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Congratulations

We wish to extend our heartiest congratulations to and rejoice with the following STM alumni from the Diocese of Kuching who were ordained as Deacons and Priests on 26 March 2023:

Deacons:

1. The Revd. Brandon anak Loran
2. The Revd. Denilson anak Richi
3. The Revd. Vyner Nicholson anak Gorta

Priests :

1. The Revd. Afron anak Gori
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3. The Revd. Camcay anak Ngam
4. The Revd. Evriston anak Kisau Sireka
5. The Revd. Frederick bin Romzy
6. The Revd. Smatik anak Brun



DIE TO BE ALIVE

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.
(Rom. 6:4)

Easter is often celebrated with great joy, and that is proper since it is the day we celebrate the victory of Christ over death to bring us the hope of eternal life. Nonetheless, we must also remember that before Easter, there is Good Friday where we remember the suffering and death of Christ on the cross. Victory came with a great price—the death of the Son of God, who sacrificed himself for us. By his death, Christ redeemed us from our sins. By his resurrection, Christ gave us the hope of everlasting life. Through faith in Christ, we are assured of God's grace and mercy for reconciliation, redemption, and eternal salvation. We were spiritually dead in sins but Christ led us to life through his death and resurrection.



However, Paul saw beyond that. In his letters, Paul reflected on the great significance of the death and resurrection of Christ in the new life of Christians. Romans 6:4 is a reflection of how we have journeyed from death to life through faith in Christ. Paul described the moment when we commit our lives to Christ (baptism) as being buried with Christ. When we give our lives to him, our sinful past is dead. In fact, our sins and sinful nature should have been buried with Christ's death. The new life that we live in Christ should be the life that the resurrected Christ will grant to us.

Christ has died and Christ has risen. Through faith in Christ, we should continuously die to our sins and sinful nature and live the spiritually risen new life that Christ brought for us. "Die to sin and live in Christ"—let this be our personal realization of the meaning of Easter.





死而复生

所以，我们藉着洗礼归入死，和他一同埋葬，原是叫我们一举一动有新生的样式，像基督藉着父的荣耀从死里复活一样。（罗 6：4）

我们通常欢喜庆祝复活节，这是恰当的，因为这一天我们庆祝基督战胜死亡为我们带来永生的盼望。然而，我们必须记得，复活节之前有受难日，是我们纪念基督在十字架上受苦和受死的日子。随同胜利是需付出巨大的代价，就是神的爱子为我们牺牲了自己。借着祂的死，基督把我们从罪恶中救赎出来。借着祂的复活，基督赐与我们永生的盼望。借着对基督的信心，我们得着神的恩典和怜悯并与神和好、领受救赎和永恒的救恩。在灵性上我们是死在罪中，但基督借着祂的死和复活带给我们重生。

然而保罗看到的不止于此。保罗在他的书信中反思了基督的死与复活对基督徒新生命的重大意义。罗马书 6:4 反映我们如何借着对基督的信心出死入生。保罗把我们将生命交托给基督（洗礼）的那一刻描述为与基督一同埋葬。当我们把生命献给祂时，我们过去的罪恶就死了。事实上，我们的罪和罪性随着基督的死已经被埋葬了。我们在基督里所活的新生命，该是复活的基督所赐给我们的新生命。

基督死了，基督也复活了。借着对基督的信心，我们应该持续不断地向我们的罪恶和罪性死去，而过着基督在灵性上为我们带来复活的新生命。“向罪死，在基督里活”——就让这成为我们个人体会复活节的格言吧！



MATI UNTUK HIDUP

Melalui baptisan itu, kita dikuburkan dengan Dia dan ikut mati bersama-Nya. Demikian juga, sebagaimana Kristus dibangkitkan daripada kematian melalui Kemuliaan Allah Bapa, kita juga dapat menikmati kehidupan yang baru.
(Roma 6:4)

Hari Paskah Kebangkitan sering dirayakan dengan penuh kegembiraan. Ini memang wajar kerana ia adalah hari yang penuh bermakna. Pada hari itu, kita merayakan kemenangan Kristus atas kematian, kerana ia membawa pengharapan untuk hidup yang kekal. Tetapi kita harus ingat bahawa sebelum Hari Paskah Kebangkitan, terdapat Hari Jumaat Agung iaitu hari di mana kita merenungi penderitaan dan kematian Kristus di kayu salib. Kemenangan dicapai dengan pengorbanan yang besar—Anak Tuhan telah menderita dan mati untuk kita. Melalui kematian-Nya, Kristus menebus kita daripada dosa. Melalui kebangkitan-Nya, Kristus memberi kita pengharapan untuk hidup yang kekal. Melalui iman dalam Kristus, kita dijamin akan memperolehi rahmat dan belas kasihan Tuhan untuk pendamaian, penebusan, dan penyelamatan selama-lamanya. Kita sebenarnya mati secara rohani dalam dosa. Namun Kristus telah memberikan hidup kepada kita melalui kematian dan kebangkitan-Nya.

