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Reaching The Next Generation With God's Word

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Fulfilling The SU Mandate In 2014

By Collene Lee

Psalm 78:5-6 "...He established the law in Israel, which He commanded our forefathers to teach their children so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children..."

REACHING THE NEXT GENERATION WITH GOD'S WORD (Psalm 78:5-6) is the mandate of Scripture Union Peninsular Malaysia (SU). How will this be done in 2014? We are committed to do this by growing our core ministries (namely the children, youth, camping and Bible reading ministries) in an intentional and focused manner. After identifying its individual mission for the year, each ministry has proposed specific strategies and initiatives which it will pursue. The initiatives represent efforts by the various ministries to adapt and be relevant in a fast-changing environment while fulfilling the SU mandate. Allow us to share them with you...



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

By Jennifer Chew

"How can people have faith in the Lord and ask Him to save them, if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear, unless someone tells them? And how can anyone tell them without being sent by the Lord?" Romans 10:14,15a

OUR MISSION

To point children towards Jesus and encourage them to meet God daily through the Bible.

OUR STRATEGIES

By working closely with smaller churches:

- To organise activities and programmes for children through camps.
- To equip children's ministry workers with sufficient training.
- To support parents to help their children grow in faith.

OUR INITIATIVES

- A camp with East Malaysian children in Sitiawan.
- An English children's camp in partnership with local churches in Kuala Terengganu.
- A Parenting Workshop in Mandarin at Sungai Petani, Ipoh and Bentong.
- An English (national) children's camp in Penang.

CAMPING MINISTRY

By Edwin Khoo

Our Mission

To reach and impact children, youth and their families by providing them with a meaningful Christian camping experience.

Our Strategies

1. To share the gospel with youths.
2. To enable more churches or Christian NGOs to enjoy camping facilities at the SUFES campsite in Tapah.
3. To raise awareness and promote the ministry of SU to campers and visitors at the SUFES campsite.

Our Initiatives

- ✓ Partner with relevant Christian organisations (such as Boys Brigade Malaysia) by conducting evangelistic camps where the gospel will be shared.
- ✓ Provide a more enriching and memorable camping experience for the Christian community with the upgrading of the campsite facilities and provision of the facilities at affordable rates e.g. by having campfire nights.
- ✓ For campers and visitors at the SUFES campsite, brochures will be made available, a book table set up and talks given for increased awareness of the SU ministry.

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YOUTH MINISTRY

By Lue Jun Yi

Our Mission

To help School Christian Fellowships (SCFs) fulfill their mission of knowing Christ and making Him known. This is achieved by helping students know and love God and His Word, as well as helping students to live good and godly lives, leading to a strong Christian witness in schools.

Our Strategies

1. To help students develop a relationship with God through the daily reading of the Word and prayer.
2. To train and equip students in leadership and evangelism.
3. To assist in the setting up of new SCFs.

4. To empower teacher advisors or adults to serve alongside.

Our Initiatives

- ✓ Conduct training on Bible Reading and seminars on Quiet Time, and organizing camps focused on the Word of God.
- ✓ Plan and conduct leadership camps, workshops and SCF training modules.
- ✓ Teach the Word of God in relevant, practical ways during SCF visits.
- ✓ Have an SCF support team and training seminars on how to start a SCF.
- ✓ Build relationships with Christian

teachers so that they are committed to their SCFs, and intentionally identify key persons in different regions (Northern, Central, Southern and East Coast) of the country and build relationships with them so they can be SCF partners.

- ✓ Provide a range of SCF resource materials to support the SCF work.

SCF Training Programmes:

- SCF Module 1: Starting an SCF
- SCF Module 2: Leadership in the SCF
- Bible Reading Module
- Evangelism Module
- Prayer Meeting Module

BIBLE READING MINISTRY

By Christopher Cheah

Our Mission

Given the fundamental conviction that the Bible leads and builds our Christian lives into the pattern and fullness of the likeness of Christ (Psalm 119:105) and the current decline in Bible reading in the country, our aim is to once again bring the call to children, youths and churches to engage with Scripture.

Our Initiatives

- ✓ Provide devotional materials online and through the new media to inculcate this habit.
- ✓ Make available good Bible reading programmes and plans that will make Scripture meaningful, up-building and relevant.
- ✓ Disseminate those materials widely to

school Christian Fellowships, youth groups and churches.

- ✓ Help Christians through training seminars to engage the Word.

SU Bible Reading Plan on YouVersion!

By Joanne Liaw Sook Ling

We are thankful to God for the launch of Scripture Union's Bible Reading Plan, Asian Reflections Volume One (renamed as 'Bible Reflections from Scripture Union Volume One') on YouVersion.

