about writing the word “HELP” on the torn piece of paper. After that, I slid the paper under the door, hoping that someone would see it. After a few minutes, a teacher passed by. She saw the paper on the floor and realized that the lights in the room were on. When she called out whether was there anyone in the room, I answered immediately. The teacher quickly opened the door and saved me.

I believe that it was God who had sent the teacher to pass by the room at the right time and it was God who opened her eyes to notice the piece of paper on which I had written. God is indeed our helper in times of trouble. Thank God for His deliverance. May all glory be given unto His name. Amen

By:  
Sis. Tee Enni  
Junior Youth Class  
P.J. REU

# My Spiritual Awakening

I was baptized into the True Jesus Church on the 4th January 2003. I was three at that time. Ever since I was baptized, I have been going to the Subang Jaya church frequently and have been attending Religious Education (RE) classes. You can say that I pretty much grew up in church. As I grew up, I felt that going to church was mainly due to my parents, I just tagged along. I never really thought about going to church as a way to worship God but it was more of a routine for me.

I have participated in the Youth Theological Training Course (Theolo) held at Port Dickson Olive Garden. Let me say this, for Year 1 and Year 2 in the Theolo, I was so eager for the year to end. It is not that I did not enjoy my time there but I just felt that it was so tiring having prayers and lessons every single day. I have never really seen the point of making prayer a routine and learning more about the words of God that I frankly couldn’t care less about it. I did change a little after attending Theolo in terms of adopting the routine of prayer, but after a month I would always fall back into my old ways, which was not really praying except in emergencies or before an exam.

My third year in Theolo was the most life-changing one. I had no idea why the hymns that previously meant nothing to me now touched my heart. The lessons which I disliked the most were now what I looked forward to the most every

day. I felt like I couldn’t have enough of the words of God. Prayer sessions too seemed appealing to me as I saw them as a way to talk to my heavenly father and feel peace in my heart.

Did I also mention that I attended Year 3 Theolo as one of batch 39 when I was supposed to be in batch 38? Well, at first I was unwilling to go because I wasn’t with my batch so I had “no friends.” Thankfully, I went and even got to make a few close buddies who were so supporting and caring towards me spiritually that I now miss them so, so much. Now, I hope to serve more in church and will try to participate in as many activities as I can.

The point of me writing this is that I feel that God opened my heart so that I am able to finally realize the importance of praying and learning His words. I strongly recommend attending the Youth Theological Training Course as it could really be an eye-opener for us as Christians to awake from our spiritual slumber.

All glory to God.

By:  
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## 上帝的恩典与爱

主耶稣圣名作见证。我的名叫黄恩雅,今年11岁。这件事发生在两个月前。那天是星期二。在上完钢琴课后,我气冲冲地回到家。当时我很生气,因为妈妈要我在钢琴课后去上数学补习班.当妈妈和我说话时,我不服气地就顶回她几句。过后我把功课完成了,我上楼和妹妹一起看书。这时,我轻轻地摸一摸鼻子,鼻子忽然流了许多的血。我的鼻子不断地流血,我还以为自己会死.我呼吸困难,同时也吐了很多血。我一直用纸巾抹鼻血,心里很害怕。我一直喊着”神救我!”。妈妈看到我的情况要带去医院.然而,爸爸对我说”不要害怕,我们一起足跪下祷告。祷告后,奇妙的是我的鼻子停止流血。

我深深地相信神在我们困难时一定会帮助我们。感谢主,哈利路亚一切荣耀归于主。阿门

Wong En Ya 姐妹  
少年班  
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## 上帝的保护与眷顾

在这次的 神训班我学会了神的爱有多大，他的爱没人能比。人们多说自己可以爱对方一辈子，可是这一辈子只有神才做得到。不管我们犯错了多少次，他都永远张开这双手等我们悔改，回到他怀里去。我们每天所看到的太阳，蓝天白云，星星，月亮 都是因为他爱我们才为我们而创造出来的。他的爱比海洋还深比天还高。在奔跑天国路上的过程中，我们会遇到许多的困难与阻挡，但主会牵我手并引领我走这条道路。当然我也学会了守护属灵同伴们的重要性，这三个星期里面朋友与朋友之间不会常常都是嘻嘻哈哈的，我们也会有误会对方的时候。有时候我们都会觉得是对方的错但最后都是因为自己的自私而造成的，我们也许会有我们不喜欢的弟兄姐妹们，但是他们也是神给我们的属灵家人啊，我们应该要学会大方一点，爱人多一点那纷争就会少一点。我谢谢每一个兄弟姐妹的存在，他们是神赐给我的祝福，他们的笑声可以照亮我的天空，我谢谢他们与我分享心情，把我放在他们的心中，友情是最亮的星，有了v他们，我的生命从此美丽。但我们走在坎坷路时，不只有神会伴我们走，我们亲爱的属灵同伴们也会伴在我们的左右一起完成这条天国的道路。

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## 属灵的甦醒

我在2003年一月四日年纪三岁时在真耶稣教會梳邦受洗。洗礼後我經常去教會也開始參加宗教教育班。你可以說我幾乎是在教會長大的。當我漸漸成长，我開始覺得去教會只是顺服父母的要求並遵循他们的意願。我從來沒有真正想過到教会是敬拜神的一种方法，對我來說這更像是例行公事或形式化的举动。

我曾经参加假波德申橄欖园舉辦的青年神訓班。在第一年和第二年的学习期间，我都期盼课程可以尽快結束。这並不意谓着我不享受在神学班的時光，而是我覺得每一天的禱告会和課程都让人感到筋疲力倦。。我從來未想过让祈禱成为我的生活惯例，我也對學習神的話語感到兴味索然。神学班结束后，我有了些微的改变，並把祷告列为生活惯例。但一个月之后，我又打回原形，很少做真正诚心的祷告。除了考试之前或是大难临头时我才开始祷告。

第三年的神訓班是我的人生中最具挑战的一年，我不知道为何先前對我毫无意義的詩歌現在且感動了我的心。我本來非常不喜歡的課程現在是我每一天所期待的。我感覺似乎未汲取足够的神的話語。祷告会对我而言似乎更具有吸引力，因为我认为这是与天父沟通的一种方式，心中也感到平安。

我是否提及我所参加的是39届的神训班而非原本的第38届神学班？起初我並不想参加，因为这里没有我所认识的朋友，我将会是孤零零的。感謝神，我最终还是赴会了，並認識一些很要好的朋友，他們很支持我也很關心我的靈性，我現在非常想念他們。目前，我希望我可以在教會参与更多的聖工、盡量参加所舉辦的活動。

我寫此篇文章的原因是神開取了我的心窍，让我終於察觉禱告和學習他的話語之重要性。我強烈推薦你們去參加青年神訓班，因為它真的可以使我們大開眼界，讓身为基督徒的我们從屬靈的沉睡中醒來。

願一切榮耀歸給神

郑家琳姐妹  
真耶稣教会梳邦教会



## 身为系负责的挑战

—— 匿名 ——

2011标志着一个新委任面对各种挑战的开始。回想起被第一次委任后的这六年，是否有任何改变或影响？感谢这几年来学务组给予的支持，推动整个区内当地小教会建立宗教教育课程。在没有宗教教育课程的教会设立宗教教育课程，学务组、其他区的青年和其他区的当地教会派老师来支援。没有这些人力资源是很难进行宗教教育课程的。

### ► 内在与外在的挣扎

我要担起职责还是拒绝呢？这是令我挣扎了两个月的第一个问题。求神赐适应的精神去接受和尽力做所能够做的，即使所能够做的很微小。就此，克服自己在信仰里的软弱，精神和情绪上的挣扎，平衡对小孩、家庭、工作和教会的责任有时确实巨大。然而，当经历内在的挣扎和外在的挑战时，诗歌带给我很大的安慰。很多时候，我们都会忘了我们并不孤单。

“每一天所度过的每一刻，  
我得力量能胜过试炼；  
依靠天父智慧周详供应，  
我永不再恐慌与挂念。”

这首诗继续有令人安慰的歌词……

### ► 沟通:

“沟通是传达或交换资讯和与他人联络的方法”。身为一个内向的人，沟通成为一个具有挑战性的功课，不管是对于配偶、家庭或是同工。了解家庭成员和同工会决定一切的成就，沟通是我还在学习做好的功课……当我们陷入各种困难时，沟通可以铺路和帮忙减轻我们的重担。与家庭成员分享我们的想法和偶然发生的事使我们彼此更加亲近。拥有一班忠诚的同工也照亮了教会的未来。

### ► 忠心:

长时间在一项工作忠心是不容易的。我们可能在一开始被委任时充满兴奋、热忱和热心。这些年来，这真正渴望和热诚的心有改变吗？要成为忠心的工人虽然困难，但并非不可能。为此，圣经教导我们[来4:16在我软弱的时候：坦然无惧地来到施恩的宝座前，为要得怜恤，蒙恩惠，作随时的帮助][来6:11-12 显出这样的殷勤，使你们有满足的指望，一直到底：效法那些凭信心和忍耐承受应许的人]

### ► 将来:- 一个扎根的信仰？

为了确保我们都在信仰里扎根和栽培小羊成为未来的工人，还有很多要完成的工作。看似遥远，却是很近。超出课程教导，成为群羊的牧人是我们需要做的，然而这是我们的挑战。观察我们的小孩的能力和栽培他们成为真正的工人，准备好为主所用需要从神来的智慧。靠着主爱的激励，神的灵引导，我们都能做到。让我们以感恩的心把握机会事奉，学习为主的小羊奉献我们微小的工作。

