

“SO THEN, JUST AS YOU RECEIVED CHRIST JESUS AS LORD, CONTINUE TO LIVE YOUR LIVES IN HIM, WITH JESUS CHRIST”

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COLOSSIANS 2:6-7 NIV

Life to the Max, a Bible Engagement study by SU on Colossians.

DIVE DEEP

“I started reading at about the age of nine, and one of the books that got me reading avidly was ‘The Boy Next Door’, a mystery novel by Enid Blyton. The copy is still on my shelf today,” shares Lee Kha Loon.



Kha Loon preaching at the Subang AOG church.

✠ ‘Reading maketh a full man,’ said Francis Bacon, the English 17th century English philosopher. I started reading at about the age of nine, and one of the books that got me reading avidly was “The Boy Next Door”, a mystery novel by Enid Blyton. The copy is still on my shelf today.

✠ When I became a Christian at age 13, I was

quickly introduced to SU daily Bible reading notes, which I used for a number of years. I am not an academic, but the over 40 years of working in the marketplace has required me to read, and at times, to do research and write as well.

✠ As I started to write in the field of finance, I realised how much I needed to read, think and process ideas in order to be able to present them clearly to my readers. To further quote Francis Bacon, “Writing maketh you an Exact man”. One of the most valuable

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skill sets in the marketplace is a good mind with the ability to research, analyse and write well. Those who have this skill can progress far in their careers. It all starts with developing a good reading habit.

✝ There is a promise in the Bible to those who devote themselves to the study of the Word. This is found in Joshua 1:8, 'Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then, you will be prosperous and successful'. God commanded Joshua to meditate on His Word continually. Joshua was obedient and God never failed him. We can learn a valuable principle here – Dive deep into the study of the Word. The Holy Spirit will speak and guide us into action; opportunities will open up and God will bless us richly. I am blessed to have experienced this!

✝ Fast forward to the year 2013, the year I decided to leave the marketplace at age 57. This was a very important turning point in my life, as I now have the freedom to do much more for God's Kingdom, away from the demands of corporate life.

✝ I have since devoted many hours weekly to read and study God's Word. Diving deep into His Word has truly transformed my spiritual journey. In the process, I began to hear God speak more clearly. Throughout the Bible, right from the time of Adam, God appeared to speak to men directly. At other times, He would speak, through His angel or in a still small voice, sometimes in a vision or in a dream.

✝ We read in John 10:27 that Jesus said to the Jews in the temple, 'My sheep listen to My voice; I know them and they follow Me.' These words have been ringing in my ears recently. God is reminding me to take heed of what He wants me to do. This is the core of discipleship; listening, taking heed and following with action, like the sheep that follow a shepherd.

✝ Now better equipped with the knowledge and understanding of Scripture, I am able to share the Word more effectively with others. For the past three years, I have been leading Bible studies with youths, college students and para church organisations; mentoring youths and young adults while teaching them the Word, and helping them to dive deep so as to discover the treasures from His Word.

✝ When I was invited to be an Associate with the SU Bible Engagement ministry, I immediately agreed. This has given me opportunities to share the Word in churches in the Klang Valley and beyond as in Temerloh and Ipoh. It is always such a joy after a sermon, to see Christians asking about SU ministry and purchasing SU resources.

✝ Bible study is such a joy especially when I see positive changes that impact the lives of those I share with regularly. There is a very lovely group of young men in a para church organisation that I meet with monthly and we have had some great times digging deep into God's Word together.

✝ The promise to Joshua is this... 'then you will be prosperous and successful'; not for personal gain but in the mission God has put before us, for His glory. There is a deep hunger for God's Word in this land. When we have the passion for God's Word, and are able to inspire and encourage others to dive deep into His Word, the Malaysian church will be one step closer to fulfilling its mission. I pray that God will raise up many more Christians, passionate in engaging with the Word and allowing the Word to transform their lives.

