



One of the Small Groups at NC: Kuala Kubu Baru
 Top l-r: Arijey Sura (Kolej Yayasan UEM, Selangor), Lukas (Politeknik, Kuching),
 Victor (UTAR, Sg Long), Hillary Robert (UTeM, Melaka)
 Middle l-r: Rammie (Politeknik, Mukah), Yee Ling (UM, Kuala Lumpur), Witrin Nany
 (i-CATS, Kuching), Wenyi (INTI, Sabah), Phylissia Lenjai (UiTM, Kuching),
 Bottom: Pebble Yvonne (USM, Pulau Pinang)

The picture above reflects one of the crucial calls for us at FES - The coming together of students from local and private universities and colleges, of different races and languages, put together for 6 days 5 nights; we listened to God's Word, experienced firsthand exposure to 'the other' and came face to face with our own prejudices, hearing from the other.

This issue we've put together a glimpse of NC 2017, as you enabled us to make it happen through your generous support.

The Church in Transition...?

"It was the worst of times... it was the best of times" - A Tale of Two Cities

One could say that the beginning of the student movement (therefore of the IFES movement) was one of the church being in the campus and naturally working out the implications of being a disciple of Christ in the student context of a tertiary institution. Thus the church impacted life in campus – students brought into their campus setting their beliefs, their hopes for the future, their fire for God all shaped by a church based pre-tertiary life.



Unifying commonality of Christians

It was also the time when Evangelicalism began to take root defining a **unifying commonality of Christians** who were **Bible based**, held **Christ to be central** to Biblical truth, raised **the cross** as a **necessary act of grace** to save sinners, preached the **need to repent and be born again**, and carried on faithfully **the Spirit's work of evangelism and social concern**.

This common holding of such essential truths was enough for our student forefathers to serve together, learn together, accept each other's denominational and theological differences and shine for Christ in campus as one body through the Christian Fellowship (CF), reflective of the wider body of Christ. Yes, the student movement lent its lively heritage to the church which was thriving, breaking new ground and furthering the kingdom of God.



The CF ministry, helped along by IFES affiliated organisations (such as FES Malaysia) through its *formacion* process not only helped students become better disciples on campus but equipped them for life after the transitory undergraduate years, **to go back to where they came from to serve their home churches**, better nurtured spiritually, more rounded in their faith and doctrine, **more aware of the wider body of Christ and keen to share what they had learnt**.

So we have this synergistic, dynamic cycle of the church that provides students to the CFs and the student ministry then gives back to the church, graduates who are ready, willing and able to provide servant leadership in the Church.

The Church in Transition...?

We pray for the church in these perilous times especially looking at the melting pot that is Malaysia today.

Today this cycle faces disruption and serious challenges.

Postmodernism, coping with the new millennial culture, facing LGBT questions, dealing with a generation that is so social media dependent, disintegrating family structures, artificial intelligence taking over our lives and many more issues have swamped the church with more and more questions but fewer and fewer convincing answers and less and less respectable answerers. It is as if a new world is dawning and the church looks not ready to face her.



Back to basics

There is a need to “go back to basics”, to teach an appreciation of Bible Study, to once again explain what “mission” means, to learn what evangelism in a pluralistic context is all about. The Lord did not ask us to choose our flocks but instead told us, “take care of my sheep”. The Christian student in campus is our work, in whatever shape, size and form. And FES is committed to do that work and continue to deliver our part of the cycle. **Perhaps more than ever before we realise the shape of the tomorrow’s Church in Malaysia depends on, to a greater degree, what we do in campus today.** To borrow from the Book of Esther in the words of Mordecai, “*And who knows but that you have come to ... [this] position for such a time as this?*” (Esther 4:14)

■ The church needs clear thinking and courageous preachers, pastors and leaders who will be faithful to entrust to others the truth of the gospel.

■ The Bible needs to find its rightful place in our lives and it needs to be read, studied and reflected upon and not kept as an icon in our smartphones only to be pressed on a “need to know” basis.

■ Worship should not be a time when we try to “get into the mood” but one where we offer ourselves as living sacrifices to our God.

■ Mission should be lived out in our everyday lives knowing not only that we are “*not of the world*” but we are also “*sent into the world*” (John 17:17).

These are values and challenges we faithfully bring to the students in the CFs because this is what the church needs today.



We will continue to do our part with His enabling for His greater Glory. This may be the “worst of times” or the “best of times”, but we will wait on the Lord for He makes all things beautiful in His time.