希望这些小羊的智慧与身量，并神和人喜爱他们的心，都一起增长。一年一年地过去，小孩现在已经是青年，在作好的器皿。有一个好牧人站在一旁引导他们。愿神的智慧常住在我们的心。



# 心声

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槟城教会



宗教教育每一位学生都是主所爱的。我当努力扮好神所托付教员的角色。主耶稣在世留下的脚踪话语提醒我身教重于言教。主啊，我要成为您的受教者（赛50：4），求您给我智慧力量去带领扶助我的学生（提前4：16）。

宗教教育是一个团队的工作，不是靠一两位教师的能力而已。好的团队就是教员大家同心分工合作；各班教员对自己教学的认真、对自己学生用心关怀、为自己每位学生祷告。教员彼此扶持让我在宗教教育负责工作上得到鼓励。

儿女是神赐给父母的产业。信仰需要传承，孩子需要救恩。感谢家长鼓励孩子参加宗教教育课及教会其他活动，例如圣经营，生活营，神学训练班等。除了教会的宗教教育课，家里的宗教教育及父母双方为孩子的祷告功夫更不可或缺（申6：6-7）。

活到老，学到老，灵修到老。安息日聚会后，除了孩子参加宗教教育课，青年也参加青年班，家长及其他信徒也留下来参加成人团契。这种一起学习的精神气氛何等佳美！

亲爱的学生，求主看顾你们。祈盼你们在主里茁壮成长。祈盼你们领悟信仰的宝贵。将来踏入社会工作或寻找伴侣，务必谨慎，持守信仰，因祂是我们一生一世不可放弃唯一的救主。阿们。

## 2. 灌输孩子们敬畏神的心

i.哈拿、撒母耳的母亲，是一位大有信心的妇人。她向神祷告求神赐予的孩子並许愿要把此孩子终身归於耶和華。在撒母耳还未出世之前，哈拿不能生育因为神不使她生育。当他们每年到示罗的会幕献祭的时候，哈拿被以利加拿另一位妻子，毗尼拿所激动（撒上 1: 2-11）。当撒母耳出世之后，哈拿把他留在身边，並沒有和以利加拿及家人到示罗献年祭直到撒母耳断奶为止（撒上 1: 21-22）。在那几年当中，哈拿教导撒母耳神的诫命及敬畏神的心，使得孩子在断奶之后被带到示罗的会幕之后能够在祭司以利面前事奉神（撒上：24-28）。哈拿把撒母耳留在示罗的会幕並且在同著丈夫去示罗献祭时每年为撒母耳做一件小外袍（撒上 2: 11, 18-19）。孩子撒母耳渐渐长大，耶和華与人越发喜爱他（撒上 2: 26）。他在耶和華面前长大並不像以利两个恶儿子，最后被神毁灭（撒上 2: 12, 17, 25; 4: 11）。耶和華与撒母耳同在，使他所说话一句都不落空。从但到别是巴所有的以色列人都知道耶和華立撒母耳为先知。撒母耳平生作以色列的士师並且也是一位献祭给神的祭司（撒上：19-20; 7: 9-10, 5-17）。

过后在以色列人的历史中，以色列人拒绝神並要求立一位王来治理他们，像列国一样，撒母耳不喜悦但却听从神的吩咐膏立扫罗为以色列第一位君王（撒上 8: 6-9; 9: 27- 10: 1, 17-24）。撒母耳对以色列众人说：“你们向我所求的，我已应允了，为你们立了一个王；现在有这王在你们前面行。我已年老发白，我的儿子都在你们这里。我从幼年直到今日都在你们前面行。我在这里，你们要在耶和華和他的受膏者面前给我作见证。我夺过谁的牛，抢过谁的驴欺负过谁，虐待过谁，从谁手里受过贿赂因而眼睛呢？若有，我必偿还。众人说：“你未曾欺负我们，虐待我们，也未曾从谁手里受过什么。撒母耳对他们说：”你们在我手里没有找著什么，有耶和華和他的受膏者今日为证。”他们说：“愿他为证”（撒上12: 1-5）撒母耳敬畏神並且在以色列全地作士师时未曾向百姓收取贿赂。当扫罗被膏立为王之后，撒母耳不再作士师並回拉玛的先知住处居住（撒上 5: 34, 19: 20）。

当以色列百姓察觉他们要求像列国一样立王来治理他们的事是得罪神时，他们要求撒母耳替他们祷告神。撒母耳对他们说：“不要惧怕！你们虽然行了这恶，却不要偏离耶和華，只要尽心事奉他。若偏离耶和華去顺从那不能救人的虚神是无益的。耶和華既喜悦选你们作祂的子民，就必因祂的大名不撇弃你们。至于我，断不停止为你们祷告，以致得罪耶和華。我必以善道正路指教你们。只要你们敬畏耶和華，诚诚实实地尽心事奉祂，想念祂向你们所行的事何等大。”（撒上 2: 19-24）撒母耳为已经犯罪的百姓求神，相信神会赦免及神的宽容。这是他出于信心及敬畏神的祷告。

哈拿是一位宗教指导员之典范，她是一位虔诚及满有信心 的妇人，並且也是敬畏神的母亲。她把坚固的信仰根基建立在撒母耳的心里並自小灌输他敬畏神的心，就是在他还未断奶之前，在母亲的身边的时候。撒母耳自从哈拿把他留在示罗的会幕直到他离世时都彰显出敬畏神的心。哈拿培养撒母耳有敬虔的价值观並在会幕中分别为圣的与祭司以利事奉神；哈拿每年只为他做一件小外袍给他，並且只在她与丈夫到示罗献年祭时带来给他。相反的，祭司以利纵容他的儿子，尊敬儿子过于尊敬神（撒下2：29）並且未依照摩西律法惩罚他的儿子们当他们在献祭的事上显出贪念（申 21: 18-21）。以利的儿子们在会幕里长大但却不是在耶和華面前成长也没有敬畏神的心。故此，他们最终被非利士人在战役中杀害而神的约柜也被掳走了。故此，在此弯曲悖谬的时代，我们必须明白自小培养孩子们敬畏神的心是当务之急。只有当信徒们有敬畏神的心之后，他们就不会犯罪会被恶所胜，相反的得以保守在救恩中直到永生。当父母和宗教教员们有著敬畏神的心，同时在社交或娱乐活动中显出圣洁,並在信仰生活中显出他们的典范及事奉神的心态，他们才能把敬畏神栽培在孩子们小小的心灵。他们可以透过他们的行为来彰显出圣经的价值观並在主里栽培及灌输他们敬畏神的心。

### 结论

我们应当关注真耶稣教会的宗教教育並加强他的目标使得圣灵藉着圣徒所交托的信仰能从一代传承至另一代。保罗在提摩太後书 写道：“你从我听的那纯正话语的规模，要用在基督耶稣里的信心和爱心，常常守著。从前所交托你的善道，你要靠著那住在我们里面的圣灵牢牢的守著”。当教会面对挑战来保守信仰及真理的纯正、提升宣扬得救的福音之热诚、高举圣洁的原则及圣经里所教导的分别为圣的道理之际，我们更应该看重儿童及青少年的宗教教育以巩固他们坚定不移的信仰及灵程。





# 加强宗教教育之目标

—— 陈西门传道 ——

“因为，他在雅各中立法度，在以色列中设律法；是他吩咐我们祖宗要传给子孙的，使将要生的后代子孙可以晓得；他们也要起来告诉他们的子孙，好叫他们仰望神，不忘记神的作为，惟要守祂的命令。”

- 诗. 78:5-7 -

## 1. 培养信心及圣洁

i. 约瑟、雅各的儿子，在十七岁时被他的哥哥们卖到埃及。他在法老王的内臣-波提乏的家作奴仆。神与约瑟同在，而他也成为一个成功的人。当他的主人看见神与他同在并且使他凡事亨通。因此，约瑟就在主人眼前蒙恩並伺候他。波提乏过后派约瑟管理家务和他一切所有的。耶和華就因约瑟的缘故赐福波提乏的家，凡家里和田间一切所有的都蒙耶和華赐福（创 9： 1-5）。

约瑟样貌秀雅俊美。这事以后，约瑟主人的妻以目送情给约瑟，说：“你与我同寝吧！”约瑟不从，对他主人的妻说：“看哪，一切家务，我主人都不知道；他把所有的都交在我手里。在这家里没有比我大的；並且他没有留下一样不交给我，只留下了你，因为你是他的妻子。我怎能作这大恶，得罪神呢？”后来他天天和约瑟说，约瑟却不听从他，不与他同寝，也不和他在一处。创 9： 6-10）。

约瑟自小就被父亲雅各教导神的诫命，因此他是在主里成长並且在神面前是圣洁的。他不因主人妻子的诱惑而屈服於她与她同寝，作这大恶得罪神。教会及家里的宗教教育都须要强调並注重把神的话语浇灌予孩童並培养他们圣洁的品行（箴 2： 6）。当我们在向这些幼儿或孩童讲故事时，最重要的目的是灌输他们圣经的道德及价值观，而不仅仅是灌输他们圣经知识罢了。 这些道德及圣经教训必须能应用在他们的日常生活无论是在家里或学校。

ii. “被囚在监之埃及王的酒政和膳长二人同夜各做一梦，各梦都有讲解。到了早晨，约瑟进到他们那里，见他们有愁闷的样子。他便问法老的二臣，就是与他同囚在他主人府里的，说：“他们今日为什么面带愁容呢？”他们对他说：“我们各人做了一梦，没有人能解。”约瑟说：“解梦不是出於神吗？请你们将梦告诉我。”（创 40： 5-8）