BIBLE ENGAGEMENT (BE)

DIVING DEEP into the Word of God continues to be the heartbeat of the Bible Engagement (BE) Ministry in SU.

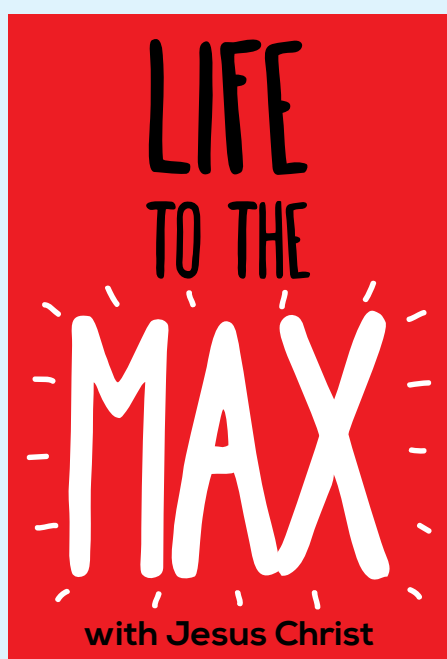
This year, the initiatives have taken varied forms – in big groups like the Youth Bible Conference, church deputations and BE Seminars; smaller groups such as 'Life to the Max' studies; and occasionally, even on a one-to-one basis. There have been opportunities for the development of new activities, extending the reach of the ministry. The key emphasis, however, remains engaging the mind, the heart and the life of individuals, with the Word of God, through the use of the SU Bible reading methodology ART (Ask, Read, Think) and ACT.



Yes! We are part of God's big plan!

Deborah, A Woman Judge in a Man's World, Gideon, the Timid Hero, Jephthah, the Tragic Warrior and Samson, the Undisciplined Hero, were the characters of focus from the book of Judges taught at the inaugural Youth Bible Conference held at the Petaling Jaya Evangelical Free Church on 25 June 2016. We were excited to have Dr Wong Fook Kong, the current Hebrew Bible and Old Testament Professor at the Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary, share on the conference theme, S.O.S! (Saved by God, Obey in Response and Serve in Challenging Times). The conference provided an excellent setting for the 301 youths and adults from 38 churches in the Klang Valley and Ipoh, to connect and be encouraged to hear from God through Dr Wong's teaching. The entries received

for the art competition on the book of Judges (prizes sponsored by Pristine Malaysia) prior to the conference, were attractively displayed for conference participants to view. We celebrated this inaugural conference with a special edition of a devotional on the book of Judges written by some of the SU staff, to encourage the continued exploration of the book post-conference. 13 conference participants also registered for the post-conference small group study on the book of Colossians, offered by SU on 'LIFE TO THE MAX with Jesus Christ'.



Post-conference, a small group of four adults and youths gathered over four Saturdays at the SU office during August and September, collectively studying God's words written by Paul on how to live LIFE TO THE MAX with Jesus Christ. They grappled with the big questions of life while encouraging each other in their walk with God. Brandon

Duwen, one of the youths, disclosed that the learning activity on Colossians chapter 2 was most memorable – as a gesture to 'put off their sinful nature' (Colossians 2:11) and to 'be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus' (Colossians 2:7), participants were encouraged to write down their earthly desires on a piece of paper, which they then buried in the soil beneath a plant they had planted at the beginning of their study together. This, Brandon said, was a very graphic reminder to him to constantly bury his earthly desires, while setting his mind on things above as he became more and more rooted in Christ.

There is something particularly beautiful about reaching out to children at the Children's BE Seminar! 'The kids were able to and enjoyed asking questions about life and God,' reminisced Joel Wong, the BE staff, after he had coordinated and conducted the Children's seminar at SS Gospel Centre. Attended by 107 children from the said church, the Petaling Jaya Gospel Hall and Puchong Gospel Centre, the children were segregated into two groups aged 3-6 and 7-12, for more effective communication and participation. Key take home lessons that day were:



Adults at St Paul's BE Seminar.

and DO, especially to read the Bible using the SU method of ART and ACT. Grateful thanks to Marianne Liaw and all the small group leaders who partnered with us and whose Christ-like leadership enhanced the children's understanding of the Word.