Mr. Chew Phye Keat
FES Chairman

Students, at NC, share thoughts on...



What matters is not how much we know or have, but how much God has for us.

Darren Go
Analytical Economics
MMU, Cyberjaya

A warm reminder that my journey serving in CF is similar to the many campuses represented. The number of West and East Malaysia campuses represented reminded me how each campus has made an impact to the students there and how big the family of God is, even within tertiary students. Annette's encouragement about being God's stewards in our campuses was a much needed wake up call.

Annabelle Yam Zhao Qing
Medicine, IMU, Seremban



Opening Night & Plenaries



My eyes were opened to see the gap between the people and the churches and what we can do, which is to be the bridge in those gaps.

Bernard Lee How Kiat
Environmental Technology, UMT

As a Christian student in the campus that God has placed me in, I have the responsibility to be a brother's keeper to my friends. The lesson that is strongly impressed on my heart is to ***first get my relationship with God right. It is crucial to faithfully keep to the habit of spending time in prayer and studying the Word of God.*** 1 Corinthians 9:24 says that we are running a race, a personal race, but we must begin with God and continue with God.

Ruth Loh Siaw Hui
Engineering, UNIMAS





As how there were tribes in Israel serving in different roles, students are also God's tribes in campus. We are called to share His love and hope and to build His Kingdom. We might have been back sliding and hiding God's glory, ruining His house, but God is calling us back. The challenge to be: unsafe, willing and set apart.

Jotham Jeremy A/L Lourdes

Mechatronic Engineering, USM, Nibong Tebal



Exposition on Haggai

*Give careful thought
to your ways...*



Mailiana Anak Duka

Agribusiness
Management, UUM

Tentang pembinaan iman diri. Rumah Tuhan adalah diri kita sendiri. Adanya damai sukacita akan hadirnya roh sukacita dan roh kebenaran yang akan membentuk peribadi dan menyatakan rahsia Tuhan. Tuhan menyuruh kita untuk fokus kepadanya. Jangan takut kerana Tuhan sentiasa menyertai.

Mengubah persepsi akan kehidupan saya di dalam Kristus, agar lebih sungguh dan benar. Saya ditegur untuk belajar mendengar suara Tuhan dan bersaksi, mengerjakan sesuai kehendakNya dan tidak takut sebab Tuhan senantiasa beserta. Kebangkitan itu akan terjadi, kerana mukjizat dan janji Tuhan itu indah dan nyata. Masa lalu mungkin menyakitkan, malah masa depan penuh dengan kejutan, tetapi kita harus pasti bahawa Tuhan pegang masa depan kita.

Michelle William

Environmental Engineering, UniMAP, Perlis



Sharon Ho Yii Roh

Mathematics and Economics
USM, Penang

A deeper revelation of God's love; He recognizes that we're human and won't get it right all the time, and still chose to use us in spite of this. Such truth is really helpful in battling self-condemnation.

Human nature is sinful, stubborn, selfish which is such a contrast to who our God is - holy, loving, forgiving. He is ever-ready to accept our ruins and turn it into something more than we may ever imagine or achieve. **The key is we must start right with Him.**



Michelle Chong Chen Shin

Medicine
AIMST, Kedah

CELEBRATING...

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

26TH JUNE TO 1ST JULY AT THE RAVE YMCA, SIBU

A dream that was birthed one and a half years ago became a reality. 407 students, graduates and staff, were challenged as Christians in Malaysia to recapture God's glory for our nation.

Different cultures and languages were embraced through the intermingling of people from various backgrounds. From the exposition on the book of Haggai, night plenaries and various activities, participants caught a glimpse of the magnitude of the task before us and were sent back to various parts of the country with the mandate of **"KemuliaanMu, Penglibatanku."**



"Hi. Which dorm and Small Group am I in?"



The urgent call to gather.



Students signing their names as they "log in to" NC.



All aboard for Interaksi Rumah Panjang!



Students voicing out "gaps" between Sabah, Sarawak and Semenanjung.

CELEBRATING...



FES Chairman, Mr. Chew Phye Keat giving the Opening speech.



Dr. Thomas Chung instilling what it means to be a Christian student



Miss Annette Arulrajah expounding the book of Haggai



Mr. David Ho and Mr. Peter Paris sharing the stage on what it means to be a brother's keeper.



"We are ready for games!"



NC Recap through a creative skit.



A time of solitude and reflection



Last night in NC - Small Group time.