“法老遂即差人去召约瑟，他们便急忙带他出监，他就剃头，刮脸，换衣裳，进到法老面前。 法老对约瑟说：“我做了一梦，没有人能解；我听见人说，你听了梦就能解。约瑟回答法老说：“这不在乎我，神必将平安的话回答法老”（创 41： 14-16）。

约瑟自小被父亲雅各教导神的诫命並对神有信心。他知道解梦的本事来自神，因为只有神是无所不知的。他知道被他的兄长们卖来埃及本是神的旨意。因此，虽然他的兄弟的意思是要害他，但神的意思原是好的。神差约瑟比他的兄弟先来埃及是为了保全许多人的性命，成就今日的光景（创 45： 4-5； 0： 20）。当约瑟还是奴仆时就已经蒙神怜悯。因此他能够成为埃及的宰相，一人之下，万人之上。约瑟没有因此而向他的兄弟报仇，反而恩待他们及他们的家属（创 50： 21）。宗教教育必须强调建立对神的信心，使得年轻一代在成长的过程中能懂得凡事依靠主耶稣基督。约瑟是个有信心的人。 当他即将去世时，他嘱咐他们要把他的骨骼和以色列人一起带离埃及，而这件事在许多年之后终于发生了（创 50： 24-25； 出 3： 18-19）。这就是他从小被教导的信仰而此信仰一直保留至他在110岁去世为止。

“这是耶和華你们神所吩咐教训你们的诫命、律例、典章、使你们在所要过去得为业的地上遵行，好叫你和你子子孙孙一生敬畏耶和華你的神，谨守祂的一切律例诫命，就是我所吩咐你的，使你的日子得以长久。以色列啊，你要听，要谨守遵行，使你可以在那流奶与蜜之地得以享福，人数极其增多，正如耶和華你列祖的神所应许你的。“以色列啊，你要听！耶和華我们神是独一的主。你要尽心、尽性、尽力爱耶和華你的神。我今日所吩咐你的话都要记在心上，也要殷勤教训你的儿女。无论你坐在家裏，行在路上，躺下，起来，都要谈论。也要繫在手上为记号，戴在额上为经文；又要写在你房屋的門框上，並你的城門上。”

- Deut. 6:1-9 -

## ► 巩固真耶稣教会在廿一世纪之宗教教育及青年班的目标



自从190年代以来，儿童及青年的宗教教育已经成为真耶稣教会的特色之一。差不多每一间教会都会在每个安息日为五岁以上至十八岁的儿童开办宗教教育班。大型教会甚至为两岁半至五岁的孩童开办幼儿班。我们从年长的青年或在行为及信心上有典范的父母招聘教员。经过大约一个星期的宗教教员训练之后，这批新聘的实习教员将开始教导来自幼稚班、幼年班、少年班、初级班及中级班的学生。当这些教员顺利的通过试用期之后，他们将正式被委任为宗教教育的教员。

真耶稣教会宗教教育之目标是把圣经知识灌输予下一代的信徒，並且培养他们对主耶稣基督及教会的信心、存敬畏主的心、栽培他们的基督徒德行及品格。他的目的是要下一代能建立属灵的房子来献上蒙神悦纳的属灵燔祭（彼前： 4-5）。

在廿一世纪社会上普遍的改变，诸如先进的科技、被广泛使用的电子产品诸如智能手机及平板电脑、社会上道德的沦落，家庭及政治道德的墮落，真教会在这时面对一项巨大的挑战，既是要在信徒身上尤其是孩童及青少年方面灌输並提升敬虔及圣洁之真实的信仰。真耶稣教会的宗教教育系在目前的当务之急就是加强她的目标；竭力並衷心的栽培青少年的信仰、圣洁，更重要的是存有敬畏神的心。父母或家长们也应当更关注並强调已受洗的孩子们的信仰及属灵的成长而不是一味的关心孩子们的学术成就或教育的发展。

教会方面也应当提升宗教教育的素质诸如使用更先进的教学方式及工作坊或活动、检讨宗教教育的课程纲要、重新修订宗教教育课本以应对学生们属灵及知识上的需求，改善及推广现有的师资的素质、改善课室及设备等。我们也应当邀请家长们与宗教教员及辅导员携手合作並把孩子们（儿子及女儿）的宗教教育课程放在学术课业之上。



## 我的信仰

—— 徐维雯姐妹，新山教会 ——

奉主耶稣圣名做见证。我的家乡是位于吉打，但我自小就和父母迁居到柔佛，开始新的生活。当时，离我家最近的教会就是新山教会，由于当时的公共交通工具没有这么发达，爸爸的收入也无法负担起一辆汽车，因为种种原因，我小时候就没有参与教会的宗教教育课，也甚少参与教会的活动。所以一直以来我很羡慕那些从小在教会里长大，上宗教教育的弟兄姐妹们，因为他们能更深入的了解神的道。

我信仰生活的转累点就发生在我15岁的时候，当时的我决定参加青年神学训练班。神学训练班的第一个星期，我觉得好辛苦，一方面是因为我很想家，一方面是因为当我看到我身边的弟兄姐妹对圣经的知识都很深，而且由于他们从小就在教会长大，都很热心于教会的圣工例如翻译和诗琴，这些种种令和他们一样都是出生在基督徒家庭但却好像什么都不会的我感到自卑和愧疚。但感谢主，我身边的兄弟姐妹和很谅解我愿意开导我的辅导员们，让我很快就能适应那里的生活了。而我最大的收获不是认识了很多主里愿意与我分享的兄弟姐妹，而是在我神学的第二个礼拜就得到了圣灵。当时的喜悦和感动真的是无法用言语来形容的，我深深感受到了主的恩典和大能。祂知道我信仰上的软弱，却也能叫我在信仰上坚定起来，就如（哥林多前书1：8）所提到的。

一切都是因为主的恩典和圣灵的带领，我才能够继续在教会帮忙圣工，参与教会的活动，参与诗班唱诗赞美神，也有机会把祂的话传给我身边的朋友。信仰这条路虽然不容易走，但我感谢主，祂让我遇到也认识了很多愿意在我的信仰生活中帮助我成长和我分享的弟兄姐妹和长侄传道们，让我不至于在信仰这条路上感到孤单。作为一名还在求学的大学生，我们常常必须要在属世生活和信仰生活中做取舍，我不敢说我的信心已经坚定不移了，但我很确定，只要我们都明白神的道，并把他的话实践在生活里，主的保守与看顾，还有圣灵的带领，必定会领我们克服信仰生活里的一切困难的。就如诗歌「走在主路上」所提到的，我们无需惧怕或忧愁，反而要感到喜乐，因为我们有主的陪伴，因为我们走在主路上。

## 领受圣灵

—— Jamie Chan 姐妹，蕉赖教会 ——

我来自于不同宗教背景的家庭。与神的关系向来也不密切。准确地来说，唯有面对考试时才是我最虔诚的时候。

我母亲是真耶稣教会的信徒，但我从来都不期待去教会，因为对我来说，宗教教育并不重要，而且打从心底，当看见除了我之外其他人都以灵言祷告，我就觉得自己很“不同”和“不被爱”。幸好，我母亲都尽力确保我和兄弟姐妹们在家中一天至少有一次祷告。这些年里，我偶尔会向神祈求圣灵，但都没有成果。就这样，失去信心的我也放弃向神祈求了。

纵使我并不顺从，但神仍然恩待我。我成长的年日里领受了许多祝福，也很少遭遇困难。可是随着年龄的增长，我却渐渐失去了内心所寻求的满足感与平安。我开始怀疑自己的抉择。我感觉像一个人在大海中游着，独自打着一场不明白的仗。而这种失落感，在我被派到怡保中央医院执行义务性服务，面对着工作挑战与情感困扰的当儿，达到了一个顶点。有一晚，我跪下祷告，全然把心转向神。我能感受到神在带领我祷告，赐我力量放下心中的骄傲，并祈求神的原谅。我不断祈求神赦免我的罪，也求神把圣灵赏赐给我。

“主啊，我知道我向来都不是个好孩子，并且时常远离你，可是，你从不离弃我，也没有停止过看守我。每次当我转回头时，你依然在那里。主啊，你愿意原谅我吗？我希望我回到你这里时并不会太迟啊，主…。”

我这样简单的祷告，神垂听了。接下来，我只知道我的手开始摇动，我的舌头在震动，说着另一种语言。我流着泪，不断地重复着“和散那！和散那！和散那！”（虽然我也当时并不知道这个词语的存在和意思）。我的心被一种莫大的喜乐和难以言喻的感觉充满着。我永远不会忘了当晚的感受，因为这是神向我彰显他对我的慈爱。

出于好奇，我第二天早上就去寻查和散那的意思。在崇拜的文义上，和散那是指寻求主帮助的呼求。同时，它也有着欢呼和称颂的意义。我知道，神要藉此来消除我信仰上的疑惑。我当完全交托主，哈利路亚！

“但你们在那里必寻求耶和华—你的神。你尽心尽性寻求他的时候，就必寻见。日后你遭遇一切患难的时候，你必归回耶和华—你的神，听从他的话。耶和华—你神原是有怜悯的神；他总不撇下你，不灭绝你，也不忘记他起誓与你列祖所立的约。” - 申命记 4:29-31

