

## MORE THAN JUST A CAMP

By Collene Lee

### SU CAMPS ARE UNIQUE AND EXCITING!

Camps are camps... But SU camps are **UNIQUE AND EXCITING!** This is because SU CAMPS provide great opportunities:

- *For encounters with God*, to meet Him daily, to come into a saving relationship with the Lord Jesus, to draw closer to God, to be impacted by His Word, to experience transformed lives;
- *To interact with and learn from dedicated SU volunteers*, who demonstrate the love of God through their love and actions, who desire to share the gospel of Jesus with campers; and
- *To meet amazing people*, to make new friends to laugh with, to share with, to tell stories to, to cry with... Sometimes, these friendships last for a lifetime!

SU camps are also unique, by being trans-denominational, placing emphasis on relationships and community living in small groups, hence, providing a wholesome learning experience!



The impact of these short-term faith communities for the extension of God's Kingdom, is simply awesome!

Many (me included!) affirm that the time spent at SU camps were significant milestones in campers' lives, instrumental for Christian maturity, as well as ministry in the church and in a world in need.

### SU IS PASSIONATE ABOUT CAMPS...

SU has always been passionate about reaching children, young people and their families through camps, within the context of the SU vision of, 'REACHING THE NEXT





GENERATION WITH GOD'S WORD' (Psalms 78:5-6). Children and young people play an important role in God's big plan. They are gifts of which we have the privilege of raising and nurturing as they represent the hope for the future. We are blessed to be part of their faith journey.

Reflecting this passion, SU has been running camps since 1962! Camps, run both on regional and national levels, can be evangelistic, discipleship, training and/or recreational in nature. Upcoming camps this year include...

### SUPA, WORDALIVE, NSCFL, D'NA CAMPS AND MORE...

**For youths in the North** (March 16-19): Youths in the northern part of Peninsular Malaysia can look forward to the regional camp in Kedah!

**Fun for children:** The SU Primary Age (SUPA; May 30-June 2) camp has fun-filled teaching and activities especially for children aged 8-12, to explore the riches of God's word and learn about Jesus. In the midst of all this, they get to enjoy God's beautiful creation too! Hear what Isaac Koay, aged 11, has to say about last year's camp,

*'Yes, I definitely enjoyed the camp! I enjoyed the outdoor picnic the most. I learnt about how much God loves us.'*

Similar camps (including day camps) can be organised in partnership with local churches.

**Digging into the WORD** (June 2-5): Keen to understand the Bible? Study the Bible? Do quiet time? Answers to these questions and more are discovered by young people (aged 13-16) through the sessions, interspersed with heaps of interesting activities at the **WORDALive Camp**. Ryan Oon, a camper last year,

testified to this, *"I learnt how to do quiet time and interact with God."*

**For growing leaders** (November 23-28): Highly anticipated, the **National School Christian Fellowship (SCF) Leaders' Camp** is for leaders and those aspiring to be leaders in SCFs (aged 13-16). Campers will learn how to be salt and light for Jesus in their schools.

*Sheree Sim shared, 'I really enjoyed the camp (last year). It was fun yet serious... I like how the sessions had activities... The speaker was funny and interesting. Some of the things he talked about related to the issues I was facing.'*

**For nurturing leaders and critical thinkers** (December 9-19): The **d'Nous Academy** held over 3 years is for youths who would like to be trained in the spirit, heart and mind.

SU also covers SCF camps and partners with churches to organise their children's and youth camps. To complement these camps, SU also has...

### A CAMPSITE NOT TO BE MISSED!

Which 7.5 acre campsite has a stream meandering through it, surrounded by lush forest greenery, away from the hustle and bustle of the city, while providing air-conditioned accommodation and three meals at the affordable cost of RM50 per night? The SU/FES campsite at Tapah!

The campsite is equipped to provide campers, whether children, youth or their families, with a rich and meaningful Christian camping experience. The dream is to organise camps that proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, while building up Christians. The campsite team has been working in partnership with SCFs, church groups and others to organise their camps.

### SU CAMPS ARE UNIQUE AND EXCITING!

Our God is growing His church here in Malaysia. We believe that one way He will increase the growth of churches is in and through SU camps. We would love to see you at our upcoming camps for a wonderful combination of fun, adventure, friendships and the life transforming message of Jesus Christ!