Committing oneself to getting their "hands dirty" for 'KemuliaanMu, Penglibatanku'

UP NEXT SOUTHERN

L.T Jeyachandran Talks

1. Public Talk:
Trinitarian Model
for Discipleship
8pm@15th Sept.
Straits Baptist Church

2. Morning
Conversation
Integrating
Faith & Work
9am@16th Sept.
FES Office

CENTRAL

1. W.I. Pahang
9am@16th Sept.
SIB Kuantan

2. Trinity and
Discipleship
10am@18th Sept.
PJ Gospel Hall

NORTHERN

1. Agents for
God (A4G)
22nd Sept.
Sg. Nibong Gospel Hall

2. Graduates
Training
19th Oct.

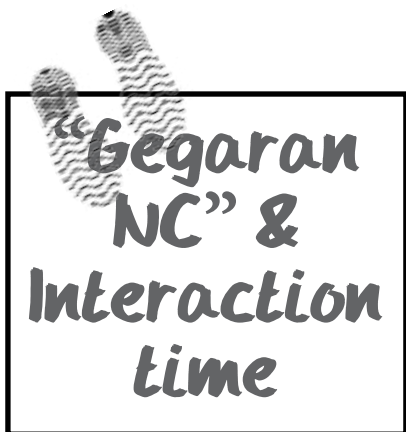
NATIONAL

An Afternoon
with FES
Celebrating Annette,
the New IFES East Asia
Regional Secretary
19th Nov.

Melalui interaksi dengan peserta-peserta dari seluruh Malaysia, saya mendapati bahawa perpaduan masyarakat di negara ini semakin berkurangan. Saya juga dapat belajar untuk bergaul dengan rakan-rakan yang baru terutamanya dari Semenanjung Malaysia dan memerhatikan perbezaan gaya hidup kerana semua peserta adalah daripada masyarakat yang pelbagai bangsa.

Daniel Amir Robin

Penjanaan Kuasa Elektrik, Kolej Vokasional, Kuching



Zoe Ooi Su Yin

Business and Finance, Sunway University

Being a Malaysian means loving people regardless of race, and protecting the environment because the earth is the Lord's.

I now look at the country in a bigger picture and pray for the country and its leaders.



"Break my heart with what breaks Yours." I felt that God is moving and breaking to rebuild that which is needed in this nation. And in Christ, we, the Christians of this country, have the greatest weapon - unity and discipleship to build up the next generation of His people in this great nation.

Loh Yi Qing

Law, MMU, Melaka Campus

Pertemuan dengan saudara baru terutamanya dari Semenanjung Malaysia sangat membangunkan saya. Perwatakan dan cara pergaulan mereka memberikan dorongan bahawa untuk menjadi askar Kristus yang siap, lengkap bagi menyebarkan kemuliaan Bapa kita, seharusnya ada keyakinan diri, keberanian dalam menyatakan sesuatu yang benar, kemahiran komunikasi di khalayak ramai, kerendahan hati, berpengetahuan luas, sentiasa mengambil tahu perkara yang berlaku di sekeliling juga merupakan perkara yang sangat penting dalam menjadi seseorang pemimpin hamba Tuhan yang lain.



Elizabeth Anthony

Construction Technology, Kolej Vokasional, Bintulu

Final Night & Closing



NC impacted me to see beyond myself, to have a burden for the nation and its people.

Goh Xin Jie
Psychology
Sunway University

Perayaan Seribu Satu Malam NC sangat berbeza. Dari berbilang bangsa yang ada, berbagai jenis pakaian tradisional yang mewakili setiap suku masing-masing dan perbezaan latar belakang pelajar, ada yang datang dari Semenanjung, Sabah dan Sarawak, saya dapat melihat kesatuan dan keakraban antara pelajar-pelajar ini, sebagai saudara-saudari dalam Kristus dan juga penjaga sesama saudara-saudari (Brother's Keeper) walaupun hanya bersama dalam tempoh seminggu.

Rolly Anak Bangau
Business Management Technology, UTHM, Johor



"Tuhan bagi segala bangsa" – nama persembahan saya bagi Tuhan waktu penutupan NC. Saya diperingatkan untuk menjadi saksi Tuhan dan membina semula sebagai rakyat Malaysia. Sarung tangan yang saya terima akan menjadi peringatan untuk melibatkan diri dalam membentuk Malaysia yang dipenuhi KemuliaanNya dan tidak ada jurang antara kita.