Our Bible Reading Plan is currently on a trial period and we are only allowed to continue with the subsequent volumes on YouVersion if our Bible Reading Plan obtains a substantial number of hits and subscribers. So please support this effort by subscribing to Scripture Union's Bible Reading Plan via the following steps:

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BESIDES THE ABOVE, SU also organizes Regional Activities with the Churches (REACH) which are ministry trips to a few towns in different regions over the weekend, intending to serve churches and Christian groups, to strengthen ties

with partners and supporters, and to explore new networking contacts.

As in the past, churches, Christian organisations and Christian individuals continue to be strategic partners for the ministry of SU to be impactful and far-

reaching. Hence, your continued support - whether as a volunteer (SCF partner, Bible reading promoter, camp officer), prayer partner, financial supporter - is invaluable. Together, may our God be honoured and glorified!

d' Nous Academy (d'NA)

By Jason Lai

The d'Nous Academy (d'NA) was first held 11 years ago in December at Seminary Theology Malaysia, Seremban (STM) which was a collaboration between Scripture Union (SU) and Fellowship of Evangelical Students (FES). The objective of this academy is to forge a new generation of young thinkers through training & discipline of the heart, mind & spirit. It was recently held from 4th -14th December 2013 at Seminary Theology Malaysia, Seremban (STM). There were 15 students from all over of Peninsular Malaysia and 8 staff from SU & FES who attended this event.

Throughout those 11 days, there were classrooms teaching sessions on Old & New Testament Studies, the Sacraments, the Apostle's Creed & Nicene Creed, Spiritual Disciplines, Christian Character (Biography of John Sung) and understanding of different worldviews, Buddhism &

Chinese Religion. Besides classrooms teaching sessions, there were community engagements to different homes and centers to engage and serve the mentally disabled, old folks, and other inmates. Apart from all those learning sessions, there were fun activities like games and a day outing to Seremban town.

Although there was so much intensive

learning and acquiring of knowledge, yet there were moments of fun and unforgettable friendship. It was great to see how God was at work for many young minds have been shaped, hearts have been touched, and spirits have been filled. May these students be challenged to continue walking with God in faith and be an encouragement to others. All glory to God!



NATIONAL SCHOOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP LEADERS (NSCFL) CAMP

By Elaine Liew

Our annual NSCFL Camp for 2013 was held on November 18-23 at Seminari Theologi Malaysia, Seremban. The camp was attended by 113 campers aged between 13-16 from all over Peninsular Malaysia, and more than 20 camp officers. The camp schedule was packed, with morning devotions, teaching and discussion sessions, training sessions and a practical session on the discipline of prayer, fasting and solitude, not forgetting times for fun, games and laughter as well. The theme of the camp was FOLLOW ME. Accordingly, the plenary sessions by our camp speaker, Mr. Rudi Cheow, focused on leadership essentials drawn from the life of Simon Peter whilst the workshops were specifically designed to help campers sharpen their leadership skills. Campers also had the opportunity to work and serve together; for example, in leading the worship sessions and playing games



together in their teams.

This is what some of the campers had to say about the camp:-

The theme talks were clear, very interesting and I learnt many things.

The prayer, fasting and silence sessions were helpful to enable me to focus more on God.

The camp officials were really friendly and caring and I especially enjoyed the peer counselling workshop.

The theme talks were good. I was very encouraged, and I especially remember the speaker sharing that God is patient – no matter how many times we disappoint Him, He is still willing to give us a chance to change.

I believe the camp speaker and officials were surrendered to God as I saw the love of Abba God in them. .

My group official was very caring. I learned a lot from the sessions and the

Johor Bahru - Kluang REACH

By Lue Jun Yi

A team consisting of Christopher Cheah, Colene Lee and Lue Jun Yi visited Johor Bahru and Kluang from 8th to 10th of October 2013 to meet up with church leaders and teachers in both the towns. During the meetings, we shared about Scripture Union's schools work ministry and discussed how Scripture Union could be of help to the ministry in Johor Bahru and Kluang. We also learned about the different school system that was implemented by the State Education Department (this was new to us!). As a result of the meeting in Kluang, Scripture Union will organize a leadership seminar for the students there in March this year. We look forward to God growing the work down south and pray for open doors for more opportunities for partnership in ministry together.



workshops; and I also got to meet many new friends.

The worship sessions were very enthusiastic and inspiring.

I learnt much from the workshops, especially the one-on-one evangelism and follow-up.

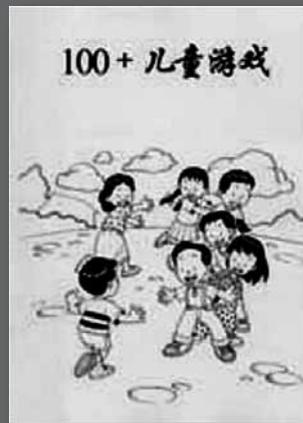
I think overall the camp including the accommodation, the food and the sessions were good and I am happy that I have made many good friends.

