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*As we unveil our focus (#engagethecall) for 2018-2021,
new forms of **PARTNERSHIP** may need to be considered
as we take on challenges to come.*

Not Alone

Working with Partners Outside FES?

Salting the earth!

Lighting up the darkness!

This is a Christian's *HUMBLE CALLING* amidst a world that showcases its glittering best and solo abilities. We're given this **GRAND MANDATE** to LIVE AMONG the people ~ to arrest decay in lives, families, societies and nation!

We're called to medicate and bind up wounds.

"YOU ARE THE LIGHT"!

Called to penetrate and push back the engulfing, corrupting darkness. (Matt. 5:13-16)

FES needs to DISCERN AGAIN how we have been living out this mandate in times such as ours ~ when society is submerged in assaulting lawlessness, dysfunctional systems and broken communities. Salting and lighting cannot be a solo effort! And it calls for a counter-cultural posture of humble partnerships.

Will we walk alongside others, both Christians and non-Christians, who have access into places of need and who share similar concerns with ours?

ORCHESTRA OR SOLOISTS?!

Our hesitations have been for fear of diluting our message. This wariness is needed, and yet for many of us it has made us **INSULAR** (little islands), **DEFENSIVE & IRRELEVANT**. Many of us use a **PIETISTIC MODEL** of engaging with the world, emphasizing on living the Christian life and that's about it. Spiritual ghettos! Others, unconsciously engage in an **APOLOGETIC MODEL**, where we take on a defensive posture... defending ourselves against the world and its threat. But the time has come for us to engage in the **DIALOGICAL MODEL** of working with others.*

This model initiates **CONVERSATIONS** with other partners or communities. We **NURTURE, ENGAGE, RESPECT** each other's place and gifts, humbly offering ours in the **ORCHESTRA OF GOD'S MOVE** to reach His world. It's almost like a **JOSEPH-RIPPLE**, working with Pharaoh to bring aid during the famine to many lives (Gen. 41). Many movements like Tear-Fund, Focus-On-The-Family, World-Vision, Leprosy-Mission and Transform-World have been able to reach further and touch lives for God, working with government agencies, other NGOs with similar vision and other Kingdom-minded churches.

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GUARDING OUR INHERITANCE

This invitation to consider a **DIALOGICAL MODEL** of partnership, comes with the **MUSICAL SCORE** which guides us into harmony. We need to responsibly guard our inheritance. In choosing partners, **SHARED MISSION; GENUINE RELATIONSHIPS & OPEN DIALOGUE; SIMILAR VALUES & DOCTRINES; RECOGNIZED, SUITABLE GIFTED LEADERSHIP** would be necessary for greater impact. And in the case of working with those who do not yet know the Lord, **MUTUAL RESPECT, HUMILITY & AFFIRMATION OF THE OTHER.**

Every partnership IS A RISK TAKEN. There might come a point in the partnership when we need to reconsider, if we feel our **TESTIMONY FOR CHRIST IS BEING COMPROMISED**, or we feel we are becoming **PRACTICAL ATHEISTS IN OUR PUBLIC LIVES** for the sake of partnership. Our witness is to be a **PROPHETIC** one ~ no compromises!

KAIROS... NOT ALONE!

Now seems the opportune time ('kairos') for us to work together to **PENETRATE THE DARKNESS SURROUNDING US.** Partnership expands possibilities!

Karl Vaters says,

- 1) It increases our sphere of influence.
- 2) It can impact others' perception of Jesus, or Christianity.
- 3) It bursts our Christian-World bubble.
- 4) It shakes up our comfort zones.
- 5) Helps us reach people we can't otherwise reach.
- 6) It's less self-serving.
- 7) It stretches our faith.
- 8) It's humbling.

“Well my friends,
we live in **HOSTILE TIMES**.
And we have a mandate to
be **PROPHETIC PILGRIMS**.
We need to take risks.
We need to guard our
inheritance.
Will we be **SALT & LIGHT**
through **life-giving**
Partnerships?”



Annette Arulrajah

International Fellowship of Evangelical Students
East Asia Regional Secretary

*3 models of Engagement
by Terence Halliday

Focussing On CENTRAL

Making CNY a season to bless others

Two CFs share on how CNY gave them a perfect 'excuse' to reach out in giving...

A meaningful time for CF to bless and share God's love to the community especially the staff, janitors and security guards in our campus.