## CAMPERS SAY, 'SU CAMPS ARE LIFE-CHANGING!'

By Collene Lee

**S**iau See Yuan shared that as a student, she constantly feared for her future. But, 'at the Subang Jaya SCF camp (covered by SU), the speaker spoke about God being the centre of our lives, our significance in His eyes and His good plans for us. After the camp, I felt more secure and overwhelmed with assurance.'

During the NSCFL Camp, Sheree Sim confided that, 'I really want to improve - to persevere and always have faith in God. Now, I'm going to do my quiet time and always look to God in the good times and the bad. Also, I have decided to commit to attending CF every Friday.' Also, Ngim Da Ruey said that he has decided to leave things like video games and spend more time with God and on studies instead. After the WORDALive Camp, Ryan Oon's response was, 'I have decided to read my Bible more often.'

# WORKING HAND-IN-HAND WITH CCC AT CHILDREN'S CAMP

By Jennifer Chew and Tinna Monica

**I**t was very encouraging to have 52 children for a Day Camp from November 1-2, 2014. This Camp was a joint initiative between City Community Church (CCC), Melaka and SU; mainly to share ideas and resources in organising a camp.

The first day of camp saw the enthusiastic group leaders in their different coloured T-shirts, with each colour representing their respective groups, welcoming the children to the hall. Praise and Worship was packed with great dance moves led by a brother! As usual, the children were so excited.

Fun-filled teaching, games and activities were based on God's love, power and greatness with an invitation extended to follow Jesus. The camp's theme verse was Ephesians 3:18. The Sunday School



Praise and Worship.

teachers, who were group leaders themselves, gave positive responses with regards to the flow of the camp. It was a wonderful opportunity to work hand-in-hand with CCC as everyone, including the pastor of the church, was very cooperative and helpful. It was a great blessing for us to be a part of this camp.

Pray with us that the seeds sown into the hearts of these little ones will bear much fruit in their lives. In the near future, SU hopes to partner with more churches in smaller towns.

## 'RUN!'

By Elaine Liew

**I**n 2014, on Nov 24-29, one hundred and forty-three very enthusiastic young campers together with 21 officers camped at Seminari Theologi Malaysia, Seremban for a time of teaching, training, learning, sharing and playing. Yeah, it's NSCFL Camp again! The theme of the camp was 'RUN' based on Hebrews 12:1-2.

The camp speaker, Francis Dunn - an avid sportsman - shared valuable lessons on running the race of life in Christ. The plenary sessions and the morning devotions also reinforced those lessons. The various workshops on many different topics helped hone leadership skills whilst the spiritual disciplines of solitude, prayer and fasting helped many campers learn to listen to God. Aside from the

serious sessions, there was no lack of fun and laughter with ice-breakers, games and fun night. So with many new friendships forged and old ties renewed, everyone parted with much reluctance when the camp ended.

Some campers' comments:

'I have learned a lot about God especially during the prayer and fasting session.'

'The theme talks were insightful and helped me know God more. I also learned about my spiritual gifts.'

'I have learned more of God and worship, the games were great fun, the workshops were great and I have made many good friends.'

'Have learned much about God from the theme talks and about true worship. The games and activities were fun and helped to build teamwork.'

'I have learned much about the importance of knowing my identity in Christ, spiritual disciplines and games.'

## WITH ALL YOUR HEART, MIND 'N SPIRIT (11 days at d'Nous Academy)

By Christopher Cheah

THOSE MEMORABLE WORDS ARE OF course from the Lord Jesus Himself, which captures the goal of transformation of the whole person to love God with the whole of his being. Does it apply to youths? Emphatically, 'YES!'

This is what d'NA seeks to do with youth from ages 15-19. Over a three-year cycle (not quite the three years the disciples spent with Jesus, admittedly!) these young people come together for 11 days to be transformed in heart, mind and spirit after the manner of Christ. In 2014 the Academy ran from December 3-13.

They learned much from four periods of classroom teaching each morning. Their minds and understanding were sharpened and their experiences were processed through small group discussions and presentations. They were exposed to life and people living differently from them with hands-on community engagement and exposure on five afternoon visits. Through the worship session, individual reading, reflection, devotion and journaling, they cultivated a discipline where they could encounter God at this academy. Not forgetting also the games, outings and hanging out together which are integral parts of the experience of forming the whole person in Christ.

