

SU/FES

PRAISE & PRAYER LETTER

January-February 2024

FOCUSING ON SCRIPTURE UNION (SU)

January

1. **Koh Earn Soo:** “We give thanks to God for a good 2023. We are thankful for all of you, our supporters (in your prayers and financial support), our volunteers, and staff who contributed to Impacting Students with God’s Word.”

Our prayer for the New Year:

“Another year of service, of witness for Thy love,
Another year of training for holier work above;
Another year is dawning, dear Father, let it be
On earth, or else in Heaven, another year for Thee.”

- 3rd verse, *Another Year is Dawning*, Frances Havergal -

2. **Koh Earn Soo:** “We are so thankful to God for a very fruitful time of planning and bonding at last year’s Staff Consultation (20-23 Nov 2023). Please pray that God will continue to guide us in our ministries as we work on various plans and programmes this year.”

Chai Tze Kwang: “We thank God for the fruitful time that all the youths who attended **SU’s Secondary Age Camp (SUSA Camp)** had in December last year! Please pray that what they’ve learnt from the Scriptures over the 4 days will help them in their spiritual walk and growth.”

3. **Marianne Liaw:** “Please keep in prayer the young children who have heard the Gospel at Tadika Alfa during their Christmas evangelistic event last month. Pray that the seed of the Gospel planted in their hearts will grow and bear fruit in time.”
4. **Dylan Loke:** “Please keep me in prayer as I’ll be sharing God’s Word this morning at the **chapel service** of an **international school** in **Kuala Lumpur (KL)** this morning.”

5. **Joel Mohan, Marianne Liaw, Chai Tze Kwang, Dylan Loke, Jon Chin, and Chew Yi Hong:** “We’ll be conducting a half-day programme with the Christian students of **Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan (SMK) Raja Mahadi** in **Klang**, teaching them the Gospel. Please keep us in prayer!”
6. **Marianne Liaw:** “Uphold me in prayer as I conduct a workshop at the **Wesley Methodist Kuala Lumpur (International)’s joint Christian Fellowship (CF) and Christian Union (CU) Camp** in Port Dickson Methodist Centre today on the topic of ‘Boy-Girl Relationships and Marriage’ from a Biblical perspective.”
7. **Chai Siew Meng** gives thanks to the Lord for the new year. Pray that he will continue to rely on the Lord as he serves faithfully in Scripture Union.”
8. **Marianne Liaw:** “It was a privilege to witness the graduation of students from the **Community Learning Centre**, a homeschool for the underprivileged to whom we share God’s Word regularly. Please pray that those who have graduated from high school will continue to hold fast to their faith in Christ, even as they move forward to a new phase of life.”
9. **Jonathan Chin:** “Please keep me in prayer as I work through writing and producing a **5-year SU Bible Reading Plan** for **youths** throughout the next few months. Pray that this will be a helpful guide for youths to engage with God’s Word on a regular basis.”
10. **Verseliesa Luis:** “Uphold the **Sabah Region Ministry Team** in prayer as we are preparing for the **Sports Camp** in **Pitas**. Pray that God will give us wisdom as we plan and meet up with the church leaders in Pitas.”
11. **Nimron Antung:** “Keep the **Sabah Region Ministry Team** in prayer as we conduct our hostel ministry at **Marigold Starfish Hostel**. We will continue the discipleship this weekend.”
12. **Dylan Loke and Marianne Liaw:** “Continue to uphold SU’s ministry at **SMK (P) Methodist, KL** in prayer as we teach God’s Word at their **chapel service** this morning.”
13. **Verseliesa Luis:** “ Thank you so much for partnering with us in prayer. Thank God for the fruitful ministry in 2023. We pray that God will continue to strengthen, sustain, and enable the **Sabah Region Ministry Team** to

serve Him faithfully this year.”

14. **Marianne Liaw and Chew Yi Hong:** “Keep us in prayer as we preach at **All Saints’ Anglican Church’s English and Chinese Sunday Services** this morning and share about SU’s ministry in impacting students in schools with God’s Word.”
15. **Koh Earn Soo:** “Thank God for the way SU ministries have grown over the years and for all the staff who have worked so hard to reach many students with God’s Word. Please pray that God will help the staff in the different regions to continue impacting the lives of many more students through God’s Word. Pray that God will grant the staff good health and protect them in their coming in and out for ministry.”
Uphold the entire **SU staff team** in prayer as we gather for our first **staff meeting** of 2024 today.
16. **Siau See Yuan, Janice Sek, and Marianne Liaw:** “Please keep us in prayer as we meet up with various school principals and teachers in primary schools within the Klang Valley to build connections and to see how SU can be serving their students in schools.”
17. **Central Region Ministry Team:** “We’re conducting a programme for an **all-girls’ mission school CF** in **KL** this morning. Please uphold us in prayer!”

Thank God for SU’s **administrative staff** who support SU’s ministry behind the scenes. Praise God for their dedication to SU for all these years. May God grant them strength, good health, and joy in serving Him through SU.

18. **David Teoh:** “It was a privilege to be at the handing-down ceremony of **SMK Seksyen 4 Bandar Kinrara’s Christian Fellowship**, as the outgoing student leadership passed on their roles and responsibilities to the incoming leadership for the year 2024. Please pray that the Lord will continue to sustain and grow the CF, and that He will enable the student leaders to lead in godliness and love.”
19. **Dylan Loke:** “Keep the team in prayer as we head south this morning to share God’s Word at **Wesley Methodist School, Seremban’s chapel service.**”

20. **Marianne Liaw and Grace Wong:** “We thank God for the privilege of conducting the **Prayer Day programme** for **SMK (L) La Salle, PJ’s** Christian students who are SPM candidates. Please pray that the truth shared from the Scriptures will remain in the hearts of these students, even as they sit for their SPM examinations.”
21. **Cornelius Eden Usat Emang:** “Pray that the Holy Spirit will work mightily in the lives of young people, transforming them into bold witnesses for Christ and empowering them to be a light in their schools and communities. Pray that God will grant an abundance of wisdom and discernment to the leaders and volunteers. May they be guided by the Holy Spirit as they plan and organise events, camps, and activities that will draw young souls closer to Christ.”
22. **Marianne Liaw and Janice Sek:** “We were glad to run a **Christmas Party** for the children at **St Mary’s Cathedral’s Kids’ Church** last month. Please pray that the children there will grow in their knowledge and love of our Saviour and King, Jesus.”
23. **Verseliesa Luis:** “Keep me in prayer as I will be meeting up with some Christian Club Advisors in Kota Kinabalu. Pray that we will have a fruitful meeting with the teachers.”
24. **Marianne Liaw:** “We give thanks to the Lord for the students across 5 schools who attended the **All-Girls’ Out (A-GO) Camp** who have made a commitment to trust in Jesus as Saviour and Lord last month. Please pray that these girls will continue to hold fast to Christ and grow in the faith.”
25. **Northern Region Ministry Team:** “Please keep us in prayer as we grow as a team. We welcome **Angie Oh** as a full-time staff starting this January.”
26. **Janice Sek, Siau See Yuan, Dylan Loke, and Marianne Liaw:** “Keep us in prayer as we continue to develop and run the **Sports Bible Engagement Manual** this year in various schools.”
27. **Chai Siew Meng:** “Pray that more students will take up the challenge and participate in the **25th National Bible Knowledge Postal Quiz 2024**. Pray also that the response from schools, churches, and centers will be good and that more youths will sign up for the quiz.”

28. **Kelly Tan** is thankful for the opportunity to share God's Word in Wesley International School.
29. **Joel Mohan**: "Keep the **Central Region Ministry Team** in prayer as we share God's Word with the students of **Wesley Methodist School, Klang** this morning at their **chapel service**."
30. **Central Region Ministry Team**: "We're thankful for the opportunity to come together, reflect, and fellowship during our **team retreat** last month. Pray that we'll continue to be united in the Gospel as we serve the Lord this year!"
31. **Marianne Liaw** and **Chai Tze Kwang**: "We're thankful for the opportunity to share the Gospel at a **joint evangelistic Christmas party** recently co-organized by the student leaders of **3 school CFs: SMK Damansara Jaya, SMK Damansara Utama, and SMJK Katholik**. Pray that the seed of the Gospel which was sown will bear fruit in time in the lives of those who attended the event."