We were surprised to know one of the students remembered receiving candies from us during Christmas when we handed her the oranges. We hope that the seeds we have sown will bear fruits soon in this campus. **Leong Khai Jing**

Life is tough, but knowing that God is in control and that God is a good and faithful God allows you to have peace that the world cannot take away. Through the CNY outreach people began to see that they are not alone, that they matter and that they are noticed. We may not be able to tell them "Jesus loves you" directly but hopefully seeds are planted.

Lois Tay Soong Jing

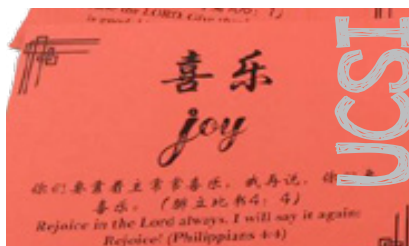
Last year, oranges were given out to students together with Bible verses. I personally saw the impact it had as it left many students happy and shocked simultaneously. This year, we expanded to distributing to the guards, kakaks, and department staff.

The CF wanted to be a blessing to the community, adding value to people's lives as some may not have the opportunity to return home. On the other hand, this also serves as a platform to promote the presence of CF in campus. **Lee Wai Kit**



This year is the 8th year of UCSI Christian Fellowship organizing RED ("Really Exciting Dinner") to celebrate Chinese New Year. This year, RED was not only opened to CF members, but all of us were encouraged to invite our classmates or friends. Like previous years, we had a "reunion dinner" concept with the must have "Yee Sang". The difference was that we included video and group discussion sessions to enable interaction.

Out of the 54 people, 8 newcomers who are non-believers joined us. Some who gave feedback that they felt the happy and warm fellowship were encouraged and comforted by the Bible verses. We hope that they will eventually reflect on their own life. Do keep us in prayer for our follow-up with the newcomers.



HELP University
Subang 2

Focussing On SARAWAK

“Leading C.G. & WORDilicious Investigators”

(See centerspread for photos)

Since August 2017, Fredda and Jane (part time staff) have been the ones holding the fort in our Miri Office.

“An unexpected opportunity opened for us when **Fajar International College** invited us to do a training for their CF. So on 10th of March 2018, together with Miceelle, a colleague who flew in from Kuching, we successfully carried out the training with 21 students.

Fredda shares, “I was moved to see this young generation hungering to investigate the Word. Even though the training took one whole day, they still gave their best to participate and finish their tasks.”



Fredda Balang
Based in Miri

Below are some of their responses:

Easy to understand, relaxing, simple yet very meaningful. Hope that we can have more time next round.

- Elmie Siun

I can understand how to read the Bible and studying it is easier now. I liked the activities and learnt many things.

- Mai Ngoc Dan Thanh

The training is helpful and necessary to students / young Christians to know and acknowledge the true meaning of the Bible and to know more about God.

- Nguyen Ngoc Lan Chi

Good training to help us know how to study the Bible in a simple way. It was also fun and very suitable for youth!

- Emily

Tuhan mengingatkan saya bahawa pentingnya Firman Tuhan (Kol. 3:24)

- Joven Rexwell Jaibi

Saya bergembira kerana ini adalah kali pertama saya mengikuti program sebegini. Saya belajar cara yang berkesan untuk memahami Firman Tuhan.

- Ezraley Jonisin

CELEBRATING...

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W.I Training @ Fajar International College, Miri.

3 staff together with 2 graduate helpers came together on the 10th of March to conduct a WORDilicious Investigators (Inductive Bible Study) Training with the students from Fajar International College. Students learned how to ask questions when studying the Bible and identify the different genres in the Bible.



What is "Speaking Scripture"?



Reenacting the scene of Jesus healing the man possessed by demons



Understanding the emotions behind Psalms.



Ready to dig deep into the Word

Inductive Bible Study Training with Faith Sanctuary of Glory Church, Kota Bharu

4 staff went to Kota Bharu on the 9th of March to meet up with different students and young working adults. At the same time, the team also facilitated an Inductive Bible Study (IBS) in BM with a church. 10 students from various campuses in Kelantan along with 10 young working adults learned to use the inductive approach to engage God's Word.