We look forward to having returning and new students join us this December

# APPRECIATING TEACHERS

By Elaine Liew



Mr Chelli Tamilselvam, CF advisor of SMK Sinar Bintang sharing about his work and ministry as a teacher in his school.

To appreciate and encourage School Christian Fellowship (SCF) advisors, SU organised a SCF Teacher Advisors' Appreciation Day on October 11, 2014 at the Bukit Bintang Boys' School from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. It was attended by more than 20 teachers from various schools.

SU staff, Marianne Liaw, was the emcee for the event. After the initial welcome and an icebreaker-cum-introduction, SU's Executive Director, Mr. Koh Earn Soo, briefly shared on the aims and purposes of SU as well as the resources available to support SCF work. This was followed by an inspiring

talk by Mr. Chelli that was packed with anecdotes of his experiences as a teacher and SCF advisor. Many of the teachers opened up and shared on the challenges they faced, their joys and aspirations as SCF teacher advisors. After that, SU had the pleasure of presenting the teachers with tokens of appreciation for their dedication to SCF work. The event ended with lunch around 1 p.m.

Overall, we thank God for the good time of fellowship and bonding amongst the teachers. We trust that it has encouraged them as many were in the process of thinking and planning for their SCF programmes for 2015.

## JOHN CALVIN (1509-1564)

(Halaman 30, Sumber Ibadat, Penerbitan Scripture Union)

Dilahirkan di Picardy, Perancis, Calvin tidak lagi ingin menjadi paderi setelah mendapat visi mendesak beliau memulihkan keadaan gereja supaya menjadi suci semula. Ketika menghadapi penganiayaan, Calvin kemudian tinggal di Geneva dan di sana beliau berusaha untuk mewujudkan satu bandar yang mencerminkan kehidupan Kristian. Dalam ajarannya, Calvin amat menekankan kedosaan manusia, kuasa Tuhan dan pentingnya Alkitab.

Doa Sebelum Membaca Alkitab...

Ya Tuhan, bapa Syurgawi, yang di dalam diriMulah dipenuhi cahaya dan hikmat, terangilah fikiran kami dengan Roh Kudus-Mu, dan berikanlah rahmat-Mu untuk menerima Firman-Mu dengan hormat dan kerendahan hati kerana tanpanya tiada sesiapa pun dapat memahami kebenaran-Mu. Demi Kristus. Amin.

## BB WESLEY METHODIST SCHOOL CAMP (OCT 28-30, 2014)



From top to bottom: 'Wall Crawler' Course, 'Low Rope' Course, Packing and Cleaning Up after the camp, 'Cook your own dinner' session, Edwin Khoo shares on 'Trading Your Birthright'.

# CONNECTING WITH CHURCHES

By Christopher Cheah

It was wonderful to be able to share about Scripture Union's ministry to churches in different towns up and down the Peninsula. We regularly meet people, who were impacted in

TAMPIN CHINESE METHODIST CHURCH



St. Paul's Church: Message by Koh Earn Soo.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH PETALING JAYA

their youth through School Christian Fellowships (SCF), SU camps and SU Bible reading notes, who are church leaders, parents actively serving in the

ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH KUALA LUMPUR

church today or meeting teachers still involved in their School CFs. It reminds us that our mission to reach the children and youth is a part of God's work of building His Church.

In recent months we had the opportunity to visit a number of churches which have been supporting our ministry to share with them about our continuing vision of our mission to schools - reaching the next generation with God's word.

SEREMBAN GOSPEL CHAPEL

# STAFF CONSULTATION (OCTOBER 7-10, 2014)

By Christopher Cheah

This is an important annual event in our calendar as the Staff Consultation is a time for all involved in the ministry to come together to set directions and look at programmes to achieve these. But it is more than this. It allows us the time and space to talk together about matters that concerns the whole organisation and the overall mission of Scripture Union. Also, as Council members join in part of the time, it is also a good time to interact and understand views from all perspectives.

This year we started with the big picture of our mission and goals and then

looked at where each of our ministries fit together in that picture. Some of the directions and goals for this year are the following.

1. Continue the drive to build up, support and train school CFs and encourage new CFs to be set up, including the primary schools as well.
2. Bring our children's camps/ programmes to towns outside of the big cities where churches need more help and resources.