February

1. **Marianne Liaw**: "SU is glad to be able to partner in ministry with the Methodist Council of Education (MCOE) in organising their annual Passion Week event. Pray that God will grant good participation from the students from different schools throughout East and West Malaysia as they gather online to learn about Jesus from the Passion narrative. Uphold in prayer the on-going preparation work which is underway, me, and those who are serving as speakers for this event."
2. **Chai Tze Kwang**: "Keep me in prayer as I start heading the planning for the upcoming **Committee Planning Retreat (CPR)** for the Christian Fellowship (CF) student leaders from various schools in PJ."
3. **David Teoh**: "Uphold me in prayer as I rally the **student leaders** of Christian Fellowships (CF) in **Subang** for the **Committee Planning Retreat** from various schools."

4. **Dylan Loke, Chai Tze Kwang, Janice Sek, David Teoh, and Grace Wong:** “We recently ran a full-day Sports Programme at the **Community Baptist Church Learning Centre** in **Port Dickson**. Please keep us in prayer as we continue to work in partnership with this school this year in ministering to the students who attend the CF on a regular basis.”
5. **Koh Earn Soo:** “We thank God for the various interregional camps and events that enabled the ministry staff from the Central, Northern, and Sabah regions to work together as a team and support one another. Please pray that such interregional efforts and team spirit will continue to grow as SU continues impacting the lives of many students through God's Word.”

SUFES Campsite: “Uphold **Jeremy Carlson** in prayer as he makes preparation for the upcoming camps and pray also that God will grant safety to the campers.”

6. **Cornelius Eden Usat Emang:** “Pray for Scripture Union Sarawak/Sabah's mission to spread God's word and ignite a passion for Scripture among the youth. May their efforts bring many hearts closer to Jesus. Pray that the Lord grant wisdom and discernment to the leaders and volunteers , guiding them in creating impactful programs that nurture faith, encourage fellowship, and equip young believers for a life of service.”
7. **Marianne Liaw:** “Uphold me in prayer as I conduct a programme for the **Girls' Brigade company** of a primary mission school in **KL** this afternoon.”
8. **Chai Siew Meng:** “Uphold the students in prayer as they prepare and study passages from the Bible for the **25th National Bible Knowledge Postal Quiz 2024**. Pray that God's Word will be sown in the hearts of the students and that His Word will speak to them personally.”

Dylan Loke and Marianne Liaw: “The Central Region Ministry Team shared God's Word to the Year 8-9 students of **Sri Sempurna International Secondary School** during their **chapel service** yesterday. Keep us in prayer as we speak to the Year 10-11 and Year 7 students this morning.”

9. **Chai Tze Kwang and Marianne Liaw:** “Keep us in prayer as we look into further developing SU's programme for interns and staff-in-training who

come to serve alongside us throughout the year to be increasingly holistic, giving them exposure to SU's ministry in schools and churches, and at the same time building and equipping them to grow in Bible-handling and other practical ministry skills."

10. **Chai Tze Kwang, Joel Mohan, and Marianne Liaw:** "Keep us in prayer during this school holiday season as we plan, organise, and train student leaders from various school CFs in Petaling Jaya (PJ) throughout the CPR programme."
11. **Kelly Tan, Sally See, and Chew Yi Hong:** "Pray that God will grant us guidance and wisdom as we plan and organise the upcoming **SU Kedah Camp** to impact students from the northern region with God's Word."
12. **Verseliesa Luis:** "We thank God for the opportunity to serve alongside churches in **Pitas** for the **Youth Sports Camp** on the **9 and 10 Feb 2024**. Pray that the students listening to the Good News will continue to grow in their faith in Jesus."
13. **Marianne Liaw:** "It was a privilege to represent SU at the **SMK (P) Methodist, KL's Awards Day**. We thank God that the school authorities and leadership recognise and appreciate the ministry of SU amongst their students as a contribution to their school."
14. **Siau See Yuan, Marianne Liaw, and Grace Wong:** "Join us in giving thanks for the **Inter-Brethren Church Sunday School Retreat** where we served as speakers at MBS Rawang recently. Pray that the children who made a commitment to trust in Jesus as Saviour and Lord will continue to hold fast to Him and grow in the faith."
15. **Siau See Yuan, Janice Sek, and Marianne Liaw:** "We praise God for the opening of new ministry doors in an **international primary school** and a **primary mission school**, both located in the **PJ** region. Keep us in prayer as we go regularly to these 2 schools for the rest of this year to share God's Word at their **chapel services**."
16. Thank God for SU's **administrative staff** who support SU's ministry behind the scenes. Praise God for their dedication to SU for all these years. May God grant them strength, good health, and joy in serving Him through SU.

17. **David Teoh, Chai Tze Kwang, Joel Mohan, and Marianne Liaw:** “Keep us in prayer as we plan, organise, and train the student leaders from CFs across schools in **Subang** during **CPR** that will be carried out during this end of the term school holidays.”
18. Pray for the **Northern Region Ministry Team** as they plan and organise the **Science and Nature Camp** this February with Dr. Khong.
19. **Dylan Loke:** “Keep the team in prayer as we share God’s Word at **The Seed Resource Centre’s Junior High’s chapel service** this morning.”
20. **Marianne Liaw:** “I’ll be serving as the speaker of the **Anglican Diocesan English Children’s Camp** that is happening simultaneously with the **Youth Camp** over the next 4 days. Please keep me in your prayers.”
21. **Koh Earn Soo:** “Please pray that God will continue to give me the wisdom, energy, and strength needed to continue leading SU while juggling the many needs and responsibilities. We want to give thanks for God’s faithfulness and provision last year. Pray that I will continue to learn to trust God to provide for all the needs of SU. Pray that God will continue to help me connect with ministry partners and link me with more of them.”

Pray that the Lord will continue to build good bonding between the **SU council members** and will grant them wisdom as they continue to deliberate various issues and challenges that SU faces.

22. Keep the **Northern Region Ministry Team** in prayer as they plan and partner with the CF Leaders in **Wesley International School** for their upcoming CF Camp next month.

Verseliesa Luis: “Keep us in prayer as we partner with the Sabah interdenominational Education Committee (SiEC) to train Christian teachers in Nabawan on how to run CFs.”

23. **Marianne Liaw:** “Thank God for the fruitful time spent sharing God’s Word with the children across various Anglican churches who attended the **Anglican Diocesan English Children’s Camp**. Please pray that these children will continue to grow in their knowledge and love of the Lord Jesus Christ through the study of His Word.”

24. **Marianne Liaw:** “It’s my 7th year serving as a member of the **Anglican Mission Schools’ Board** of West Malaysia (AMSB) and it’s been a privilege to work alongside members of the board in thinking through issues pertaining to Anglican mission schools in Malaysia. Please pray that God will grant me wisdom and guidance as I continue to serve in this capacity.”
25. **Marianne Liaw, Siau See Yuan, and Janice Sek:** “Keep us in prayer as we continue to develop and conduct **Sunday School Trainings** for churches across various denominations this year.”
26. Keep the **Northern Region Ministry Team** in prayer as they look forward to organising a **leadership training** for the Northern student leaders.
27. **Marianne Liaw:** “Join me in giving thanks and praying for the youths who attended the **Ekklesia Methodist Youth Fellowship Camp** recently, who have made a commitment to trust in Jesus as their Saviour and Lord, and who have been challenged to grow in their faith and live out the implications of the Gospel.”
28. Please uphold in prayer the upcoming **SUPA Camp** that is being held in May 2024! As **Jennifer Chew, Kelly Tan, Siau See Yuan, Sally See, Angie Oh, Verseliesa Luis** and **Janice Sek** meet to brainstorm and plan for the camp for the next few months, please keep them in prayer.
29. **Siau See Yuan and Chai Tze Kwang:** We’re representing the SU Peninsular Malaysia movement as young ambassadors in the upcoming SU Global Assembly which will be held in Malaysia next month. It’s been a journey, so please uphold us in prayer, and pray for preparations which are underway for the gathering of representatives from SU movements across the globe.