Explaining the Inductive Bible Study steps



Piecing everything to see the big picture



Learning to Observe



Capturing the heart of Inductive Bible Study



Trying the IBS steps for themselves



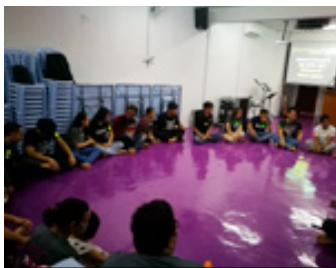
CELEBRATING...

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W.I. Daniel @ Pagoh

A coming together for both the students and staff. Two staff from the Southern region and three staff from the Central region came together on the 10th of March, bringing students from UTeM and UTHM to study the book of Daniel in Pagoh.



Getting to know each other



Listening to Scripture being spoken



Interpreting King Nebuchadnezzar's dream



Studying Daniel chapter 4 together



Who is King Nebuchadnezzar ?



Responding to the call to know Daniel's God

Jambatan Anak Malaysia (JAM) @ Changlun

On the 17th of March, 10 UUM students came to hear the message of JAM. They shared their struggles in bridging the racial gap, yet felt motivated to be an agent of JAM in their campus as they reflected on Daniel's life and as they also listened to other varsity students.



Seeing what it means to build upon another



Leading a fellow friend in need



Challenging students to be bridge-builders



Being Agents of JAM

Focussing On NORTH

Gleanings from Wordilicious Investigators (W.I.) Groups

W. I groups are where we encourage students to dig into the Word of God and investigate the truths and how it applies to us. Over the last 2 semesters, some student groups in the Northern Region studied a variety of topics including missions, prayer and evangelism. Other groups chose to study the Bible book-by-book e.g. Daniel, Jonah, Haggai, etc. Here we share with you some of the gems that students mined...



Esther Robin

IPG KSAH



Sikap Yunus yang melarikan diri daripada

panggilan Tuhan turut

menggambarkan sikap segelintir umat Tuhan untuk tidak melaksanakan panggilan Tuhan kerana wujud pemberontakan dalam diri. Namun, kita lupa bahawa pelayanan yang Tuhan berikan kepada kita bukan untuk melayani manusia tetapi melayani Tuhan.

Dari Yunus, saya belajar untuk sentiasa yakin dan percaya penyertaan Tuhan dalam panggilan saya untuk melayani Tuhan di mana sahaja saya berada.

BOOK
OF JONAH

The early years of Daniel demonstrated his principles, faithfulness and obedience to God. Amidst being challenged in various circumstances, his faith did not waver. I admire the **sense of purpose in Daniel** as he stood **firm and faithful** to the calling God had given him. It was evident that his close walk with God enabled him to discover the secrets of God's heart through visions and dreams.



Jolene Lee

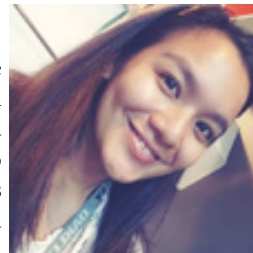
DISTED College, Penang

It is my prayer that all of us hold firm to the calling, walk in that faith and be empowered by His faithfulness daily in our lives as we **cultivate the lifestyle of prayer and humility** in acknowledging His sovereignty and that we are nothing without Him. May Jesus be the center and glorified in all that we do!

BOOK OF DANIEL

Daniel's **obedience** towards God stood out for me. He decided to not partake the royal food and wine which were compulsory meals for those who were in training simply because it was not right. God has given us His commandments in the Bible and we should obey Him despite the condition that we are in. Daniel showed that we should defy orders that will affect our relationship with God. As a result, he was granted wisdom and understanding.

Chapter 2 of Daniel taught me to be **compassionate**. Daniel was selfless and kind and spoke on behalf of those who could not interpret the king's dream so that the king would have mercy on them. With God's grace, Daniel was able to interpret the king's dream.



Steffi Lyne Keeung Sultan

UiTM Perlis

Focussing On SOUTH W.I. Daniel : Lessons from Daniel and his friends. *(See centerspread for photos)*

The students from two institutions, UTeM and UTHM Pagoh came together to study the book of Daniel chapters 1-5.

We learnt about the **obedience** of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in worshipping God despite being in danger, teaching Christians to have **faith** in God when in danger.

The help of God for Daniel and his friends, proves that God never lets His children suffer alone.



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Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka (UTeM)



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Mengajar saya tentang erti **kesatuan**. Dalam apapun keadaan, Daniel dan kawan-kawannya (Sadrakh, Mesakh dan Abednego) selalu ada untuk satu sama lain.