愿一切荣耀归于主基督！阿门。

## 让神的话语成为你的家庭生活之一部分

—— 陈月金姐妹，蕉赖教会 ——

**“我今日所吩咐你的话都要记在心上，也要殷勤教训你的儿女。无论你坐在家里，行在路上，躺下，起来，都要谈论。”**

— 申 6:6-7 —

申命记 6：4-9组成“示玛”，既是“多拉”经书里所嘱咐的两项祷告之其一。他也是犹太主义里所记载最古老的每日所必须定时做的祷告，就是犹太人在早上及晚上祷告时必须诵读的经文。“示玛”的意思是“聆听及实行”，他是犹太人信仰中的信条。他可以被视为犹太人在旧约中最重要的一段经文。整体来说，“示玛”是由三个部分组成並合而为一的。申命记 6：4-9是第一部分並且也是希伯来祷告的核心。除了确认神的主权及无条件的爱，他也展露出犹太人必须时刻考察神的教训、全心全意的爱神並且随时随地把“多拉”教导孩子的应许。第六节断言神的话语必须由一代传承到下一代。父母被托付予把信仰传承予孩子的责任。他们必须把自己所经历的在日常生活中完完全全的教导他们的孩子。这意谓着藉由口头上的沟通（申 6：6-7）；透过以身作则（申6：8）及书写（6：9）。神嘱咐要把“示玛”写在房屋的门框上及戴在额上为经文或记在心里。

从古远的时代追溯起来，以色列人的家庭生活与宗教生活是息息相关的。父母在抚养孩子成长的过程中，宗教及家庭生活都是不可割切的。以色列人的孩子被鼓励发问关于信仰及历史的问题。在旧约时代，每个家庭都会在安息日敬拜神。父母被要求教导孩子关于神的律法“我今日所警戒你们的，你们都要放在心上；要吩咐你们的子孙谨守遵行这律法上的话”。在傍晚时，家人们会聚集在一起来背诵许多故事及把圣经的教训存在心里。

孩子是神所赐予的礼物；实际上，他们是神的产业，只是暂时交由父母关照。毫无质疑的，神所托付予父母的最宝贵财宝就是孩子。故此，身为父母就必须投入更多的工夫来在家里灌输及传递神的话语。更甚的是，我们须要在家里注重宗教教育因为孩子们的属灵成长意谓着他们仿效父母的

身教及言教而父母的职责就是塑造孩子们心理、生理、智能、情绪以及最重要的是他们属灵的成长。这是父母的责任；而不是学校老师们的责任抑或教会的宗教教员之责任。倘若我们忽略或不会善用宝贵的时间来定时教导孩子们关于神的话语，我们无异是未尽我们作父母的责任。故此，我们须要殷勤並定时让神的工作成为我们家庭生活的一部分。

基督徒的父母必须以身作则；倘若他们无法把所教导的实践在生活中，他们就无法教导自己的孩子。他们必须时常显出属灵的典范让孩子看见他们个人与神有深入及密切的属灵关系。孩子们不会为了父母要他们实践信仰的一句话就言听计从。倘若您威胁他们，他们也许会随从你的意愿，但这也不过是外表上所显出的基督徒作为罢了。倘若父母能彰显出信仰及对神的承诺，孩子们就会甘心的顺从他们的指示。父母必须由言行举止显示出神的话语及真理，只有如此行他们才能把神的话语教导及传承予他们的孩子。相反的，倘若父母给予有意义的指导但却没有以身作则，那又有何益呢？倘若父母没有在生活中把神放在最重要的位置，那么，我们就是无效及失败的基督徒父母。故此，灌输神的话语首先由家里开始。父母也肩负着全面的责任就是要成为孩子的好典范。

基督徒的父母也必须教导孩子爱神的重要性。在马可福音 2：28-31，一位文士靠近耶稣並询问祂一个诚实的问题：诫命中那是第一要紧的呢？耶稣回答说“第一要紧的就是说：“以色列，你要听，主我们神是独一的主。你要尽心、尽性、尽意、尽力爱主你的神”。这是第一条诫命。耶稣的答案重申“示玛”在申命记 6：4-5节所记载的话语。当耶稣在诵读示玛也就是祂的基本信仰时，祂也建立了尽心、尽意、尽性爱神的基础。祂引用“心”此字眼的隐喻是要阐述人性的内心深处而不单单只是情绪罢了。“尽性”意谓着尽你的所能；“尽意”的意思是神给予我们自由意识来作抉择。故此，尽心、尽性、尽意及尽力意谓着我们全心全意的爱神；为神而活，过着讨神喜悦的生活以及过着事奉的生活。简而言之，是要我们舍己或摒除自我中心的存在並为神而活，而神也比一切更来得重要。

犹太王、约西亚是一位爱神的君王。列王记下 23：25“在约西亚以前没有王像他尽心、尽性、尽力地归向耶和华，遵行摩西的一切律法；在他以后也没有兴起一个王像他”。此三项叙述都环绕着他对神的爱，他的言行及整个人都爱主。他诚心、热心、热情及忠心的爱神。他是爱神的最

佳典范而神也承认约西亚王是全心爱神的人。除了爱神，我们也要教导他们在家里思想神的话语，遵行祂的律例、典章及诫命並按着神的旨意而活。

基督徒的父母也要确保他们的孩子被教导神的话语並遵行之。“我要常守你的律法，直到永永远远”（诗 119：44）。对于诗人而言，遵守神的戒律及诫命已经成为他的习惯。它已经成为一贯性的磨炼因为他期望与神建立坚强的联系。他决定並立志按照神的话语过活。这一切都是关于属灵的磨炼。顺服神显示出我们爱祂。此外，顺服也是我们对他忠心的表现。耶稣就是无私的顺服神的最佳典范。祂时常顺服神的旨意，甚至是忍受十字架上痛苦的死；“然而不要成就我的意思，只要成就你的意思”（路 22：42）。顺服神就是在生活中及心思意念上以耶稣为中心。祂已经简要的显示出顺服神的旨意是至关重要的事。

除了顺服神，基督徒的孩子也应当被教导在主里顺服自己的父母，因为这是理所当然的（弗 6：1-3）。耶稣也显示出祂顺服並孝顺祂的父母（路 2：51）。身为孩子，他很尽责的顺服及服从並尽自己的责任做一个忠心及顺服父母的孩子；而他也“服从”他的母亲。父母应该得到孩子的尊重因为这很明确的记载在圣经“当照耶和華你神所吩咐的孝敬父母，使你得福，並使你的日子在耶和華你神所賜你的地上得以长久（申 5：16）。此项嘱咐也是圣经里不断向孩子们重申的诫命。回顾以撒顺服的例子。以撒被亚伯拉罕大大的宠爱因为他是他唯一的独生子而以撒也受到父母的疼爱，他也尽自己对父母的责任，同时也对神热心及爱神。首先，我们可以从亚伯拉罕、以撒的父亲的身上看到顺服的美德；同时也彰显他对神明确的信心。同样的，由亚伯拉罕抚养长大的以撒也学习到顺服神及对神有信心的美德。以撒对于顺服的观点是由父亲潜移默化的好榜样形成的。故此，他时常都顺服神及他的父母。结果，因着他的信及顺服，他蒙神大大的祝福。

每一个家庭都有各自明确的挑战。但是一个专注的基督徒家庭不单止是仅仅满足于成为一个“好”的基督徒家庭。更甚的是，要先前展望、向前迈进、让神及祂的话语成为你的家庭之一部分成为一项坚决的使命，因为神是一个基督徒家庭的中心及最永存的根基。让它成为你首先及最优先的顺序。

一切荣耀归於神



# 在神的创造中我乃其杰作

## 创造

艺术是美丽、创意，甚至是具有意义性的一种创造。倘若没有一位画家或者是创造者的话，它是否存在呢？这幅由一名画家所画出来如此清新秀丽，名为“壮丽山河”的图画，就是很好的例子。这幅图画呈现了清澈如镜的河流从巍峨雄伟的大山中流出，途经一大片松树林，何等壮观的景象啊！

如此壮丽的山河景象足以让一位画家获得灵感来去创作图画，而这些景色就是那起初最伟大的艺术家——创造主所创造的一件艺术品。神创造了大自然，是祂创造了我们如今身处的这一个宇宙。藉着祂的造物，祂的全能与荣耀得着彰显，这是配得我们崇拜的。在祂所有叫人叹为观止的造物之中，神最爱的创造就是人类。



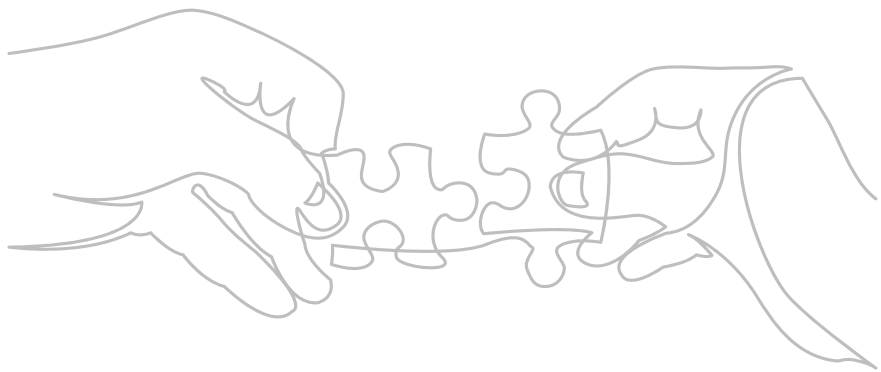
## 我是祂的杰作

就好比一位画家会非常珍惜他自己的作品一样，神也会非常爱惜祂最伟大的创造，并且爱他们如同儿女一样。因为如此，祂道成肉身，成为耶稣，钉死在十字架上，流出祂的宝血，好让我们重得神儿子的身份。在创世记1:28里，神赐予祂所造之人管理地上各样行动的活物的权利。这些例子都清楚地表明了我们的主有多么地爱我们，为我们创造了如此舒适的生活环境，甚至为要使我们获得永生而计划了一条得救的道路。