FOCUSING ON FELLOWSHIP OF EVANGELICAL STUDENTS

Blessed New Year, our dear friends, and supporters of FES Malaysia!

In January, a **Graduating Students Training and Retreat** is happening from 12 – 14 January, taking place in Mukah, Sarawak. This training and retreat is targeted at students from the Central part of Sarawak. Do pray for the students and staff will have a good time of learning together. Pray that the students will know what it means to finish well in their colleges and universities while looking ahead to be obedient servants of God in the vocation that He has called them to. Meanwhile, there will be a Northern Staff Retreat from 15 – 17 January. The aim of this retreat is to give the staff team a time of silent reflection and the opportunity to talk about the changes in the region. Pray for a good retreat as they begin the new year.

The **National Staff Team** will be coming together for a 4-day meeting (26 – 29 February) at Port Dickson Methodist Centre. One of the reasons for having it in this location is because our National Conference will also be happening there in the month of August. Although most of the staff are familiar with the venue, coming together will help us see and visualise for ourselves that the National Conference is indeed going to happen, and to be excited over it. The pandemic may have delayed this conference, we are thankful that we can have it in 2024

and at the same time, launch our new National Calls for this current and upcoming student generation.

There will be some **staff movement** in February. Rayneld and Leta will be moving to the Central Region in the month of February. We are also glad to announce that Rayneld will be the new Assistant General Secretary. Do pray for Rayneld, Leta and their 3 children as they prepare to move and to settle in their new place. If you know them and if you are staying in the Klang Valley, do reach out to them and perhaps offer help in this transition. Meanwhile, Yuong Eng will go on a 6-month sabbatical leave, beginning in January. When he returns in July, he will take on a new role as the Theological Formation Coordinator.

Thank you once again for your support and wishing you a Happy Chinese New Year!



Alakasia Petrus

Shalom kepada saudara dan saudari yang saya kasihi.
Tuhan Yesus sangat baik!

Selamat tahun baru 2024.

Terima kasih atas bantuan dan sokongan doa saudara kepada saya dan keluarga saya selama tiga bulan cuti bersalin setelah melahirkan puteri sulung pada 10 Oktober 2023 tahun lalu. Banyak

peristiwa baik dan tentangan yang saya alami. Menjadi seorang ibu untuk pertama kali tidaklah mudah, namun bersyukur kepada Tuhan, rakan-rakan ibu, dan rakan-rakan FES yang banyak membantu saya dengan memberikan sokongan dan doa. Bantuan dari keluarga saya juga sangat bererti, meskipun ada perbezaan pendapat mengenai cara berpantang.

Selanjutnya, mohon doa untuk persiapan saya kembali bekerja setelah lama beristirahat, agar saya dapat melanjutkan tugas bersama pelajar dan pembimbing di Kampus Sabah ini. Doakan juga agar kontak yang saya dapat dari IPG dapat membuka pintu untuk berhubungan dan berteman dengan pelajar. Saya berencana untuk membawa mereka keluar makan-makan dan melakukan "Bible study" bersama.

Akhirnya, mohon terus doakan pelayanan FES di Sabah agar tetap sejalan dengan panggilan Tuhan. Terima kasih atas kesetiaan saudara dalam memberikan dukungan, doa, dan segala bentuk bantuan lainnya. Tuhan Yesus memberkati.



Caroline Lee

The start of a new year – what are you looking forward to? While I too have things to look forward to, I also have my load of worries; family; my dad especially, change of seasons and ministry responsibilities. Do remember me in your prayer as I juggled different responsibilities and learn to hope in

God for the change of seasons. Allow me to give you a slight update about my father; his Alzheimer has gradually worsened. As a family, we are also stretched in caring for him. Please keep us in prayer that we will have wisdom to move forward and the Spirit will always be with him. Yet, in all of these cries and pain, God is gracious to also add to my life joy and reasons to smile. I am thankful for moments like these.

On the campus front, I am thankful for how the student's groups are growing in numbers. HELP Subang, UKM PERKEB and Xiamen CF will be going through another series of planning for the semester. At Staff Planning And Review (SPAR) last year, I prayed that I will be in step with the Holy Spirit as He leads me. Even as the student's groups are growing in numbers, pray that I will not lose focus at the bigger picture of pointing them to Christ alone. Pray that I will always be ready for conversations about life and priorities. Blessed New Year!



Cecilia Poh

What's new this year? Well, many things remain the same in my life – the same car, the same husband, the same faith in God – there are still many constants. However, there will be a significant change this season for me as I'm moving from Kuantan to Kuala Lumpur due to my husband's new assignment. Please remember us in your prayers, as both of us might find the city lifestyle challenging and are curious about what

the neighborhood will be like. We're praying for physical and mental adjustment during this time.

I'm excited and looking forward to visiting a tertiary institution in Kuala Lipis with Ruth this year on a monthly basis! Although this is a new journey, I'm thrilled because I can witness how God is miraculously preparing the ministry by sending one or two families to serve the students there faithfully. Even one of the graduates returned to this small town to serve the juniors who have never experienced Christian student gatherings in their campus life. Aren't you excited to hear this? God is working in various places in Malaysia! Since this is our first time visiting them consistently, we hope to learn more about how we can collaborate in student ministry. Pray that in every conversation we have, in everything we see, and in every surrounding we sense, we are able to discern where our Lord is calling us.

On another note, I'll be visiting HELP Damansara CF while Yuong Eng is away on sabbatical leave. Pray for a smooth transition and for building friendships with the students.



Charissa Ho

2023 has come and gone so quickly! Last year, I noticed that I was usually motivated by fear. In 2024, I hope to be a little braver, and to do more things out of love instead of fear.

This year, I will be saying goodbye to Monash Life Cell Group (LCG) and will be moving to Sunway CF. LCG will always have a special place in my heart as it was one of the first few groups I visited during my early days of staff work. I thank God for how he has helped me grow with and learn from the students there. Do pray that God will continue to watch over the LCG community as they try out new ways of doing things this semester. My prayer is that they will be open to see possibilities and not give up meeting together.

I look forward to connecting with students from Sunway CF and being part of what God is doing. Please pray for God's grace and wisdom as I give my best in caring for His sheep there. Please also remember the students in *Persaudaraan Kristian UPSI* (PERKUPSI). I look forward to joining them at their Committee Planning Retreat. Do pray that it will be a meaningful time spent together.

Thank you for praying with us.



Chong Eu Pui

I read through what I wrote in my prayer letters since 2008 (That's the earliest point that I kept records).

This entry written 10 years ago, caught my attention, which I shall echo –

“2013 didn’t go as I had hoped, and I wonder how 2014 will pan out. How will I like to remember 2014? *“He must become greater; I must become less”* (John 3:30). This verse was my motto when I started out as a staff in FES. And so it is not FES or me that students need to remember but Christ, being a step closer to Him as they leave CF.”

There are many wishes and dreams yet to come true as I look back on my time here and commit them to God. I ended last year by reading many books as I wanted to clear my shelves and finally picked up those that had been sitting for years waiting for their turn. They made me rethink fundamental doctrines and wrestle with them in today’s context as I listen to what God is inviting me to in this season.