Mereka saling mendorong, saling membangun dan saling memberkati. Kesatuan yang ada pada peribadi Daniel dan kawan-kawannya membuat saya berfikir.

Adakah terdapat kesatuan di antara saya dan kawan-kawan sekeliling? Di mana kami saling membangun, saling mendorong dan saling memberkati?

Tuhan ada di sebalik orang bijak di seluruh dunia.

Ini adalah kerana **hanya Tuhan** yang boleh memberikan kebijaksanaan dan kuasa kepada orang, hanya Tuhan yang boleh mengubah tragedi kepada kemenangan.

Oleh itu percayalah akan Dia. Apabila kita mempunyai iman yang kuat, tiada siapa boleh menghalang.



Andy O'Brien N
Antiring
Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia (UTHM)

A time of believing and trusting in God's sovereignty, courageously living for God even in hostile times.

Rayneld Edam
Team Leader, Southern Regional Office

Kemuliaan Mu, Penglibatanku!

March 2018

Thank God for open doors that enabled FES Miri Office to minister as different groups approached us unexpectedly. After a few months of journeying with **Fajar International College CF**, their advisor asked us to train the CF leaders on how to lead WORDilicious Investigators (pics on page 6). They also invited us to speak at their CF, and now at their camp later in the year! More surprises were in store as **Curtin VCF** (Varsity Christian Fellowship; pic on the right) and **BEM On the Rock (Teens Leaders)** approached us too. We are still in awe at how God is working as He brings different groups to us in His timing.

Sarawak Region



STORIES

from the field...



We were able to

Central Region

follow up our previous visit to campuses in Kelantan and Terengganu (UMK, Unisza & UMT). While the Christian community within these campuses are often small, the call remains the same: **to**

be witnesses for Christ wherever they are sent.

We met 7 students at Jertih Chinese Methodist church. Our hearts are also gladdened to meet local church members who are concerned for the mission of God among students and in their community (pic above).

Out of the partnership with a local BM speaking church, Faith Sanctuary of Glory in Kota Bharu, we were able to conduct a session on Inductive Bible Study (pics on page 6). It was heart-warming to see eyes light up as participants engaged with the WORD. Students and graduates alike learnt the process and make the connections. While it was not a totally unfamiliar process, many found it helpful to see the reasoning and steps in this approach. It gave them confidence in reading and understanding the Word of God.

We are thankful for this partnership and look forward to what God has in store in the ministry to students in the East Coast of Peninsular Malaysia.

UP NEXT

CAMP CAMERON

25th June - 14th July

S.W.E.E.P

(Social Work Exposure & Embracement Program)

30th July - 11th August



#engagethecall

(Year 2018-2021)

The students' world holds the formative years to engage them for Christ.

#engagethecall is our focus for the next four years, calling students to give attention to these aspects.

The call to KNOW GOD, to ENGAGE the WORD, to WITNESS for CHRIST, to REDEEM COMMUNITY and to REBUILD NEGARAKU is of utmost importance in nurturing the holistic disciple of Christ.

Our mission is to change students for life that they will impact their friends, campus, family, church and nation!



**Rebuilding
Negaraku**



**Redeeming
Community**



**Being
Witness
for Christ**



**Knowing
God**
Prayerful heart
Personal God
Jesus is LORD



**Engaging
the Word**
Captured by the
Big Story of God
Convicted by the
Word

at the **Moment**

#engagethecall

*please refer to page 11

Changing students for life!

**"FES taught my heart
to call Malaysia my home."**

Miriam Samuel, USM; fresh grad
(from Terengganu)

**"FES has exposed me to the
bumiputra culture which revealed
to me that Malaysia encompasses
even the minority... to accept and
love one another though
there are differences."**

Zoe Ooi, Sunway University
(from Taiping)

Come partner with us.

**As of end March,
our deficit is
RM174,809.50**

**"Melalui FES saya
diajar dan dibimbing
bagaimana untuk
mengendalikan CF di
kampus saya."**

Rolly Anak Bangau, UTHM,
(from Sarawak)

**"I like how staff
answer my question
with a question to make
me reflect and think.
This process made me
realize the good and
bad. So, FES ministry
mempengaruhi saya
untuk selalu bertanya!"**

Astella Tesy Patric, IPGKTAR
(from Sabah)

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