虽然我们其中的一些人还未完全感受到祂的存在，但在祂的爱中，主常常与我们同在，时时刻刻走在我们的身旁，带领我们走过生活与信仰中的每个阶段。是否因为我们还未察觉到时刻与我们同在的神的存在，而让我们感到生活很困难？我们是否会常常想到主耶稣，就像祂昼夜都想着我们一样？细细品味“我是祂的艺术品”这一句话，我们在神的眼中是何等的宝贵，我们要珍惜与神之间的关系，欢欢喜喜地迎接要住在我们心里的神。

“神就照着自己的形象造人，乃是照着祂的形象造男造女。”

– 创世记 1:27 –



## 祂杰作的特性

每一件艺术品都有其独特之处，例如音乐。虽然“悲怆奏鸣曲”和“月光奏鸣曲”听起来是不一样的，尽管如此，两者之间的创作方式实则相同。这是因为两者皆出自同一个作曲家——贝多芬。换句话说，艺术品本身近似于其创作者。

同样的，身为神的孩子，我们的性格或德行也应该要近似于我们的天父。我们的言谈举止将会反映出我们是否拥有与神一样的特性，如此一来才是祂的真儿子，是一位真基督徒。反之，如果我们无法与世界有别，一味地随从我们的情欲和世界的潮流，那么我们就没有活出神的特性，反而是活出世界的特性了。那样的话我们如何能说自己是属于耶稣基督的呢？

藉着迎接耶稣住进我们的心里，我们就做了一个决定要来将耶稣放在生活中的第一位。这样一来，我们就是看重天国的事情过于我们的日常工作。但是，这不表示我们的日常工作不重要。这里要说的是身为神的孩子，特蒙选召，又藉着主耶稣宝血救赎的我们有另一个要背负的责任在身，因为我们的信仰已经成为了我们生命的一部分。这是一个真福气，因为主耶稣知道我们的重担，并且顾念着我们。祂会按着我们的需求给予供应，所以我们不必为了日常生活所需而忧虑。因为祂都知道。

神的同在，并圣灵的充满，是真教会信徒应该要追求的事情，好让我们得以彰显神的特性。那就是公义、圣洁、仁爱以及信实。一个拥有神圣灵同在的生命能够结出记载在加拉太书5:22-23里的圣灵的果子，让我们能够及时达到完全，走在按神的旨意而行的路上，并且遵守祂的话语以蒙神喜悦。

## 使命

每一个造物都有其目的所在。举例，太阳。太阳不单扮演着提供热能以延续生命的角色，它同时也是地心引力的中心，吸引着众星球环绕着它，形成一个太阳系。身为神的孩子，我们的目的又是什么呢？

百年纪念，不单只是真耶稣教会历史上的一个庆典，而是关乎一个世代代流传下来、属灵与恩典的传承，即是神救恩计划的全备真理。

因此，我们所承接的不是会堂这座建筑物，乃是事奉的精神、完成使命的精神以及我们信仰的根基——真理。

在这末世时代，我们更要有所觉悟，我们这些蒙主耶稣基督恩典得以救赎的，应该要将这美好的信息传遍全地。这是主耶稣所交付给我们的使命。在早期的工人以及我们的先辈们身上所显扬的事奉的精神来看，他们深深明白到神的旨意就是要让这全备的真理得以人人相传，代代相承。藉着工人们决心并神的旨意，我们成为了祂的选民。我们既然拥有了这个得救的机会，就不当只为自己，而是应当将之与世人分享。这伟大的使命让我们在这世上更加具有价值和意义。

但这并不是我们唯一的使命。就如耶稣曾经预言到因着假先知的兴起，世代相传的教训也会有偏离真理的时候。因此，维护真理就和传扬福音一样的重要。为了卫道，真教会的信徒需要熟悉我们的十大信条和圣经要道。只有这样我们才能在真理上站立得稳。藉着圣灵的指引，我们能够了解祂的话语，并明白祂的旨意。

## 祂的选民

总结来说，我们都是祂最伟大的艺术品。因为我们是那被拣选的族类，是有君尊的祭司，是圣洁的国度，是属神的子民。这就是我们身为祂儿女的身份！

“你们这些淫乱的人哪，岂不知与世俗为友就是与神为敌吗？”

所以凡想要与世俗为友的，就是与神为敌了。。你们这些淫乱的人哪，岂不知与世俗为友就是与神为敌吗？

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– 雅各书 4:4 –

“行凡遵守主道的，爱神的心在他里面实在是完全的。从此，我们知道我们是在主里面。”

– 约翰书 2:5 –

“人若说他住在主里面，就该自己照主所行的去。”

– 约翰书 2:6 –

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## 基督小兵 —— 小f

—— 陈亚伦 ——



让我告诉你们小f的故事。  
”小f”是谁？为何叫她小f？她怎么成为基督小兵？

在《列王记下》第5章，有个亚兰王的元帅，名叫乃缦，他很尊贵，很会打仗，只是长了大麻风。这病使他不够体面，不能好好生活，医生也没办法把它医好。

乃缦的妻子有个小使女，是从以色列国掳回来的。她对主母说：“巴不得我主人去见撒马利亚的先知，他一定能治好主人的大麻风！”乃缦就照着小女子的话去做，结果大麻风真的给先知医好了！

为什么这小女子会说出这番话，请她的主人去找先知必能医好大麻风呢？这是因为她对先知和先知的神有很大的信心，而且很单纯，不担心万一医不好会被主人责备和被人取笑，所以我就叫她小f 咯(f=faith信心)。

她知道先知有能力医病，相信以利沙的神无所不能，她怎会知道呢？一定是从大人人口中听到，平时也留意周遭所发生的事。还有，她关心和爱护他的主人，不愿看到主人被大麻风折磨。爱使她有力量和勇气，即使只是个小孩子，又是个卑微的使女，也能勇敢的告诉她主人去给先知医病。

小f只是个小孩，却立了大功劳。相信小朋友们，只要像小f学习，对神和教会有很好的信心、平时上课多注意老师讲圣经故事和见证、除了爱神，还要学习和真实地去爱同学、长辈和教会的人，在需要时有勇气向人作见证，一定也能像小f一样，做出帮助人和蒙主喜悦的事，成为基督小兵！

愿神眷顾和帮助你们，在成长的路上，有信心、爱心，好好学习真道，将来为主耶稣打美好的仗！阿门。

## 青少年神学训练班 毕业生志工



哈利路亚，感谢主让我有机会能参加由总会所举办「青少年神学训练班毕业生志工」的活动。此活动是让已考完大马高级教育文凭考试的学生参加，也趁着等待成绩的当儿做主工。这个活动为期两个星期（3/1/2018 - 15/1/2018），此活动的目的是要让青少年体验各方面的圣工，也训练青少年更勇敢地站出来为主工作。

我们这一届共有11位学生参加，11位学生各自分派到中、北、霹雳以及南区，分成4组；由4位传道带领。而我被派到了北区与另外两位巴生教会的姐妹同组，由黄立航实习传道以及陈约拿执事带领。每一位实习生都有机会上台，无论是讲道、翻译、或是为主作见证。而讲道内容全都要自己准备过后再交给传道过目，如果及格才可以上台。这个在心理压力非常大，因为大多数的我们都是第一次准备正式的讲章和讲道。在准备讲章的过程中，每次我都有不同的感受。

我们第一趟实习是在哥打巴鲁宣道中心开始，在路程中我体验到了传道人的辛苦和为主工作的那颗迫切的心，即使路程遥远却也坚持要到目的地传达神的话语。从双溪大年教会到哥打巴鲁宣道中心需耗费5-6小时的路程，来回估计约12小时。在哥打巴鲁宣道中心我们都要以英语讲道，而我虽然已经中学毕业，但要以英语作为首要语言来沟通对我确实有很大的困难。我尝试向传道请求可不可以派一个翻译员给我，可是却遭到他的拒绝。他语重心长地告诉我，这就是实习内容之一，因为每一位传道都会以自己的



第一语言讲道，但当他们到不同的地方就要克服自己在语言上的障碍，学习不同的语言，所以他要我学习克服说英语的障碍。感谢主，虽然我第一次用英语讲道，但也顺利完成。

在哥打巴鲁的这几天我们由Brother Sunny 接待，他的招待让我感受到他那颗爱主的心。Brother Sunny 是一位车商老板，但他都不曾因为忙碌与工作而缺席任何一场聚会。看到他的热心让我感到很羞愧，身为商人的他都不曾因为工作而说累而不去教会，而身为学生的我却常常以“有很多功课，不想去教会，明天要考试了，不要去教会，补习让我感到很累，不要去教会。”这些藉口逃避去教会，他的热心是我值得学习的地方。接着，我们都陆续到不同的地方去聚会，在这段路程中我深刻地感受到传道人想要传福音的心，即使驾车约两个小时，只为了一家信徒他们也不曾埋怨。在这里的最后第二堂聚会，我们聚集在KEM Desa Pahlawan 的一位弟兄的家，这也是让我在这里做圣工收获最多的一个地方，这一家人虽然他们必须在很简陋的屋子里聚会，但还是坚持要聚会，在聚会的时候我觉得自己对神感到很羞愧，他们在简陋的房子都坚持要聚会，而我有机会到那么美丽的会堂聚会，却常常心不在焉。他们对神话语的渴慕是我非常需要学习的地方。即使他们家境贫寒却还是招待我们，虽然只是一包平平无奇的叉烧饭，但里面却装着弟兄姐妹满满的爱心。