As Alakasia returns from maternity, Sabah region welcomes Wan Ling as our new overseer (still based in Central, of course), replacing David. She will be a blessing with her energy and perspectives to help move things here. After a lapse of 7 years, National Conference returns in August. God willing, we hope to send 15 students from here so that Sabahan students are inspired to see beyond their context to

the wider fellowship and issues as Malaysian Christians.

Terima kasih atas sokongan doa kalian, amat sangat diperlukan dan dihargai!



Chong Sock Lee

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.
(Philippians 1:3-6)

This verse came into my mind as I looked back at what the Lord has done for me in the year 2023. I thank God for new friendships and partnerships in ministry. I was given many opportunities to share FES ministry with different churches and individuals who are passionate in serving the young generation in Malaysia. I am blessed in hearing their stories and also inspired by their tenacity in reaching out to the youths for Jesus. I am thankful to you too who always remember us and support us in prayer.

National Conference (NC) is back in August! I am excited for this big gathering of students coming to hear and respond to the challenges we face as Malaysian Christians. Do pray with us as we begin preparation work for NC. I am heading the Logistic-at-Large subcommittee, looking mainly into the

travels & transportations for NC. Pray with us as we invite our students to come for this NC that they will be open and wanting to be part of this NC; and eager to hear what the Lord wants to say to them as this generation of students in Malaysia now.



David Ho

Blessed New Year!

I am thankful for you and your generosity in helping us to replace a new roof and renovate the office due to the water leaking. The staff are excited and looking forward to moving back to our 2nd floor this January as our 'home base'. May this newly renovated office inspire us to continue to be fresh in reaching the campus students for Christ.

I want to thank Yuong Eng, who has served 8 years as our Assistant General Secretary (AGS). He is on sabbatical now and will come back second half of this year to take on a crucial role for the movement. I want to introduce our new AGS, Rayneld Irwin Edam, who has been serving with FES since 2006. I'm looking forward to serving our movement closely with him.

On the campus front, the UTAR Kampar CF is having two retreats-Committee Planning Retreat and Graduating Students Retreat. I'm looking forward to joining them in these 2 retreats to discern with them what God is doing in their lives and how they can be salt and light for their campus and in their working world.

Happy Lunar New Year, my dear friends who celebrate CNY!



Esmond Khoo

Dear partners and supporters, Blessed New Year 2024.

The CFs I serve have been going through some of the most difficult situations I've seen in recent years. I can sum up the situations in two categories – internal conflicts and external opposition. Because of these situations, the students have become discouraged, disillusioned, and indifferent. To put it even more simply, they are fed up. I think I am too. Of course, with all these house fires to put out, reaching out with the gospel becomes the furthest thing from their minds. I do see some student leaders persevere, trying to be faithful in their tasks. It is a crucial time now – give up or keep going.

In light of this, New Year 2024 is an opportunity for many of my students (and myself as well) for new beginnings. To review goals, to make plans to get out of the rut, to repent, to reconcile strained or broken relationships, to restart spiritual disciplines, to renew commitment to God. I would appreciate your prayers in this, that God will help us begin again in 2024.

I will also be continuing my MDiv studies at Seminari Theoloji Malaysia in January 2024. I am taking two subjects this semester – “Doing Theology in Asia” and “Spiritual Friendship”. If all goes well, I should be able to graduate

by the end of 2024. Please pray for God's wisdom and perseverance. Pray that I will keep valuing the learning and equipping rather than just completing the course.



Eddryll Teo

I thank God for His providence in my life ever since joining FES. I thank God for the privilege of serving the students where I am at. I am reminded of the importance of the work done here which I call the Philip ministry. Instead of reaching out to the masses, I strive to be like Philip, faithfully explaining scriptures to the Ethiopian eunuch. If you have been reading, my running mantra is to make discipleship a norm, not a privilege.

Pray for two things. That the students I serve continue to grow in maturity and Christlikeness. Pray that they know their identity as a campus witness within the context of their campus, mainly IACT and IKUPM. Also FES has asked me to go to the southern region to assist in the student work there and I have said yes. Pray for clarity and that I continue to keep in step with the spirit as I enter new grounds. Pray for more doors to open and connections to be made so that the states in the south will come to know FES better as well as see us as an extension of their church in gospel partnership.



Fredda Balang

Shalom. Puji syukur dan hormat saya naikan kepada Tuhan, Dia yang memampukan saya untuk terus melayani-NYA walaupun pelbagai cabaran dan halangan yang terpaksa ditempuhi sepanjang tahun 2023. Dengan rahmat-Nya, saya melaluiinya satu persatu mengikut waktu-Nya.

Tahun 2024 akan dimulai dengan mesyuarat dan perancangan untuk *National Conference* (NC). Semoga tangan Tuhan yang mengambil alih perancangan ini mengikuti kehendak-Nya. Mohon doa agar saya menjadi sensitif terhadap apa yang Tuhan inginkan kami lakukan untuk pelajar-pelajar *tertiary* di seluruh Malaysia pada *National Conference* (NC) tersebut.

Doakan juga pelayanan saya di Miri, khususnya. Saya akan memimpin *Bible study* bersama pemimpin Fajar CF. Dengan ini, dari waktu ke waktu, saya akan membawa anak-anak bersama saya ke kampus. Ingatlah mereka dalam doa anda agar mereka diberi kesihatan yang baik sepanjang tahun. Begitu juga dengan persiapan saya untuk *Bible study* ini. Semoga Firman Tuhan yang Hidup dapat menyelidiki hati kami ketika kami mengkaji Firman-NYA. Semoga kelompok pelajar yang akan hadir juga akan diberi kesegaran oleh-NYA.

Selanjutnya, pada akhir bulan Februari, doakan perjalanan saya ke *National Staff Team* (NST). Semoga Tuhan menjaga dan melindungi perjalanan pergi dan pulang saya, keluar masuk rumah, dan

kemanapun saya pergi, agar Tuhan menjauhkan kami dari perkara-perkara buruk atau malapetaka yang tidak diinginkan. Terima kasih.



Gabriel Fletcher

Hello there,

Last year in November, I had the privilege to attend the IFES Young Leaders Training in Taiwan together with four other colleagues. The hospitality shown by our host and the stories that I received are memorable gems that I treasure. An advice shared by a seasoned staff-worker really spoke to me in how we approach our ever-changing generation of students.

IFES emphasized on Student Initiative because it is both our students and God who will be starting something new in the campus. Our role as staff is to coach and point our students to God and allow Him to lead them in this ever-challenging journey as His agent of hope.

On the campus grounds, it is another year of learning and discovering as I serve the students. USM PKA is gearing up for their coming CF Family Camp and there are many things that they are working on. Do remember them in your prayers that though they have been preparing from one big event (previously was Christmas) to another, may they find the joy amidst their serving.

It is such an encouragement to see more guys regularly attending AIMST CF on a weekly basis and actively volunteering to assist in any way that they can for the different activities. For INTI CF, do remember them in your prayers as they plan out for the next quarter. A few of the committee will be away for internship, so they hope to approach different members to help with the CF activities.

Appreciate your prayers too as we prepare for our coming National Conference that is happening in early August.

Have a good start of the year *kawan-kawan* 😊



Grace Ningkan

Hi friends, first of all I would like to say thank you for always keeping every staff in your prayers throughout the year 2023. For my side, I am very thankful for open doors for pioneering work at Sibu, with the help of graduate helpers, Jenny and her husband. Pray it will bear more fruit for the ministry at Sibu, especially in supporting the ministry when I am not around.

For the field work at Kuching, IMK UNIMAS continue to have their gathering every week until a week before the final exam. Pray for the current committee, as they are now in the progress of selecting a new committee. Next, ILKKM Kuching just started their new semester. Since last

year semester, their college management had enforced compulsory CF gathering for all Christians students which caused an uproar among a small group of students. Pray for the advisor and the committee not to feel discouraged when they face this kind of situation but to see this as an opportunity to bring gospel to those that may not be interested to know beforehand. Last but not least, I really thank God for the opportunity to be able to hangout with a few SEGi students occasionally last semester. Pray for wisdom to raise students that have a heart for CF so that they can reach out to their own circle of friends.