Finiks anak Kanis
Engineering Technology in Manufacturing, UTeM, Melaka



I am very encouraged and realised that God is working on a revival in Malaysia. As a Malaysian Christian student, I feel the need to start working in His plans.

Chang Phang Juin
English Language, UPM



How God has always been calling me to set my heart on building God's house on earth rather than my own.

Byron Melvin Benjamin
Information Technology,
UNITEN, Selangor

aMoment with ^{p10} Graduate NC Helpers

NC 2017 wouldn't have been able to be carried out if not for the partnership of our graduate helpers. We invited 3 of them to share how NC impacted them personally, amidst the hard work they endured.

MY "KE-PO-CHI" GOD / MY PRYING GOD

A "wake up" call personally. Serving as a graduate helper was both a rewarding and "disturbing" experience.

I was challenged to "give careful thought" to the ways I've been living. The working world has been harsh. There are more reasons to say NO, to take shortcuts and the easy way out. Being a disciple was just too costly. I was shaken by how complacent life was.

NC made me wrestle on many issues; the divides in our nation, the direction of the Church... we are needed now more than ever. Indeed there's so much more to be done!



Dr. Kan Wye Hon

Based in Sibü.

Role@NC: Conference Doctor & Logistic@Large & Travel



TUHAN DI ATAS MUJIZAT

Banyak perkara menjadi halangan di sepanjang persiapan NC, namun Tuhan lebih berkuasa. NC ini membuka mata saya untuk lebih memandang perkara yang melukakan hati Tuhan, serta masalah yang boleh menyebabkan perpecahan di Malaysia. "Berdirilah teguh, jangan goyah, giatlah selalu dalam perkerjaan Tuhan. Jerih payahmu tidak akan sia-sia" merupakan dorongan yang saya terima dari NC.

Miss Lilyen Lantong Ukai

Based in Miri. Role@NC: Program

GOD WHO IS AT WORK

I'm glad I dove into NC (although last minute!) as God unearthed things in me which I have been comfortably ignoring. NC has helped me re-think what it means to be Malaysian, re-examine my spiritual fitness and re-align my life's course. I now feel a stronger nudging to look out for others especially if they are in a more vulnerable position, to strive for spiritual excellence and to work towards meeting needs rather than wants. If God's doing something in Malaysia, I want to be a part of that.



Miss Charissa Ho

Based in K.L.

Role@NC: Publicity & Snapshots



IN RETROSPECT

THE STUDENT RATIO

It was crucial to have equal or more participation from East Malaysians (EM) because that itself was part of the message of NC. For the first time in NC, EMs were the majority!

*Kemuliaanmu,
Persembahkanmu*
NC 17

A FANTASTIC NC CREW

We had people who came as guests but willingly helped as crew. Our teamwork earned the venue proprietor's praise.

We corrected each other's mistakes, took responsibility and apologized. Grad helpers took leave and paid full conference fees to slog it out with us! Each one gave more than they thought they could. I am thankful for this team.

THE VENUE

It had to reflect the message of NC too. But choosing The Rave YMCA meant logistical limitations. Packed dormitories and common bathrooms gave the students a sense of communal living. Students took it in their stride with shortage of meeting rooms and especially when we had acute water shortage, tried communal bathing instead.

BEYOND NC



WHAT RESONATES WITH ME?

"I felt my voice has been heard!" said a student. There was no way we could engineer the interaction between the participants – their amazing spirit of trying to see from another's context.

The cost of having it in Sarawak meant that we had less West Malaysians (WM) and had less people for the conference overall. The flight ticket cost meant that we would miss out on those who could not afford and did not want to take our subsidy. But it was necessary because of the times we are living in and the message we are issuing – to be our Brother's Keeper. Perhaps it is high time we all think less about our rights, and think more about what is needed for the Church and act accordingly so that we will truly be "terang di tengah kegelapan" (light in the midst of darkness).

The church in Malaysia comprises EM and WM. It would be sad if churches only mind our own things in our corner of the country and so miss out on what only the other can contribute to the Church in Malaysia. We need each other's help.

FOR FES

The training in prayer, younger staff who rose up and led the NC subcommittees, calling to attention and to bridge this divide between East and West Malaysia church & as a nation - NC 2017, it is just the beginning.

For all your prayers and sacrificial giving, "Terima Kasih!" from students, graduate helpers and staff of NC 2017!

Eu Pui
~ NC Director ~

at the **Moment**



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Terang dalam kegelapan.**

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