Doa Seorang Kristian Xhosa Afrika Selatan

(Halaman 44, Sumber Ibadat, Penerbitan Scripture Union)

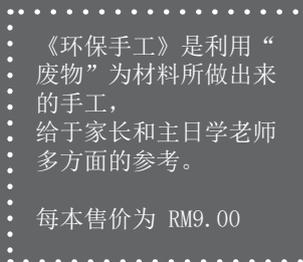
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 Engkaulah Dia yang terluka kaki.
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Farewell, Bryan and Jason...

By Joanne Liaw Sook Ling

‘A u revoir’, ‘adios’, ‘shalom’... As God brings us through the different phases of life, we have to bid farewell to the past and embrace the future. We had a very memorable farewell lunch with Bryan Lim and Jason Lai on the 13th January 2014. In Bryan’s farewell speech, he said, ‘Working in SU has been a mixture of bitter sweet experiences that God has used to train, equip and mould me. I will move on to serve in a church as a lay counsellor, an uncharted and challenging terrain. But how should I view my future? As Caleb and Joshua did or the other spies?’ Jason said, ‘Working in SU has made me more independent and bold. It has helped me to see a bigger Christian world outside and deal with different people. I will be venturing into the Christian Music Ministry but the future is uncertain.’ Let us continue keeping our Christian brothers in mindful prayer for God’s guidance and wisdom in the face of challenges and uncertainties.



JASON LAI



BRYAN LIM

Moving Schools Work Forward



Following from last year’s SCF Seminars that were held in the Klang Valley and Penang, and smaller meetings with teachers and church leaders in Ipoh, Kota Bharu, Kuala Terengganu, Johor Bharu and Kluang, a meeting was held to look at continuing this initiative to bring the

challenges of schools work more widely to the Christian community.

Representatives from NECF, MCSC, TCF, the Council of Education of the Methodist Church, Wawasan Penabur, SU Sabah and SU Sarawak, with staff and Council members of SU Semenanjung Malaysia met to discuss

how we can move this work forward.

We came away with the recognition that if Christian Fellowships (CFs) are to be established more widely and sustained in their growth, different components for this project – the teachers, students, parents, and the supporting structures like churches, resources and training – has to be addressed. This will involve bodies like SU, TCF and NECF which will contribute to developing each of these components in their role in Christian work in our schools, reaching the student generation.

We identified the different institutions our students are studying in today, which differ in context and therefore the approach that is to be taken. These are 1. Mission schools; 2. Kebangsaan schools – primary and secondary; 3. Private schools; 4. Chinese-medium schools; and 5. Home schools.

Although we are starting from small beginnings, we look to the Lord to grow this work in our nation as from a mustard seed to a full grown and fruitful tree.

DATES	CAMPS / EVENTS	AGE GROUP	LOCATION
4-21 April	BK Postal Bible Quiz	Youth	Various
2-4 May	Parenting Seminar (C)	Parents	Sg. Petani, Kedah; Ipoh, Perak; Bentong, Pahang
28-31 May	SUPA Camp (E)	Children	Penang Christian Convention Centre
5 July	SCF Leaders Training	Youth	PJ / KL
28-31 July	WORDAlive Camp	Youth	Tapah

PARENTING SEMINAR (CHINESE)

'Parenting with Confidence' workshop
Parenting is one of the most rewarding journeys in life. Yet in today's culture, parenting has never been more challenging. How then can we have confidence in our parenting?

'Parenting with Confidence' is a positive, practical and fun parenting workshop that provides tools and timeless principles for raising children.

This workshop is organised for parents of children from 6-12 years and it will be conducted in Mandarin and held in Sg. Petani, Kedah (2 May); Ipoh, Perak (3 May) and Bentong, Pahang (4 May).

“建立自信的亲子关系” 家庭培训

孩子能健康和平安地成长，是每个家长的心愿。可是现在的时代，许多家长在教养孩子的过程中遇到很多的挑战和烦恼。因此，我们应如何更有信心地建立良好的亲子关系呢？

“建立自信的亲子关系” 家庭培训的主要对象是拥有6至12岁的父母。它能提供父母有效和实践的育儿原则和秘诀。这培训将以中文为媒介语，分别在这三个地点举行：吉打州双溪大年（02/05/14）、霹靂州怡保（03/05/14）和彭亨州文冬（04/05/14）。

SCRIPTURE UNION PRIMARY AGE (SUPA) CAMP

The fun-filled teaching and activities in this camp aim to help children know the Bible and follow Jesus. Campers will also get to enjoy some outdoor adventures. This camp is designed for children aged 9-11 years old.

SCF LEADERS TRAINING

In this training program, we hope to equip the SCF leaders and committee members serving in the SCF ministry. By the end of the training, students should be equipped in their roles and run their own SCF.

WORDALIVE CAMP

This is a Bible Camp to help young people get into the Word of God. The camp will take campers on a mission to discover the Word of God. Various sessions and activities will help campers love God's Word, read, understand and obey the Scripture.

We are thankful for the many churches and individuals that partner with SU and our staff. These gifts enable the staff in their ministries and the support the organization gives to them.

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