Have a blessed New Year friends and may the peace of God continue be with you and your family. Thank you for being a prayer warrior.



Grace Yoong

In December, I had the opportunity to visit a children's home together with the students from RUMC CF. The CF wanted to bless others. So, they raised the funds to buy necessities for the home and Christmas gifts for the children. Over the course of the visit, there was an opportunity to hear from the people who managed the home. What the students came away with were stories of people who had wrestled with God over difficult questions in life, which in turn caused them (the students) to re-examine their own values and their faith in God.

As I look ahead to 2024 and all that is to come, could I ask you to pray along with me?

- Some of the IPG KSAH students live off-campus with their non-Christian classmates. They have been seizing different opportunities to share life with their friends. Some of their friends have been comfortable enough to even join the Christian students for CF and church services. Will you pray for these non-Christian friends that they have been reaching out to?
- Some of the student leaders of DISTED CF have graduated and will be moving on. Do keep the CF in prayer as they consider what is best for the few remaining Christians and their non-Christian friends who sometimes join the CF.
- UiTM and UniMAP students will face exams at the end of January or early February. These students will then take a break and classes will resume after mid-March. Pray that they will continue to be Christ's light in their homes and communities when they go on break.

Thank you for praying.



Jessica Manja

Damai sejahtera, rakan
pendoa,

Selamat tahun baru! Semoga tahun dan bulan yang baru ini membawa kesegaran bagi kita semua, di mana pun kita berada, dalam menjalani pekerjaan masing-masing. Di tahun baru ini, mari kita terus semangat menghadapi petualangan baru dengan hati yang penuh sukacita dan rasa syukur.

Saya merasa bersyukur atas pelayanan bersama dengan muda-mudi serta waktu yang dihabiskan bersama keluarga di kampung pada musim Natal yang lalu. Meskipun banyak anggota keluarga tidak dapat pulang kampung untuk perayaan bersama, kami tetap bersyukur atas keselamatan dan kesihatan mereka.

Terus berdoa untuk pelayanan di kampus Swinburne, di mana para pelajar masih dalam masa bercuti dan baru akan kembali ke kampus pada bulan Mac. Berdoa agar semangat untuk bersekutu di kampus dan rindu akan Firman-Nya terus menyala di hati para pelajar. Meskipun mungkin beberapa dari mereka kurang berkomitmen, semoga 2 atau 3 pelajar dapat menjadi pemimpin persekutuan di kampus mereka.

Tuhan memberkati.



Koay Su-Jian

Blessed New Year, my dear
prayer partners!

What is in store for you in the year 2024? 2 major events in ministry awaits me in this new year. The IFES East Asia Regional Conference and our own FES National Conference will take place in July and August respectively. My roles in these 2 conferences are Delegation Leader and In-House Logistics Coordinator respectively. Some work has already begun, and I look forward to it. I will tell you more stories and updates as the time goes by. Do pray for me as I work with other Malaysian and East Asian staff.

In January, I will be joining the UNM CF committee on their Committee Planning Retreat (CPR). They are keen to travel slightly further this time round. We will be heading to Muar and hopefully, it won't just be a time of "business meeting" but for it to truly be a retreat and a time for recreation as well. Pray with us, for our safety, for attentive ears and hearts for discernment, and for a time of having fun together.

In February, I will be spending about a week at home during the Chinese New Year celebration. This year, some of my relatives who are staying overseas will return to celebrate together with the bigger family. Pray that it will be a time of good fellowship and catching up with one another. To those of you who are celebrating this festival, I wish you a Happy Chinese New Year!



Lee Wan Ling

Hi there,

Thank you for your continuous support in praying with us.

I'm thankful to be able to end the year 2023 being at home with my family. 1st January 2024, I celebrate 18 years in FES and I'm really thankful to be part of this ministry.

For the months of January and February, I look forward to visiting the students. Do pray for me as I travel to the different campuses especially outstation campuses in KT and KB.

These two months we will be starting to plan for our upcoming National Conference. Do pray with us as we start working towards it.

This year I will be overseeing Sabah, will be joining their meetings and visiting colleagues in Sabah. Do pray with me as I travel and do pray for a meaningful time together looking at the ministry in Sabah.

Thank you.



Leta Linggi

Salam damai sejahtera saudara.

Semoga kasih dan rahmat Tuhan senantiasa menyertai kamu. Terima kasih kerana selalu mengingat dan mendoakan saya serta pelayanan pelajar

Kristen di kampus. Doa saudara sungguh bermakna bagi saya. Semoga Tuhan menjawab doa kalian dan memberikan damai di hati kamu selalu. Saudara, tahun berlalu dengan cepatnya, dan sekarang kita telah memasuki tahun 2024. Saya ingin mengucapkan syukur atas kehadiran Tuhan yang luar biasa dalam setiap perjalanan sepanjang tahun 2023, dan saya sepenuhnya berserah kepada rencana Tuhan untuk tahun ini. Saya ingin bergantung pada-Nya setiap langkah, karena saya tidak mampu melewati sehari pun tanpa pertolongan-Nya.

Saudara, terima kasih atas doa saudara selama proses transisi yang terjadi di pelayanan FES Selatan dan juga selama perpindahan kami sekeluarga ke FES Sentral. Teruslah mendoakan kampus, para pelajar yang terlibat, dan saya selama proses penyesuaian kami. Untuk kampus UTHM UCF dan Peace CF, mohon doakan agar mereka tetap bersatu dalam memberikan kerjasama dan saling mendukung satu sama lain dalam menerima staf baru yang akan melayani mereka. Saya bersyukur atas pengalaman, persahabatan, dan dukungan pelayanan yang diberikan para pelajar sepanjang saya melayani bersama mereka. Terima kasih juga atas doa saudara untuk kampus ini; saya sangat menghargainya.

Saudara, bagi kami sekeluarga, doakan proses pindah dan kegiatan belajar anak-anak kami di sekolah yang baru. Mohon kekuatan dan kelancaran bagi kami sekeluarga. Saya bersyukur karena Tuhan telah menyediakan rumah bagi kami dan kemurahan hati yang diberikan

untuk tempat tinggal keluarga kami. Terima kasih atas waktu yang telah saudara luangkan untuk membaca dan berdoa untuk saya dan keluarga. Terima kasih atas dukungan saudara dalam berbagai aspek, baik dalam hal kewangan, doa, maupun dukungan moral yang diberikan oleh kalian. Selamat Tahun Baru 2024, dan semoga Tuhan Yesus memberkati kalian dengan limpahan berkat.



Loh Kim Cheng

Writing this at the airport. Ahead of me, 3 legs of flights, 3 back-to-back conferences, 13 days in total! Burundi, said to be the poorest country in the world, would have been a place of learning together with younger leaders of IFES, as well as learning from colleagues serving amidst much challenges.

2023 was a tough year, when my housemate lost her sister in February and I lost my mum in July. Both times I was away in Jakarta for World Assembly matters. I thank God that I was able to fly back without much delay. Though we appear to be back to normal, both our families are still in pain and grief. 2023 was also a year of enjoying God's amazing grace and favour working towards the IFES World Assembly. Bringing together a global team for all things logistics, working with joy despite stress and lots of "things not going right", becoming friends at the end of our journey – these are some of my treasures.

The challenge of 2024 is to finish editing CGK Journal 4 by the end April! With travel and other commitments, I effectively have 68 CGK working days to accomplish this task. I look forward to celebrating when we finish Journal 4!

As a new year beckons, may you and yours find many reasons to be celebrated as you look forward with faith in the One who holds you on this journey. Happy New Year!