Engaging with the youths at Seri Botani

KNOW that God speaks to us through the Bible, BE motivated to engage with God's Word daily to know and love God

Council Member, Rene Low, conducted a similar seminar for the children at St Paul's Anglican Church on 3 July 2016 while another was conducted by Joel for 20 adults there on 30 July 2016. The first Chinese youth BES was held at Seri Botani Presbyterian Church, Ipoh, on 9 July 2016 for 30 youths. Some key lessons shared by a youth was the fresh realisation of the privilege to see life as a journey of faith, as being part of God's plan. Another shared that he was motivated to live life for God and do His will! Church deputations by Lee Kha Loon, an SU Associate, to Temerloh Gospel Chapel and Kledang Community Chapel on 15 May 2016 and 29 May 2016 respectively, were opportunities to encourage the believers there to continue engaging with the Word.



Graduates from 'Life to the Max' Seminar.

SUPA CAMP (28-31 May 2016)

What does it mean to be on Jesus' team? 51 children listened attentively to Ponraj, the camp speaker, who shared from the Gospel of Mark on how they can be a part of Jesus' team. 'On Your Marks' was the camp's 'sporty' theme and they participated eagerly and supported one another in games and activities such as a cooking challenge, a night hike, a breakfast picnic, team building activities and a special Olympic night programme. After a whole day of sports, the children enjoyed a cool dip in the SUFES campsite stream in Tapah.



Learning through activities.



Football Frolics

PARENTING SEMINAR (16-17 Sept 2016)



Belinda Yuan, the Speaker.

CHILDREN'S SPORTS CAMP

From the first Children's Sports Camp organised in March 2016 in Sitiawan, two other sports camps were planned with churches to reach out to children within their community. The partnerships were with Christ Methodist Church, KL (16 July 2016) and a Mandarin-speaking camp with Pusing Chinese Methodist Church, Perak (13 August 2016). Both camps had outdoor sports (learning skills of football and Frisbee), craft, singing and indoor games. The children were also taught lessons on how they can be on Jesus' team!

Another such camp is to be held in Melaka in November 2016.

儿童运动营

自从我们于 2016 年 3 月在实兆远 (Sitiawan) 举办了首个儿童运动营后, 我们再接再厉与不同的教会合作, 各别举办了两个儿童运动营, 来接触该社区的儿童。我们的合作伙伴是吉隆坡的基督卫理公会 (2016 年 7 月 16 日), 以及霹靂州的布先基督卫理公会 (2016 年 8 月 13 日) 举办了华文儿童营。这两个儿童营的活动包括户外运动 (学习足球和飞盘的技巧), 手工艺品, 歌唱和室内游戏。除此之外, 我们也教导儿童们如何成为耶稣团队的一份子!

另外, 马六甲也在 2016 年 11 月 举办类似的儿童营。



Warming up.



Parenting Seminar, Ipoh.

CHURCH DEPUTATIONS



Wesley Methodist Church, Klang (27 Aug 2016)



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New Life Restoration Centre, Cheras (3 July 2016)

DATES	CAMPS / EVENTS	AGE GROUP	LOCATION
28 Nov – 3 Dec 2016	NSCFL Camp	Youth	STM, Seremban
6-16 Dec 2016	d'NA	Youth	STM, Seremban
21 Apr – 8 May 2017	SU Postal Quiz	Youth	Various
15 July 2017	Youth Bible Conference	Youth	SSMC

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.



This discipleship camp, jointly organised by SU and FES, is actually an academy for the training of the spirit, heart and mind; so as to nurture a young generation of leaders and critical thinkers. The d'Nou Academy is run on a 3-year / stage cycle.