3. Continue to develop our partnership with the Boys and Girls Brigade in outreaches to boys and girls, and in Christian Education.
4. Continue to build on the NSCFL and Word Alive camps and look to develop more evangelistic camps.
5. A big push to be given to the Bible Engagement ministry in 2015.
6. With the SU/FES Campsite completed, to look at how to maximise its potential and usage.
7. Actively look for new staff in all our ministry departments, especially bi-lingual personnel.

Some consider the outlook for 2015 to be bleak on many fronts, but we can look to the Lord to provide and bring fruit out of these efforts when they are done for His Kingdom.

WHAT'S NEW AT SU?

# OUR NEW SU/FES CAMPSITE!

By Koh Earn Soo

Camping is fun! It is also life-changing. It is a great time and place to connect and get closer to God, meet other people and make new friends. And having a campsite that provides a good camping experience certainly helps.

It is with this in mind that we recently embarked on a major redevelopment of our 7.5 acres SU/FES campsite in Tapah, to make your camps a great one. We have added 50 new beds. All the rooms/dormitories are fully air-

conditioned and they come fully equipped with new blankets, pillows and better mattresses so that you can have a proper and good rest at night. The campsite now has 30 bathing cubicles all fitted with hot-water – shorter queue for a refreshing wash-up! With two halls with a seating capacity of 70pax and 120pax theatre-style respectively, the campsite can also accommodate two different groups at the same time. We know that meals are important at camps. Our faithful caterer, Grace, will continue to cook delicious

dishes in our new kitchen and campers are now able to enjoy pleasant meals in our new airy cafeteria.

But we know many people come to SU/FES campsite because they want an opportunity to experience the nice, green and clean natural environment that they can't find in the city. We are pleased to let you know that we have added all the above facilities without increasing our building footprint. All the green, grassy areas, fruit trees and stream are still there. You can still pitch and stay in tents to accommodate 88pax if you wish.

We are thankful to all who have worked hard and contributed to making our SU/FES campsite a much better place. Most of all, we are thankful to God for His provision, protection and ensuring a smooth redevelopment of the campsite.

WHAT'S  
NEW AT SU?

## CHECK OUT SU'S NEW WEBSITE!

By Joanne Liaw

We are thrilled to announce the launch of SU's new website at the dawn of the New Year. With fresh graphics and a user-friendly layout, we hope to enhance your surfing experience on our website. Just google, 'su.org.my', to check it out!

## U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

DATES	CAMPS / EVENTS	AGE GROUP	LOCATION
Apr 17 – May 4	BK Postal Bible Quiz	Youth	Various
May 1-4	Parenting Workshop (C)	Parents	TBC
May 30 – Jun 2	SUPA Camp (E)	Children	Tapah
Jun 2-5	WORDAlive Camp	Youth	Tapah
Aug	SCF Leaders Training	Youth	PJ / KL
Nov 23-28	NSCFL Camp	Youth	STM, Seremban
Dec 9-19	d'NA	Youth	STM, Seremban

### BK POSTAL BIBLE QUIZ

Scripture Union conducts an annual Bible Knowledge (BK) Postal Bible Quiz for secondary school students, under the sponsorship of the Malaysian Christian Schools' Council.

Classes for SPM Bible Knowledge 9221 are also offered by Miss Yeo and Pastor Indrani. Details are as follows:

#### SPM BIBLE KNOWLEDGE 9221 CLASSES

Petaling Jaya:

Wednesdays from 8.00 - 9.30 pm starting from February 25, 2015 at the home of Miss Yeo Kim Eng (No. 3, Jalan 12/6, 46200 Petaling Jaya)  
Phone Contact: 03-79566079; 012-6621150

Seremban:

Mondays from 5.00 - 7.00 pm at St. Mark's Church Hall (behind SMK King George V)  
Phone Contact: Pastor Indrani at 012-9352437

### PARENTING WORKSHOP (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?

“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？

### SCRIPTURE UNION PRIMARY AGE (SUPA) CAMP

The fun-filled teaching and activities at 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.

### 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 Scriptures.

### SCF LEADERS TRAINING

This training programme is 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.

### NATIONAL SCHOOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP LEADER'S (NSCFL) CAMP

Leaders and potential leaders in the School Christian Fellowship must not miss this camp. The teaching activities will help equip campers to be salt and light for Christ in their schools.



### D' Mission

To forge a NEW generation of YOUNG THINKERS through the Training and Discipline of the HEART, MIND and SPIRIT.

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