Low Ai Mie

Dear friends, the past two months have been a rollercoaster ride for me, both in my campus work and my own personal life. I was so excited to meet more students when the semester started that the first month was filled with meeting students - both individuals and in groups. Soon, I realised that I was putting aside my own needs - to be with my own community of support. Thus, in the second month, I made amendments to help myself to be balanced in my commitments. I value your prayers for me as I learn to make meaning and space for different areas God has called me to sort out. New year, new area of growth! Health-wise, the condition of my sugar level seems to have stabilized. I really am thankful that it was not worse.

As I visit UUM and USM Kkj campuses, I find that students are willing to be disciplined on individual basis. Yet, at this point, I find it hard to find hearts that are outward looking - to share the

Good news with friends on campus. I find that the spiritual ground in these two campuses is rather hard. Appreciate if you would partner me in prayer for God to water and loosen the ground for His work to be done. I will be focusing on praying on the campus ground in my periodical visits - also sharing and engaging with willing hearted students on this matter. As for TAR UMT CF, students have decided not to meet in lieu of preparing for Christmas gathering. They will continue meeting weekly when their semester starts again. Thankful for you.



Lyon Chua

When tragedy strikes, many times it is difficult to make sense of it. The word 'tragedy' itself is synonymous with suffering and distress. The story of Horatio Gates Spafford, the author of the hymn 'It is well with my soul' is a story of great tragedy especially in the eyes of the world. Yet Horatio's story is not merely a tragedy but rather a great encouragement and inspiration. For me, at least, it can only take God's sustaining grace for Horatio to still be able to find strength in God and to write the words 'whatever my lot, thou have taught me to say; it is well with my soul'. To be honest, many times I too find it tough to make sense of many things. Horatio's story, however, reminded me just how big our God really is. As I start 2024, it is my prayer that God will help me to live and lead others to see His all-sustaining grace in every circumstance.

Dear friends, a very blessed new year to you! Thank you for always keeping the students and the staff team including me in your prayers. Truly I am amazed at your support and generosity towards FES. As I kick start 2024, I would like to take this opportunity to convey my appreciation for this partnership as I echo the words that the Apostle Paul wrote in Philippians 1:3-5:

'3 I thank my God every time I remember you. 4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now...'

Thank you and have a very Blessed New Year! 🌸



Miceelle Bau Brau

Agung dan mulialah Tuhan Yesus Kristus atas segala raja dan penguasa dunia. Pujian dan hormat bagi Dia yang memberkati dan membimbing saya sekeluarga sepanjang tahun yang lalu.

Dengan kesempatan untuk kembali bercuti bersama keluarga lebih awal tahun ini dibandingkan tahun sebelumnya, kami dapat melawat keluarga sebelah ibu saya di Long Bawan (Kalimantan Timur) sebelum Natal, dan bersama keluarga suami bercuti di Kota Kinabalu setelah Natal. Ini adalah waktu yang sangat indah ketika dapat berkumpul bersama keluarga setelah lama tidak berjumpa secara fizikal. Doakan agar keluarga kami tetap dalam

keadaan sihat dan setia dalam pimpinan Tuhan Yesus. Terima kasih kepada semua yang telah berdoa tanpa henti bagi keluarga saya.

Dua bulan lalu, berkat dari doa kalian, usaha untuk mendaftarkan *Campus Fellowship (CF)* sebagai kelab di kampus UPM Bintulu berjalan dan diterima baik oleh pihak kampus. Enam aktiviti yang dilakukan oleh AJK memenuhi kriteria pendirian kelab. Terus doakan CF ini dengan bimbingan penasihat dari kalangan pensyarah kampus, serta untuk keterlibatan pelajar dari berbagai latar belakang agar mereka dapat mempelajari Firman sambil mengenal Yesus Kristus secara peribadi sepanjang masa mereka di kampus.

Selama dua bulan ini, saya bersama beberapa staf dan lulusan akan mengadakan *Graduate Training Retreat (GTR)* untuk pelajar di Mukah dan UPM Bintulu. GTR ini khusus untuk pelajar tahun akhir, dengan tujuan melatih mereka untuk menyelesaikan status sebagai seorang pelajar dengan makna penuh, siap mengucapkan selamat tinggal pada kehidupan kampus, menyelesaikan masa studi mereka, dan bersiap untuk tantangan masa depan. Doakan kelancaran dan penerimaan dari pelajar tahun akhir untuk mengikuti GTR ini. Mohon juga doa untuk kerjasama dari para lulusan baik yang berada di Mukah maupun Bintulu.

Terima kasih dan Selamat Tahun Baru. Semoga Tuhan senantiasa menyertai kalian semua dan menjaga diri kalian dengan baik.



Monica Khoo

Exciting things to look forward to.....As the drilling and painting of the walls in the

office happens, we are looking forward to a new office look as the new year comes. Also, what is exciting is the new year with the new plans. With that said, this is what you can pray for:

- The central staff will be re-orienting things back into office for the month of January on top of the CPRs we will be handling. Pray for smooth transition back to office.
- Also pray for the UTAR committees as they will be having their CPR.
- Charissa and I will be handling a graduating students retreat in March with LCG and UTAR students. Do pray for our preparation in January and February

Personally

- I am thankful for the time spent with our families in the last two months on the trips we had.
- Do continue to pray for the salvation of my mother.
- Personally, pray for me as it will be my first time leading a team in the coming National Conference. Pray for wisdom as I lead the team in the area of food and housing and alertness to what's needed.

Thank you for partnering us in prayer



Peter Paris

Shalom dan salam damai didalam nama Tuhan Yesus Kristus.

*¹⁰Diberkatilah mereka yang dianiaya demi perbenaran,
kerana kerajaan syurga untuk mereka.
(Mat 5:10-AVB)*

Selamat Tahun Baru 2024! Puji Tuhan kerana kasih dan karuniaNya yang membolehkan kita terus setia melayani pelajar-pelajar pada masa ini. Kita melangkah dengan yakin, mempercayai bahawa Dia akan bersama-sama kita dalam tahun baru ini.

Bila saya merenungkan kembali khotbah Tuhan Yesus di atas gunung, khususnya ayat 10, saya bertanya kepada diri sendiri, "Adakah saya pernah mengalami penindasan selama pelayanan kepada pelajar ini?" Kita perlu menjadi jambatan untuk menyampaikan berita baik ini. Sebagai jambatan shalom, kita secara langsung akan menjadi laluan bagi jiwa-jiwa yang mencari kebenaran.

Oleh itu, mari bersama-sama memohon dari Tuhan agar hati kita serupa dengan hati-Nya, penuh dengan belas kasihan, untuk melihat ke sekeliling kita dan menyadari kebutuhan jiwa-jiwa yang mencari khabar baik ini.

Amen



Rayneld Edam

I want to express my gratitude for your prayers and support as we embark on the journey of a new year. Reflecting on the memorable experiences of 2023, I eagerly anticipate what lies ahead in 2024. Interestingly, as we usher in the new year, we find ourselves bidding farewell and closing a chapter of our time here in Johor, preparing for a transition to the central team.

The upcoming two months will be a period of change for our family as we get ready to move. We are thankful for the provided accommodation in PJ, conveniently close to the office. Our next focus is on settling the schooling arrangements for both Naiomi and Serri. I request your prayers for a smooth transition in this aspect.

On the ministry front, some of our CF members will enter their final month of the semester, concluding by the end January. I ask for your prayers for their exams and for a seamless transition for the leaders and committee members. I'll be saying my goodbyes to these Christian Fellowships, whom have been a big part of who I am. May the Lord continue to inspire and guide these students in their CF service.

As we begin the year with renewed strength, courage, and conviction from the Lord, I seek your prayers. I'll be taking up a new role as the Assistant General Secretary. I am both excited and terrified. Do pray as I learn to grow in this new role and serve Him this way.

Do remember my family as well, as we serve together. Your ongoing support through prayer is sincerely appreciated.

Thank you.