18TH EDITION OF SU POSTAL QUIZ COMING IN 2017!

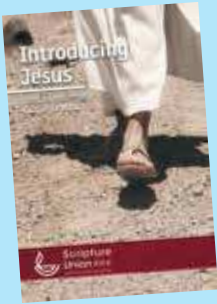
The quiz is based on Exodus 12-17 and Acts 1-7. See our website (www.su.org.my) for more details. A special mention must be given to the faithful efforts of Rev Tan Aik Seng in Terengganu over the years. Although it is a small centre, yet it has delivered a high performance. 53% of this year's students achieved the Highly Recommended score.

YOUTH BIBLE CONFERENCE 2017

Through this one-day Bible Conference, youths will have the opportunity to discover lessons from the Book of Mark.

NEW SU Resources

INTRODUCING JESUS



Introducing Jesus, a series of 15 studies based on the Gospel of Mark, will help you to discover who Jesus is. What is really so different about this man? What were His teachings and claims? What did He do? What does it mean to trust and follow Him? We hope that as you embark on these studies, you will keep an open mind and discover the answers to your questions. Our hope is that at the end of the studies, you will know Jesus better.

35-DAY DEVOTIONAL ON JUDGES

This 35-day Bible reading guide was prepared for the inaugural Scripture Union Youth Bible Conference in 2016. The focus of the conference was an exposition of the Book of Judges. This reading guide was produced as a post-Conference resource to encourage a deeper engagement with Judges. It is part of Scripture Union's bigger vision and desire to see greater engagement with Scripture.



TUMBUH DALAM FIRMAN 1



Tuhan ingin agar kita bertumbuh dalam iman di samping menikmati hubungan yang akrab dengan-Nya. Sesungguhnya, hidup Kristian yang berkesan, yang berhasil dan bermakna ialah hidup yang penuh dengan pertumbuhan rohani. Ternyata pertumbuhan rohani ini sangat bergantung pada pembacaan, penerangan dan penerapan Firman Tuhan dalam hidup kita sehari-hari. Atas sebab ini, Tumbuh dalam Firman disediakan khas bagi kita.

Great haying you, Tolga!

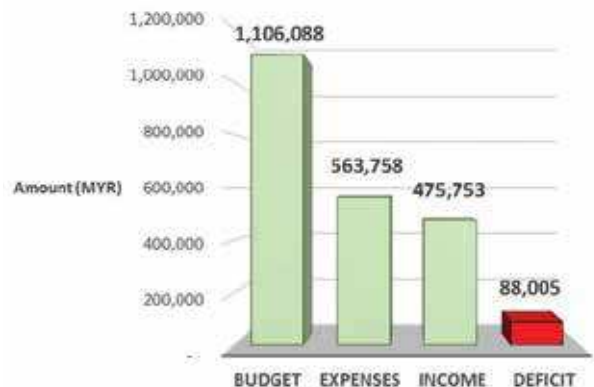
Tolga, from Turkey, spent a year with SU Peninsular Malaysia. He added some international flavour to the office and staff team. Here he shares a little of his experience and time with us:



I took part in various ministries of SU and played various roles. It was a privilege to serve God with an amazing team. I learnt a lot from their Bible knowledge and also their lives. I got to meet special students and teachers who have burning hearts for Christ and want to demonstrate His love in schools and camps. I am so thankful to everyone who was a part of my journey in Malaysia, and have collected very precious memories as I leave this country. Through your prayers I hope to use this great learning experience effectively in Turkey for Christ.

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PJ Rally: 'What's the point, really?'

The Youth Ministry Department

was a flurry of activities in recent months, organising camps, conducting leadership training and participating in School Christian Fellowship (SCF) meetings, rallies, chapel services and other events in the Government schools, private, international and home schools they partner with. All these initiatives worked towards helping the SCFs fulfill their mission of knowing Christ and making Him known.