回到双溪大年教会后，我们也陆续到当地信徒的家做家庭访问。从访问中，我听到了许多老信徒的见证或是一些对神的体验，最让我印象深刻的是一位已有90高龄的老姐妹，虽然她已年迈，但身体却是硬朗的她还勉励我们要多做主工，因为等到像她那个年纪想做就心有余而力不足了，我听了心里一阵激动；回想起常常我在教会被安排到圣工时，我却推三推四，而年迈的老姐妹却是想做但做不了，想到这里我就觉得对神很亏欠，所以

当下我就告诉自己要装备好自己不要再推辞圣工。

在这个活动的最后一个星期六，在陈执事的带领下我们到了高乌(Pengkalan Hulu) 遵守安息日并领受圣餐，在这里我学习了如何用马来语讲见证，虽然马来语是我们的国家语言，但并不是我们的母语，所以说起来并不是那么地流畅，这是一个很好的学习机会。陈执事在有一次的共乐时间与我们分享，要我们知道自己身在教会要了解自己的长处，培养自己的长处并发挥它，为教会工作为主效力。听了之后我们都若有所思，都在想着自己的长处。

参加了这次的活动，让我学会了许多，灵性上也成长了。我体验到传道以及长执为主工作那颗迫切与辛劳的心，我学会了不应该拒绝圣工，我学会了做任何事都要依靠神，因为在人不能在神凡事都能。我体验到了传道们常常说：“信仰是自己的，别人不能替你走。”这句话的真正意义。因为在日常生活，很多事情都可以让别人来代替而信仰却不能，谨记信仰是要靠自己常常祷告祈求来圣灵带领，更当常常灵修自己来维持的。很多人会问说，为什么你要参加这个活动？你不怕辛苦吗？不怕讲道吗？说实话，我真的担心过，但我一点也不后悔参加了这个志工团的活动，反而很感谢主让我有机会可以参加。在此我也想鼓励那些想要参加这个活动的弟兄姐妹，不要怕，我们就快乐地服侍吧！

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## 我的毕业感言



奉主耶稣圣名说话，今天又是一年一度的宗教教育颁奖典礼，又是时候该升级的升级，该毕业的毕业了，而今天毕业的就只有我一个。大概从前年开始，我的班大多数都是我一个在上课，就好像在上一对一的补习课。但虽然是一对一的课，老师们依然很尽力地准备所要教的。他们好像父母一样带领我们，也像牧人一样地引导主的羊。老师们准备教课的资料的确不容易，尤其是中级班与高级班，需要花好多的时间准备课程来向我们讲解。

感谢主 赐给我们真耶稣教会有很好的教学系统，让我们可以学习更多的圣经知识。老师们也一步步地引导我们，像母鸡带小鸡一样教导我们。从我们三，四岁开始，他们就这样带领我们一年一年地过去，直走到今天。他们用神的话来装备我们，让我们初嫩的灵性慢慢的茁壮，懂得以神的话来分辨什么是对 什么是错；让我们有着逐渐刚强的灵性来步入社会，面对外头充满诱惑的世界；也懂得在遇到困难时，退到自己的小空间，向神祷告 与神灵交。

时间过得真的很快，一眨眼已经是2018年了。盼望在座的小弟弟小妹妹们能够坚守道理，不离开神。感谢主耶稣，感谢有你们，愿神纪念老师们的爱心教导，也愿神带领我们这些小羊的脚步，让我们将来能够成为合乎主用的器皿。感谢主，愿一切荣耀归于主，阿门。

谢以恩姐妹  
高级班  
蕉赖教会

## 新年访问之感想

巴生教会与博大宁教会一年一度的传统农历新年访问“信徒家庭”团于2018年2月25日举行。当天由几位热心弟兄开车载送教会弟兄姐妹会到居住各区的信徒家庭访问及团契活动。我带着期待的心情，第一次去参加这项活动。

每到各家庭访问中，信徒都会带着一颗热心，爱心来接待我们，准备许多样美食和零食来招待弟兄姐妹。那些未婚弟兄姐妹及小孩们也会领到信徒们所分派的红包，多开心啊！在欢聚之中，每个家庭成员都会说几句话做简单的分享，彼此勉励，感谢主恩。

参加了这个新年访问活动后，我有所感触。感谢神美好的安排与看顾让我们大家仍有这机会参与。在这新一年里的年度访问活动，更感受到彼此真是主内的一家人。访问期间，彼此关心与问候，是多么温馨！年长的信徒在欢聚中更感到欣慰与满心感谢神，加上享受丰富可口、健康的食物，彼此享用格外吃得开心。当我们到弟兄姐妹的新居去访问时，他们就会亲自带领访客参观新居所的环境。

感谢主这次农历新年访问团的人数比往年多大约60至70人，同时更要感谢那些富有爱心、耐心及辛劳载送信徒去访问的弟兄，愿神纪念他们，真的应好好向他们学习。在访问时，我能感受到虽然很多人感到疲倦，但却能保持欢乐的心情因为大家都觉得这是很难得的相聚机会，一起来欢聚新年的快乐，彼此团契。在其中一个家庭的访问分享中，有位弟兄分享说：“今年是狗年，所以我们大家都要学狗一样。”大家背后都很疑惑为什么他会这么说？过后他继续解释说：“我们要像迦南妇人一样知道自己其实不配得神的恩典，我们只是像狗一样吃着主人桌上掉下来的碎渣儿，所以我们要懂得神所给我们的恩典与做神的好仆人。”我听后觉得那位弟兄的分享很有趣，也很有意思，同时也提醒了我们要常常感恩并知到神所给予的恩典。弟兄姐妹的分享都勉励了我。

虽然这是我第一次参加教会的新年访问，但是我觉得这活动非常有意义，感谢神让这项访问活动顺利划上句点。这次访问活动增进了彼此的感情，更加融洽感觉上才是真真主内一家人。感谢主让我们借此活动来彼此勉励，彼此同心服侍主，继续传承这美好的传统访问团的活动。

杨雯惠姐妹  
中级班  
巴生教会

## 信仰之路

奉主耶稣圣名作见证。我的名字是王迦勒弟兄。我已经成为真耶稣教会的信徒13年之久。我出生不久之后就接受洗礼。成为基督徒诚然是蒙福的一建事。能够被神拣选并与教会的信徒在一起让我感到很开心。然而，要到达天国诚然是一件具挑战的事。这是一条窄小的路並充满着试探及诱惑。故此，我须要更殷勤的祷告並相信我有一天会领受圣灵。

透过参加宗教教育班，我们逐渐的明白並学习关于生活中的课程以及十誡的重要性而我们也必须时时遵守之。只要一想到我们的主神是真正的在引领我就让我有毅力及决心。主耶稣牺牲自己来救我们的事实让我感到惊讶。因此，我希望自己能尽快的领受圣灵以便能安稳的奔跑天路。

王迦勒弟兄  
初级班  
蕉赖教会

## 百年感恩聚会诗班献诗之感想

感谢神，让我有机会与大家一同来分享我与神的经历。在诗班练习的时候，还有在百年特别感恩聚会上献诗当天，我都感受到了神的同在。

临近百年感恩聚会的日子里，八打灵诗班，包括了宗教教育组的孩子们，青年们和年长者们，在每个星期六都留下来进行诗班练习。虽然我们大家都很累，但是我们仍然很喜乐地在唱诗。当我在唱诗的时候，我的心充满了喜悦，并且愉快地歌颂着。

在百年感恩聚会当天，当我们在等着要上台献诗的时候，每个人都感到很紧张。我们大家同心默祷，准备好自己要来荣耀神。奇妙的是，我们大家都能够以一颗平静的心来去愉快地歌颂荣耀神。虽然这是我第一次在这么多人面前唱诗，但是我并不感到害羞，因为我知道神与我们同在。那是我生命当中深刻感受到的第一次真正的诗班。在百年感恩聚会之后，我承诺以后要唱得更好来荣耀神。从现在开始，我要在唱诗方面来去进步自己，也会以我的心来去歌颂。

哈利路亚！赞美神。阿们。

周立扬弟兄  
少年班  
八打灵教会

## 2017年短期神学训练班之感想

在这次的神训班我学会了神的爱有多大，他的爱没人能比。人们多说自己可以爱对方一辈子，可是这一辈子只有神才做得到。不管我们犯错了多少次，他都永远张开这双手等我们悔改，回到他怀里去。我们每天所看到的太阳，蓝天白云，星星，月亮 都是因为他爱我们才为我们而创造出来的。他的爱比海洋还深比天还高。在奔跑天国路上的过程中，我们会遇到许多的困难与阻挡，但主会牵我手并引领我走这条道路。当然我也学会了守护属灵同伴们的重要性，这三个星期里面朋友与朋友之间不会常常都是嘻嘻哈哈的，我们也会有误会对方的时候。有时候我们都会觉得是对方的错但最后都是因为自己的自私而造成的，我们也许会有我们不喜欢的弟兄姐妹们，但是他们也是神给我们的属灵家人啊，我们应该要学会大方一点，爱人多一点那纷争就会少一点。我谢谢每一个兄弟姐妹的存在，他们是神赐给我的祝福，他们的笑声可以照亮我的天空，我谢谢他们与我分享心情，把我放在他们的心中，友情是最亮的星，有了v他们，我的生命从此美丽。但我们走在坎坷路时，不只有神会伴我们走，我们亲爱的属灵同伴们也会伴在我们的左右一起完成这条天国的道路。