Richard anak Ramlee

"Be weak!" This is the impression of what I heard God say to me when I read 2 Corinthians 12. Since childhood, I've been forced to be an independent person. When I became a Christ follower, I learned to be more dependent on God, but the old self sometimes resurfaced again and again. So, I asked the Lord to examine my heart. The diagnosis was obvious: the sin of pride. Unfortunately, it has manifested not only in my personal life but also in my ministry as a staff worker: pride of intellect, pride of doing much, pride of self-help. So the Lord disciplined me. I don't know what "a thorn" is in Paul's flesh or what he meant by "a messenger from Satan." All I know is that I was being disciplined to "keep me from becoming proud" (2 Corinthians 12:7).

Thus, I ask you to pray for me as I'm heading into the new year 2024 to be clothed with Christ's Spirit of humility. What the Lord said to Paul has become mine too: "My grace is sufficient for you; for my strength is made perfect in weakness" (v. 9). At first, I didn't understand why He told me to "be weak!" because it didn't make sense. The tasks of equipping the students, empowering the Christian fellowships,

and teaching the Word of God all require strength. But then I realized it shouldn't be based on my strength but on the Lord's. This is why Paul said, "For when I am weak, then I am strong" (v. 10b). Pray that I will remain 'weak' to lead well as Sarawak regional team leader, to serve selflessly with fellow staff, advisors, and student leaders, and to rely on God's grace and strength in my life. Come, let's "be weak!" this year.



Ruth Vinoth

Hello 2024!

Wishing each of you a Blessed and Happy New Year. Praying that 2024 will bring much surprises from the Lord who knows us and called us His beloved.

January will be a busy month for everyone in the Central region as we clean, unpack and rearrange the office after our recent renovation. Not only that, January is also a month of Committee Planning Retreats/Meetings as the committee from the different Christian fellowships come together to plan for the semester. I personally will be away for INTI Nilai's planning retreat in Melaka. When I think about INTI Nilai CF, I am truly humbled by how God has been so good. From going through a difficult time of finding student leaders, this year we have 6 student leaders, the most since 2021. Do pray that these new leaders will continue to be convicted in why the CF exists and will be committed to serve

for the whole year. Also from January onwards, I would have officially handed over Sunway CF to Charissa who will be serving there as their staffworker. It was truly a privilege to have been their staffworker for the past 10 years and it is now time to pass it on. I will instead be serving the campuses in Pahang together with Cecilia and our first trip will be to the Kuala Lipis IPG. Do pray for our journey and time with the lecturer and students there as this will be our first time visiting the campus.

As for February, some campuses will be starting but for now, it will be preparation for Bible study sessions I will be facilitating in March and preparing for our central exploratory trip in April.

Thank you for praying ☺



Sophia Lim

Dear prayer warriors,

2023 had been a year with many learning curves. By the Grace of God, I was able to pull it through. I have yet to know what to expect for 2024 but do pray that I may find wisdom in juggling between taking care of growing Miquel and work.

I was glad that I was able to witness how SEGi KD's CF grow in numbers and members who are committed to serve. Do pray for the next 2 months as we plan for the CF and also discuss raising the new leaders.

I look forward to going back to Penang during Chinese New Year. Pray for opportunities to share the gospel to my family members when we gather and also journey mercy as we travel back during this festive season.

Thank you



Yao Benjamin

It was difficult to make the journey to KYUEM on this particular day. It rained heavily the whole journey and I took 2.5 hours to reach the campus. By God's grace I arrived on time, but was informed that the classroom they had booked for their Christmas celebration was being used by another group and the LCD projector had somehow stopped working 30 minutes before.

5 minutes before I walked out to share a short evangelistic message, I noticed a student playing chess on his phone and made a polite comment about chess. I stood beside him, quietly waiting for my cue to go out. He turns to me and takes me by surprise with a question.

"Why can't I feel God anymore?" The student who asked me this question considered himself an atheist, he was born and raised in a Christian family, but along the way he decided that God wasn't real. After I finished my short evangelistic sharing, I continued my conversation with him. Another student joined us. She asked me whether God would get offended and punish

someone who uses Him for her own purposes.

As we conversed, the boy had a blank expression on his face, the girl looked like she wasn't sure. I brushed aside my concerns that I wasn't striking a cord and asked them whether they would like to get to know Jesus more through Evangelistic Bible Studies. To my surprise, they agreed!

We had our first study in December, and five students came. The students' countenances seemed to soften up during that study. They are keen to continue and we will continue our studies weekly in January up till February. I have openly told them that I hope to invite them to put their trust in Jesus during our last study. Pray that each one will encounter Jesus personally. Pray for the Holy Spirit's conviction upon their hearts, that each one will make a personal decision to follow Jesus.

Thank you, dear friends, for your prayers. The Lord bless you and keep you!

FES Malaysia Staff seconded to IFES World



Annette Arulrajah

2023 passed by so fast. The mandate from God ~ be a
C O U R A G E O U S

MOUNTAINEER in both my ministry and for my family. I knew it was going to be a **TOUGH & DEFINING** year. I transited from my role in IFES East Asia, into a global role as the Associate General Secretary ~ made up of many **UNKNOWN & NEW TERRAINS**. Never did I anticipate the excruciating pain of losing my beloved sister, and going through the months of dealing with her affairs. Yet, I have been a witness to **MEETING GOD AT THE BENDS & TUNNELS**, and his holding light, comfort and inspiration.

As I cross over the threshold into 2024, I only ask for **ABBA'S STEADYING HAND** guiding & showing the way to tread. The year holds many **VISTAS OF POSSIBILITIES** ~ as I work with 3 task forces to stir IFES towards returning to become a **PRAYER MOVEMENT**; to **RAISE UP YOUNGER LEADERS**; as well as exploring **DISCIPLINE d' NEW GENERATION OF STUDENTS**. Would you pray that our focus will not be in programs but in **CHANGING THE CULTURE**!!

I embarked on a **LISTENING JOURNEY** of the whole Fellowship in 2023 ~ beginning with individuals, and then different teams. Like Nehemiah,

we wanted to EXAMINE OUR WALLS and see what needed to be strengthened. This new year, we will have a series of 3 more “listenings”. The first, Global Discernment Retreat, takes place in Antalya, Turkey from 26/2 – 1/3/2024. Would you pray for a humble listening and attentive heart each one participating?

Lastly, I know that many of us, while pouring out our lives for the LORD, will need His loving hand to release us from TERRIBLE BURDENS & PAINS, that only we know, we carry. I am praying that our GOD, WHO BREAKS INTO OUR MESSY LIVES, will give both you and I much to talk about Him and His goodness to us. I will be praying for you! Thank you for being partners on this journey.

FES Malaysia Staff seconded to IFES East Asia, based in Timor Leste



Chris Herbert

Have a blessed new year and hopefully each one of us has a meaningful time of Christmas with our loved one. This time around we spent Christmas in Timor Leste instead Malaysia. It was really a restful and refreshing time just to enjoy the holiday. 2024 is here! And for me personally, it's a call to step up for the challenge and lead the 'ship' towards its destination. Yes, God is still in control and directed our steps just like what Proverbs said. We as a

movement are looking towards IFES affiliation and, personally for me, to see Timor-Leste become part of IFES would be a dream come true. This means that more work needs to be done, more vulnerability as a leader, more communication needed and stepping out of our comfort zone. Pray for wisdom and that I may count my days by giving thanks and praise to the Lord. As we continue to uphold our calling of *LUTA KONTRA*, meaning “against the current” in the local language, we want to continue challenging the students to live their life under the headship of Christ. Pray as the staff team comes back from their holiday, that we will discern and listen more intentionally on what God wants to say to us this year. #LutaKontra

*"Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for You are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me."
(Psalm 23:4)*



Thurston Atong

"Bing Image Creator!" That is what is currently trending among our students in Timor-Leste. A few descriptive statements, some adjectives, and specifying what style of illustration you desire - poof! Out come these wonderful images, but it is not perfect - once in a while, you get a man with 3 hands instead of 2! Our staff, Putri, came up with this ingenious way to use this AI illustrator with Bible reflection. I find it very fascinating to witness how

paintings that would normally take months to perfect are being generated in mere seconds.