WORDAlive Camp: Tim Nicholls giving an overview of the Bible.

Camps were a key activity the Youth team were engaged in, particularly during the term break for schools from 28 May – 12 June. The WORDAlive camp held at the SUFES Tapah campsite from 31 May – 2 June, had the cool theme of 'B.E.A.T. it! (Bible: Engage, Apply, Transform)', based on 2 Timothy 3:16-17. After Tim Nicholls painted the broad overview of the Bible, a staff from our fellow SU West Asia movement taught on the reliability of the Bible. Joel Wong, our Bible Engagement (BE) Ministry staff, shared on Bible engagement and how to be engaged with the Bible. Special highlights of the camp were the 'Mamak' night with 'roti canai' for supper and stream trotting during the afternoon of the second day at camp.

Besides the WORDAlive camp, SU covered the Subang Combined SCF Camp from 8-10 June held at Peacehaven Genting, with 40 students from 7 schools attending. Also, Marianne Liaw, our

Youth Ministry staff, was the camp speaker at the SMK Taman SEA SCF camp from 9-11 June held at Broga Hill Outback, Semenyih, with 60 campers attending. Campers were attentive, with some commenting they were touched by the talks while others expressed they found assurance of salvation.

Our partnership with the Girls' Brigade (GB) and Boys' Brigade (BB) continues in view of the plentiful evangelistic opportunities in the camps there. Marianne shared the gospel, and Joel taught on Bible engagement, at the Young Leaders' GB Spiritual Leadership Camp from 28-31 May held at Wesley Methodist Church, Kuala Lumpur, attended by 80 campers. It was so heartening to hear the campers comment that 'This was the best GB camp, ever!' whilst others found the talks meaningful and touching. The Gospel was shared too by Steven Low, an SU volunteer, with the 33 campers at the SU-BB Camp from 10-



SU-BB Camp

12 September, held at the SUFES Tapah campsite. Edwin Khoo, our Senior Staff based in Ipoh, helped with the planning and organising, ensuring that there was plenty of games and fun. This camp was significant as most campers heard the Gospel for the first time here.

Leadership training is another key focus of the ministry among the SCF students. Lue Jun Yi, the Youth Ministry Team Leader, conducted a youth leadership camp, assisted by 2 volunteers. The camp

was organised by Genpac Learning Centre, Jenjarom Gospel Hall, for the very first time, on 4-5 August at Tadom Hill, Banting. It was great to have been able to support the church in this initiative!

Leadership training was also conducted for about 70 SCF leaders, teachers and youth advisors in the KL/PJ vicinity at a Leaders Training seminar on 20 August at the Methodist College Kuala Lumpur. Marianne and Jun Yi conducted the sessions. Many commented they realised the need to understand the Gospel and the importance of godly character in a leader. Others appreciated the practical tips they learnt on how to conduct activities at SCF meetings.

The months of June and July were also times when student rallies were held.

- The Ipoh High Praise Rally was held on 17 June at Elim Gospel Hall. This was organised jointly by more than 10 Ipoh SCFs with SU advising and an attendance of 150. The speaker, Elliot Koon, shared a Gospel message, 'Made Alive in Christ'.

- Subsequently, the Subang Rally, attended by 300 students, was held on 9 July at Taylor's Lakeside Campus, with the theme of 'Conquerors' based on Romans 8:38-39. Marianne spoke at a workshop on the subject of 'Self Worth', and her husband, Daniel Chow, shared his testimony.

- SU played an advisory role at the PJ Rally attended by 130 students and held on 30 July at The New Creation Church in Petaling Jaya (PJ). The theme of the Rally was 'What's the Point?' based on Philippians 3:7-9. Marianne was the main speaker, and her husband, Daniel Chow, shared his testimony. We were encouraged to see the increasing maturity and passion of the planning team and the eager response of those who heard the Gospel message.