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八打灵宗教教育组

## 2017年参与于波德申橄榄园举办的短期神学训练班之感想

感谢神让我有机会参与于2017年11月28日至12月18日，在波德申橄榄园举办的短期神学训练班。通过这次的神训班，我们学到了很多東西，包括属世的和属灵的事情。属世的事情，就是通过团契，我们接触到了一些艰难的工作，如清洁工作。如果我们自己一个人去完成所有的事情的话，那么到头来只会是一团糟而已。我们学习到了如何彼此合作。我们也学习到了他人的技能，有的人在某些方面很强，却在另一些方面很弱。这样一来，我们学习到了要去巩固弟兄姐妹之间的联系。当然，我们参加神训班不是为了玩乐、吃饭和睡觉。我们参与神训班是为了要学习神的话语。试问没有神的属世团契有何好呢？那样的话就只不过是朋友聚会罢了。但是有神的同在，这就成了人与神之间的属灵联系。我们在人与人之间，并人与神之间都有了属灵的团契。我个人在行为方面有所学习。相比去年，我在行为方面有很大的改进。

一切荣耀归于主，阿们。

张全胜弟兄  
初级班  
八打灵教会



## 柬埔寨之旅

奉主耶稣圣名做见证。

此柬埔寨之旅对我而言绝对是2015年中最具有挑战性的事件。这次的旅行让我能够更加地亲近神。孩子与同灵们祷告的精神切实让人感到安慰。得悉全球的信徒都如此勤奋及恳切的向主耶稣基督祷告，我感到非常的高兴。

我的观点起初不是如斯。在出发前的几个月，每当想起要与我的好朋友 Shaun Raveen 和他的母亲到一个陌生的国家时，我都感到惶恐不已。其实，我压根儿不想去。但不幸的是机票已经预订了，並且也没有退路了。

当我们抵达柬埔寨时，当地的信徒非常热情的欢迎我们。此旅程的前几天真的让人备受煎熬，我们的房间没有床亦没有空调，所以我们不得不睡地板上。也因为当地气候非常的炎热，所以使我们无法想象该如何挨过此旅程。

我们终于熬过了此艰辛的几天，並开始融入他们的‘文化’。此次旅行中最难忘的事件是每天早上5点就要起床祷告。当地信徒会在每天工作之前到教会祷告，用餐，然后才开始一日的工作（早祷会6点开始）。虽然他们工作忙碌，但他们总是设法拨出时间来祷告及赞美主。他们的热忱启动了我努力祈求圣灵的动力。 我开始不仅为祈求圣灵而祈祷，同时也为其他事情代祷，因为当地的信徒真的对我们显出爱心和关怀。

每个星期六及星期日我们都会到不同的地点举行家庭聚会。无论所到之处是小房子还是高跷屋，每个人都热情的欢迎我们。我们也会在他们的家中用午餐。即使他们家境贫穷並且住在高跷屋，但他们仍然可以为我们准备三道美味可口的菜肴。这是他们用爱心所烹饪的膳食，虽然这顿饭可能不是我曾经吃过的最好吃的，也不是最昂贵的，但它是由那些向我们表示真实的爱心及关怀的信徒所烹煮的。 在某些场合，传道会帶我们和一些信徒到酒店用膳。这让我感到非常的感动。 那时才我了解到神的爱真的是无止境的。

我的父亲时常都以 约翰福音 21: 16-17章节来提醒我  
约翰福音 21: 16: 耶穌第二次又對他說：「約翰的兒子西門，你愛我嗎？」彼得說：「主啊，是的，你知道我愛你。」耶穌說：「你牧養我的羊。」  
约翰福音 21: 17: 第三次對他說：



「約翰的兒子西門，你愛我嗎？」彼得因為耶穌第三次對他說「你愛我嗎」，就憂愁，對耶穌說：「主啊，你是無所不知的；你知道我愛你。」耶穌說：「你餵養我的羊。」

柬埔寨的信徒给我们的爱和关怀让我想起了此两段章节。如果我们爱神，我们会牧羊神的羊。而在此情况下，柬埔寨信徒和传道不断的照顾我们。他们为我们提供住所，美食，交通，並像对待家人般的爱护我们。

在结束旅程的前几天，我和Shaun从新闻报导得知马来西亚过去几天都面对暴风雨的侵袭，暂时未有回暖的迹象。所以我和Shaun一起祷告求神眷顾並带领我们能够平安的回家。柬埔寨教会的信徒在最后一天在我们未动身往机场之前和我们一一握手道别，随后传道和一名信徒送我们到机场。

此次的旅程终于画上了休止符，我们也安然抵达家门。 我能够从此次旅程中体验许多事情；这包括领会以及与当地信徒分享福音短讲，我也是Shaun的翻译员。

作为总结，我们应该数算所领受的恩典，並珍惜我们所拥有的。 我们所访问的柬埔寨信徒家境清贫；然而他们却把自己所有的奉献给神。我认为这是我们可以从他们身上所学到的非常重要之一课。 我们也应该仿效他们对神的热忱。 尽管他们没有良好的设施，但他们还是每个周末都聚集聚会。 大约15-20名成员会聚集在一间小房间里，就只为了赞美主并且聆听神的话语。 我们应该在此方面有所改善。 我们却有良好的设施，唯一阻碍我们向神奉献就是我们本身。

最后，我要感谢柬埔寨所有的弟兄姐妹和传道在这两个星期的款待。 我们的确因他们所展现的爱心及关怀而感动不已。

一切荣耀都归给主耶稣基督。



众信徒一同祈祷



教会所准备的午餐

胡文轩弟兄  
真耶稣教会  
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## 2018年八打灵教会宗教教育年度升学礼

八打灵教会于2018年1月7日举办大家期盼已久的宗教教育年度升学礼。升学礼一开始由两位初级班学员，朱明晖弟兄以及许勇航弟兄带领诗颂环节。所选的诗歌提醒我们要常常数算神赐予我们的恩典，且要在与彼此之间的团契中得着喜乐。当天的司仪是张全惠姐妹以及何诗婷姐妹。

张耶利米执事带领升学礼开始的唱诗及祷告。身为天国的子民，学习神的话语对我们来说是尤为重要，因为这乃是赐给那些有尊贵身份的人之祝福。

郑安德烈长老勉励会众要看重让孩子们在主里成长的事情（箴22:6）。这乃是神的吩咐（申6:1,2,6,7），为人父母者皆爱惜自己的孩子，因此更加要紧的是要给予孩子们信仰的教育（提后4:18），让父母亲减少忧虑和重担。如果孩子们接受良好的宗教教育，懂得敬畏神，那么他们也不至于犯罪以致使己灭亡。宗教教育负责人唐桂莲姐妹，说明2018年八打灵宗教教育组的主题为“要坚固我们的信心”（西2:6-7）。

升学礼中也有一个颁发特别奖项的环节，就是颁发给那些在2017年里获得最高出席率、最佳考试成绩、最佳证道记录以及最佳行为的学生们。

接接下来便是大家期待已久的班级呈现，节目一开始是由幼儿班和幼稚班的学生联合呈献诗歌。这群可爱稚嫩的孩子呈献了三首诗歌，两首英文诗歌“The Lord’s Army”、“Who Did Swallow Jonah?”以及一首中文诗歌“赞美主”。家长们都站在前面不停地用他们的手机来去把孩子们的献诗给录起来。看着他们心爱的孩子们勇敢地在前面呈献诗歌，家长们都感到十分开心和兴奋。

接着便是幼年班的呈献。他们呈现了一个有关“十条诫命”的短剧，举出了一些关乎十条诫命在日常生活中的例子。他们也唱了一首诗歌“全为主”。

接下来的是少年班的呈献。他们呈献了一首英文诗歌“10,000 reasons”，配合着舞蹈动作的献唱让会众们倍感惊讶。他们的动作真的很整齐哦！

下一个是初级班，他们呈现了一个意义深重的短剧，名为“在深渊中神的光照更亮”。故事里面的虚构人物，迈克一大早便与他的母亲吵架，过后更在学校里面结交了一些不好的朋友，被带去不良场所、吸烟以及吸毒。在靠着祷告和神的帮助之下，迈克的态度在剧终的时候得到了转变。这个短剧告诉我们即便是在困难时候神仍然会帮助，并赐下恩典给我们。

最后，中级班学生呈献了两首诗歌，“活出爱”和“耶稣，教导我”。虽然只是简单的诗歌，但是诗歌的歌词却感动了在场的会众。

星期天的宗教教育活动教导学生们一些实用的生活技能，鼓励他们要常在主里有团契，并在参与诗班的过程中让他们歌颂赞美神，同时也学习如何能够更好地去事奉主。这一切都在最后播出的一个回顾2017年所有回忆，非常温馨的幻灯片里看得到。从2017年1月到2017年12月，孩子们彼此团契，一起学习神的话语。他们也有在其他地方举办出游、露营、玩乐活动以及一日游等的节目。

感谢主的同在，让我们的宗教教育升学礼圆满结束。一切荣耀归于主！感谢主一直不断地看顾着我们，赐给我们这些丰富的回忆。让我们一同来期盼着2019年的下一个宗教教育升学礼，同时也要在新的一年里立志要来事奉神。阿们！