"Stone soup!" That was the story I recalled as I directed my feet to step into the unknown of 2024. It is a story about a traveler who bluffed the whole village, ignorant and apathetic, into contributing different food ingredients to a boiling cauldron, with a mere ordinary stone which he claimed to be magical. The moral of the story is that taking a risk to draw the best in others and to serve one another in the spirit of teamwork. That, for me, is an image I want to hold on to as we march towards registration, affiliation, and most importantly, the calling God entrusted to us here - our students. The '*Operasi Sup Batu*' is, in essence, a Nehemian calling - rounding up fellow brethren for a cause greater than us. So, pray with us, weep with us, and cheer us on. Perhaps this is the year we rejoice to embrace Timor-Leste as the 11th member of ASEAN?

"NINTH YEAR!" Wait... Didn't I say only two years to serve in Timor-Leste? How did it end up like this? Joking. '*Mir(o)*' means Peace, and '*Slav*' means Glory.

*"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and
on earth, peace to those on whom his
favor rests."
Luke 2:14 (NIV)*

This verse is part of the angelic announcement to the shepherds about the birth of Jesus. It encapsulates the

message of peace and the glory of God associated with the arrival of the Savior, emphasizing divine favor and goodwill toward humanity.

Every time I find myself feeling ABCDEF (anxious, bitter, confused, discouraged, exhausted, or frustrated), I will remember *MIROSLAV* (Luke 2:14) as that is my *raison d'être* to be here on earth, to be in it, and part of it.

May your 2024 bring glory to God and peace to men.

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Prayer Points...

January Week 1

- 1-7 Eddryll facilitating a workshop on being the Digital Disciple in Beyond Borders Foursquare Youth Summit.
- 3 Kim Cheng meeting with IFES East Asia Regional Secretaries.

Sock Lee speaking at UKM KL CF.
- 3-5 Central Spring Cleaning involving Benjamin, Caroline, Cecilia, Charissa, David, Eddryll, Lyon,

Monica, Ruth, Sock Lee, Sophia, Su-Jian and Wan Ling.
- 4-5 Annette involving in launching of IFES Prayer Task Force.
- 4-7 Ruth involving in INTI Nilai Committee Planning Retreat at Melaka.
- 5-7 Charissa involving in PERKUPSI Committee Planning Retreat.
- 6 Peter facilitating Bible Study Training at Rajawali Centre.

January Week 2

- 8-11 David involving in UTAR Kampar Graduating Students Retreat.

Kim Cheng facilitating 4 sessions in Perkantas Jakarta Region Staff Retreat.
- 9 Southern Region Meeting involving Esmond, Leta and Rayneld.

Su-Jian speaking at MMU Cyberjaya CF.
- 11 Annette sharing at IFES Asia Office on the topic of Renovare.
- 12-14 Graduate Training Retreat Mukah involving Grace Ningkan, Jessica, Miceelle and Peter.
- 12-15 David involving in UTAR Kampar Committee Planning Retreat.
- 14 Peter preaching in BEM Elim Mukah.

Prayer Points...

January Week 3

- 15-17 Northern Region Staff Retreat involving Ai Mie, David, Gabriel and Grace Yoong.
- 15-19 Annette attending IFES Board Steering Committee Meeting.
- 18 National Conference Committee Meeting involving David, Gabriel, Lyon, Monica, Peter, Rayneld, Richard, Ruth, Sock Lee, Sophia, Su-Jian and Wan Ling.
- 19-21 Eddryll speaking in Trinity Methodist Church Sungai Buloh Youth Camp.
- 21 Peter speaking in BEM Shalom.

January Week 4

- 21-25 Kim Cheng making a pastoral care visit to Timor Leste.
- 21-24 Su-Jian involving in UNM CF Committee Planning Retreat in Muar.
- 22 Annette involving in planning meeting for IFES Staff Formacion 24.
- 24-27 Monica involving in UTAR Sg Long Committee Planning Retreat.
- 26-28 Gabriel involving in USM PKA Committee Planning Retreat.
- 27-28 Cecilia and Ruth visiting IPG Kuala Lipis.
- 27 Peter facilitating Friendship Evangelism Training in Rajawali Centre.

January Week 5

- 27-31 Wan Ling visiting Sabah Region.
- 29-30 David visiting Sabah Region.

Prayer Points...

February Week 1

- 1 Annette meeting with IFES Core Team.
- 3 FES EXCO Meeting
- 5 Central Team Meeting involving Benjamin, Caroline, Cecilia, Charissa, David, Eddryll, Lyon,
Monica, Ruth, Sock Lee, Sophia, Su-jian and Wan Ling.
- 7-9 Caroline involving in PERKEB UKM Committee Planning Retreat.
- 9 Sarawak Staff Meeting involving Fredda, Grace Ningkan, Jessica, Miceelle, Peter and Richard.

February Week 2

- 15 Annette meeting IFES Prayer Task Force.

February Week 3

- 19 Leadership Team Meeting involving David, Esmond, Eu Pui, Gabriel, Lyon, Rayneld, Richard, Ruth, Peter and Wan Ling.
SU/FES Committee Meeting.
- 21 Leta and Rayneld moving to Petaling Jaya.

February Week 4

- 24-26 Gabriel involving in USM PKA Family Camp.
- 25-29 Annette joining IFES Global Discernment Retreat in Turkey.
- 26-29 National Staff Team Meeting at Port Dickson Methodist Centre.

Acronyms (as mentioned by staff)

Campuses

APU	Asia Pacific University
ATC	Advance Tertiary College
AIMST	Asian Institute of Medicine, Science & Technology
ICS	Health Sciences Institute
ILKKM	Institut Latihan Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia
IKBN	Institut Kemahiran Belia Negara
IPG KSAH	Institut Pendidikan Guru Kampus Sultan Abdul Halim
KYUEM	Kolej Yayasan UEM
MMU	Multi-Media University
MUCM	Manipal University College Melaka
PERKEB	Persaudaraan Kristian UKM
PERKUPSI	Persaudaraan Kristian Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris
SIDMA	Sarawak International Dynamic Management College
TAR UMT	Tunku Abdul Rahman University of Management & Technology
TCS	Technology Campus Sarawak

UiTM	Universiti Teknologi Mara
UKM	Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
UM	Universiti Malaya
UMT	Universiti Malaysia Terengganu
UNDIL	Dili University
UNM	University of Nottingham Malaysia
UniMAP	University Malaysia Perlis
UNIMAS	Universiti Malaysia Sarawak
UniSZA	Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin
UniTAR	Universiti Tun Abdul Razak
UNITEN	University Tenaga Nasional
UoW	University of Wales
UPM	Universiti Putra Malaysia
USM	Universiti Sains Malaysia
UTAR	Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman
UTeM	Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka
UTHM	Universiti Tun Hussein Oon Malaysia
UTM	Universiti Teknologi Malaysia
UTS	Universiti Teknologi Sarawak
UUM	Universiti Utara Malaysia

Christian Fellowships

BSG	Bible Study Group
CF	Christian Fellowship
CM	Chinese Ministry
ECF	English Christian Fellowship
IMK	Ikatan Mahasiswa Kristian
IK	Ikatan Kristian
KK	Kampus Kesihatan
Kkj	Kampus Kejuruteraan
LCG	Life Cell Group
PERKEB	Persaudaraan Kristian UKM
PKA	Persaudaraan Kristian Agape
PKV	Persaudaraan Kristian Varsity
TECHFLOW	Tenaga Christian Fellowship
UCF	Unified Christian Fellowship

What FES is calling for (2018-2023):

#engagethecall

1. *Knowing God*
2. *Engaging the Word*
3. *Being Witnesses for Christ*
4. *Redeeming Community*
5. *Rebuilding Negaraku*

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