何诗婷姐妹  
张全惠姐妹  
曾绮樱姐妹  
中级班学生  
八打灵宗教教育组



幼儿班和幼稚班联合的学生



幼年班学生



少年班学生



初级班学生的短剧



中级班学生



# 100年

True Jesus Church

## 百年灵恩的传承

—— 陈千金姐妹, 蕉赖教会 ——



### ► 6月25日

当我们驾车迈向八打磷的育才学校之际，迎面而来的是多云的天空。当时下着霏霏细雨而早晨常见的阳光当天似乎消失的无影无踪。虽然如此，我们的心情并不受之影响而消沉。抵步之际，庞大的礼堂还是有一些空位，然而，随着时间的流逝，礼堂的座位也逐渐被来宾填满。真耶稣教会的信徒们就如海沙般涌来参加此两日的圣会 - 既是欢庆真耶稣教会传教百年纪念並思念百年灵恩，世纪传承。

此时此刻我们为真耶稣教会传教百年而感恩。福音的种子首先在中国撒种並随后在一百年之间传扬到亚洲各地诸如台湾、新加坡、马来西亚、沙巴、印度、印尼、菲律宾、缅甸）、北美洲（美国、加拿大）、南美（阿根廷）、欧洲（英国）、澳洲及非洲大陆（奈及利亚、迦拿）

总共六个大州的大约60位民族。

我们诚然在过去的这个世纪体验了神的荣耀。但是、当我们想到神是超越时间及空间的限制时，此情况仍然会继续。神是存到永永远远的。祂的名字被万代所纪念（出 3: 16）。我们的信仰是永存及不止息的信仰、它不会随着时间而结束，我们的职责是要把此国际化的信仰及真理，还有事奉的精神及属灵的精神传承到下一代以便他们能传承过去所留下的遗产。此根深蒂固的信仰以及真理必须自我们彰显出来，整体而言，这必须是一间荣耀的教会的柱石及壁垒。

在这两天当中，我们从几位经历数十年並有着许多值得回溯的长者那儿聆听了许多宝贵的道理。这一系列根据主题的证道是这两天圣会的主轴並由联总主席、车富铭长老与来自澳洲的陈西门分别主讲。他们所传达的信息都把重点放在真耶稣教会过去及将来的一代以及神奥妙的旨意。间中也穿插着由来自西马各教区、年龄分别从4岁至70岁的诗班成员所组成的诗班呈献及乐器表演。这些诗班成员身穿各色的制服並且精神奕奕的颂赞神。礼堂内都回响着他们美妙及和谐的歌声，並见证了他们是经过许多的练习及彩排才有的果效。值得一提的是这也是同灵们交流的好时机。这次的圣会提供了一个愉快及和谐的环境让同灵们有机会再叙旧並巩固彼此之间的情谊。除此之外，圣会的其中一项环节是介绍



西马各教会的多媒体呈献。

感恩聚会的标志设计亦是别出心裁的。100这个数字有三种不同的主色呈献。1字是黄色，第一个零是青色的，而第二个零是蓝色的。充满阳光的黄色象征著神的荣耀是灿烂、光辉及辉煌的。青色象征著成长而这强调著我们须要宣道。蓝色象征水。雨水能滋润著大地，而透过此标志，告诉我们福音的栽种及牧养工作都由我们执行。我们栽种、我们浇灌但神使之成长（林前 3: 6-9）。两个零是交叉在一起，这象征著教会里的信徒是彼此连接成为一体的。他们的使命是把福音传扬到世界各地。传扬福音须要人们的生活能彼此相交以便他们有机会传扬福音。

如今，百年感恩聚会已经结束而超过1700人出席有关圣会。这是鲜有的机会能让大家共聚一堂来感谢並回顾神在过去一世纪的带领。当我们回想起来，这似乎是一件艰辛及困难重重的任务；也是一项牵涉许多圣工人员的壮举。我们感谢所有的工作人员，他们毫不言倦並且有效的完成所有的任务。感谢神，所有的参与者都鼎力的支持及让这项美好的盛会根据时间表顺利及圆满的结束。我们为他们无私的爱及牺牲而感谢神。

100年的历史。从这一刻开始，教会的方向及未来在何处呢？既然我们已经经历了百年的属灵及属世的传承，我们现在有责任来喂养及牧养群羊，传

扬及宣道以便能扩展境界 使之更远更阔。为了有更美好的明天，我们须要祈求神感动工人们来收割大量的庄稼。对于个人而言，我们被提醒关乎我们个人的信仰必须内在化、不须要长篇大论，而是须要长久的事奉。更甚的是，我们必须在基督的爱里、在圣灵中以及神的荣耀内合而为一並且跟随先人所留下的美好脚踪。最重要的是我们必须时时带着恩典的记号以符合我们所传扬的道理。

下一个百年又是如何呢？可悲的是，我届时已经不存在也无机会来见证之。无可置疑的是，我们前面的路必定是一条很漫长的路。教会必须和我们每天所面对的许多错综复杂的挑战来搏斗。但是教会的座右铭是非常的响亮及明确：以过去的经验来传承予下一代及向前迈进（传 1: 4）- 保持团结。信徒们须要传扬及把真理宣扬至世界的四个角落。这是所托付于我们的工作。谨记：无论任何事情都有一些可以改善及提升的地方。无可置疑的，教会里有许多被隐没的人才在等待着我们发掘並善用之以便教会能更繁荣。

一切荣耀及赞美都归给神。







▶ 3月17日

圣经营在2018年3月7日举办开营礼。

讲会 讲者：Ajakali 弟兄 讲者：陈佩莉姊妹		
时间	节目	带领者
4.30pm	唱诗 169 首 祷告	Ajakali 弟兄
4.50pm	领导主任之勉勵词	David Matthew 传道
5.10pm	介绍学员、协调员 及营助理	Ajakali 弟兄
5.20pm	唱诗 172 首 祷告	Ajakali 弟兄
5.30pm	简介- 营规	陈佩莉姊妹

圣经营参加者之总数：

班级	教会	学生数目
少年班	加彭前鋒组	2
	加彭	3
	桃碧	5
	八打灵	1
	柔佛再也	9
	高乌	2
	打巴	4
	芙蓉	1
	波德申	3
	总数	30
初级班	加彭前鋒组	5
	甘文阁	2
	桃碧	3
	八打灵	3
	柔佛再也	7
	高乌	1
	打巴	5
	芙蓉	1
	总数	27

\*全营总数：57人

▶ 当天的题目

协调员也必须带领各自的组员进行生命教育课程，他们的题目是：

- 3月18日，星期天  
Semasa Berada Di Dalam Keadaan Yang Mengejutkan Dan Menggerakkan Jiwa
- 3月19日，星期一  
Bekerjasama
- 3月20日，星期二  
Syurga & Neraka

圣经营里也有见证会：

(i) 协调员及营助理

名字	教会
刘荣凯	檳城
李嘉琦	新山
陈迦楠	八打灵

(ii) 初级班

名字	教会
Chearim	八打灵
Davidson	柔佛再也

The students looked forward to the daily activity sessions.



▶ 3月21日

2018年3月21日我们去参观Beryl's 巧克力厂及国家纪念碑。



我们再一次的感谢神，让此圣经营能顺利的进行。也感谢讲员们、协调员们及营助理们付出爱心来照顾祂小羊。

愿一切的荣耀和颂赞都归给我们的主耶稣基督。

▶ 3月22日

圣经营在2018年3月22日举办结营礼。

讲会 讲者：David Matthew 传道 讲者：陈佩莉姊妹		
时间	节目	带领者
8pm	唱诗 126 首 祷告	David Matthew 传道
8.10pm	领导主任之勉勵词	陈以琳姊妹
8.30pm	学生代表致词	Ivan Anderson Alex 弟兄
8.50pm	协调员与营助理代表致词	Yee Dean Li 弟兄
9pm	学恩献诗	陈佩莉姊妹
9.30pm	唱诗 121 首 祷告	David Matthew 传道





# 2018年全国马来语圣经营

学务组

我们感谢主耶稣基督的带领和保护，让马总学务组举办的全国马来语圣经营能顺利的进行。

圣经营是在2018年3月17日至22日，于八打灵教会举办。  
圣经营的主要目的是为要装备年轻人的思想，使他们拥有服事神的观念、精神和知识。

今年，圣经营的主题是“在主里坚定不移”。



圣经营的班负责  
- 张以斯拉传道



圣经营的训导主任  
- David Matthew 传道

圣经营分为两个班级 - 少年班和初级班。 这两个班级的讲员和课程如下:

(i) 少年班

班级	讲员	课程
少年班	卢俞桦姐妹	Dua raja di dalam hatiku
		Konsep nilai & konsep moral
	陈佩娟姐妹	Belajar dari kesilapan
		Peperangan rohani
		Berhubungan baik dengan Tuhan
		Jika hidup tiada Yesus



(ii) 初级班

班级	讲员	课程
初级班	张以斯拉传道	Jagalah Hatimu Terhadap Budaya Duniawi
		Sikap Terhadap Berdosa
		Doktrin: Tuhan Esa yang Benar
		Siapa Bertelinga, Hendaklah Ia Mendengar
		Menghadapi Kegagalan & Kekecewaan
	David Matthew 传道	Pembacaan Alkitab & Penyempurnaan Rohani
		Penerapan Alkitab
		Diperbaharui Seperti Rajawali
		Kesucian
		Dunia Romantis dalam Media Hiburan
		Kehidupan yang Berpusatkan Kristus
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		Yee Dean Li	
	姐妹	林一卉	
		Firadellia	
初级班	弟兄	何诗婷	
		Ros Ramli	
	姐妹	刘齐皓	
		刘荣凯	
	弟兄	邓佩恩	
		张嘉妮	
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