Rasul Paulus mendapat pemahaman yang lebih mendalam. Dalam surat-suratnya, Paulus merenungkan makna kematian dan kebangkitan Kristus dalam hidup baru bagi orang Kristian. Roma 6:4 menggambarkan bagaimana kita telah menempuh perjalanan dari mati kepada hidup melalui iman dalam Kristus. Paulus memerihalkan saat ketika kita menyerahkan hidup kita kepada Kristus (melalui baptisan) itu sebagai dikuburkan bersama Kristus dalam kematian. Apabila kita menyerahkan hidup kita kepada-Nya, masa lampau kita yang penuh berdosa seharusnya sudah mati. Sebenarnya, dosa dan nafsu kita sepatutnya telah dikuburkan bersama kematian Kristus. Hidup baru kita yang kita jalani dalam Kristus sepatutnya hidup yang dikurniakan kepada kita oleh Kristus yang telah bangkit dari kematian.



Kristus telah mati dan Kristus bangkit dari kematian. Melalui iman dalam Kristus, kita harus mati terhadap dosa dan nafsu kita dan menjalani hidup baru yang dibangkitkan secara rohani oleh Kristus untuk kita. “Mati kepada dosa dan hidup dalam Kristus”—biarlah pernyataan ini menjadi slogan kesedaran peribadi kita tentang makna Hari Paskah Kebangkitan.





Growing as Christ's Servant

Bishop Dr. T. Jeyakumar | STM Council Vice President

In his letter to the Philippians (chapter 2:1-11), the apostle Paul pleads with the Christians in Philippi to live in peace with one another and to set aside their personal ambitions to put themselves forward. He tells them to grow as servants of Christ imitating Christ's servanthood.

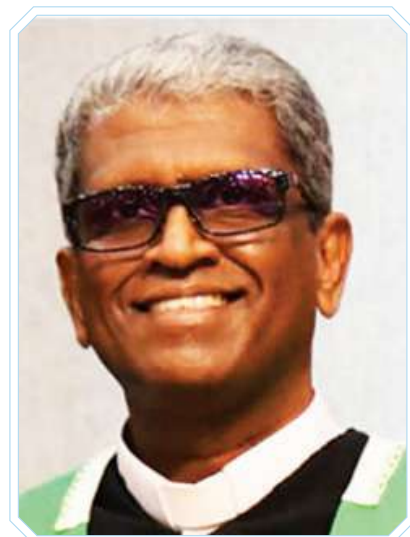
In this passage, the apostle Paul points out that Jesus is the supreme example of servanthood. And if they have the same goal, same mind and same heart as Christ, then they must discard or get rid of self-ambition, and count others more important than themselves. Jesus did that and so should we.

Although Jesus is God and is equal to the first person of the Trinity (Father), He did not consider equality with the Father as something to cling on to. He willingly laid it down for the sake of humanity. Jesus emptied Himself. Meaning, He put aside His Divinity, His heavenly glory, and was willing to be born as a human. He humbled Himself, taking the very nature of a servant (slave). He was prepared to die a humiliating death on the cross. Jesus humbled Himself, putting the interest of others (yours and mine) above His own. God the Father exalted Jesus through the resurrection and gave Him a name that is above every name – He is called "Lord" (kurios, master, owner).

The apostle Paul is saying, if Jesus the King of the universe, the second person of the Trinity, could embrace servanthood, then we who claim to be servants of Christ should grow in that same servanthood which Christ embodied and demonstrated.

A large group of European pastors came to one of D. L. Moody's Northfield Bible Conference in Massachusetts in the late 1800s. Following the European custom of the time, each guest put his shoes outside his room to be cleaned by the hall servants overnight. But Massachusetts being in America, had no hall servants. Walking the dormitory halls that night, Moody saw the shoes and determined not to embarrass his European Pastors. Moody gathered up the shoes, and, alone in his room, the world-renowned evangelist began to clean and polish the shoes. Only the unexpected arrival of a friend in the midst of the work revealed the secret. Moody never told anyone but his friend told a few.

As Christ's servants, we should grow in servanthood because we follow the Servant of all – the Lord Jesus Christ.



教会与赈灾

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十九世纪，福音入华，虽西教士前仆后继，奋身力传，奈何鉴于文化上以及政治上的张力，中国百姓对基督信仰甚为抗拒。鸦片战争之后，中国人普遍认为宣教士乃乘着西洋列国炮艇进入神州，与霸占豪夺中国土地的殖民者一丘之貉，故此很难说服人们接受福音。后期宣教士洞悉民情，了解中国土地上的需要，开始着手推动医疗、教育以及赈灾宣教，福音果效才逐渐得见。

1876至1879年间，山东、山西、陕西、河南等省份发生了极其严重的旱灾，农作物失收，人民无粮食。当时清朝政府相当腐败，对于民间缺乏关切，送去的救济物也寥寥无几，甚至在发放过程还要被贪官污吏刮收自肥一番，导致民不聊生，苦不堪言。当时饿死的中国百姓高达一千万，甚是惊人。

为此，西方宣教士纷纷发动赈灾行动，各差会万众一心，结合国际救援，把物资、捐款送到中国。宣教士把庞大的人力资源组织起来，成为运送、捐献、救援网络。那是中国历史上第一次有记录的国际赈灾计划。著名的宣教士李提摩太当时就亲身前往重灾区，有传说他初到当地，由于不悉灾情之严重，携带的物资银两不足，导致没得到帮助的灾民对他拳打脚踢。然而，他过后再返回，及时带入更多救济物品，百姓见他身受伤害，却毫不念恶，依然前来帮助他们，深深感动。就是这样，许多起先抗拒“洋教”的中国人最终也软化，开始接受福音。

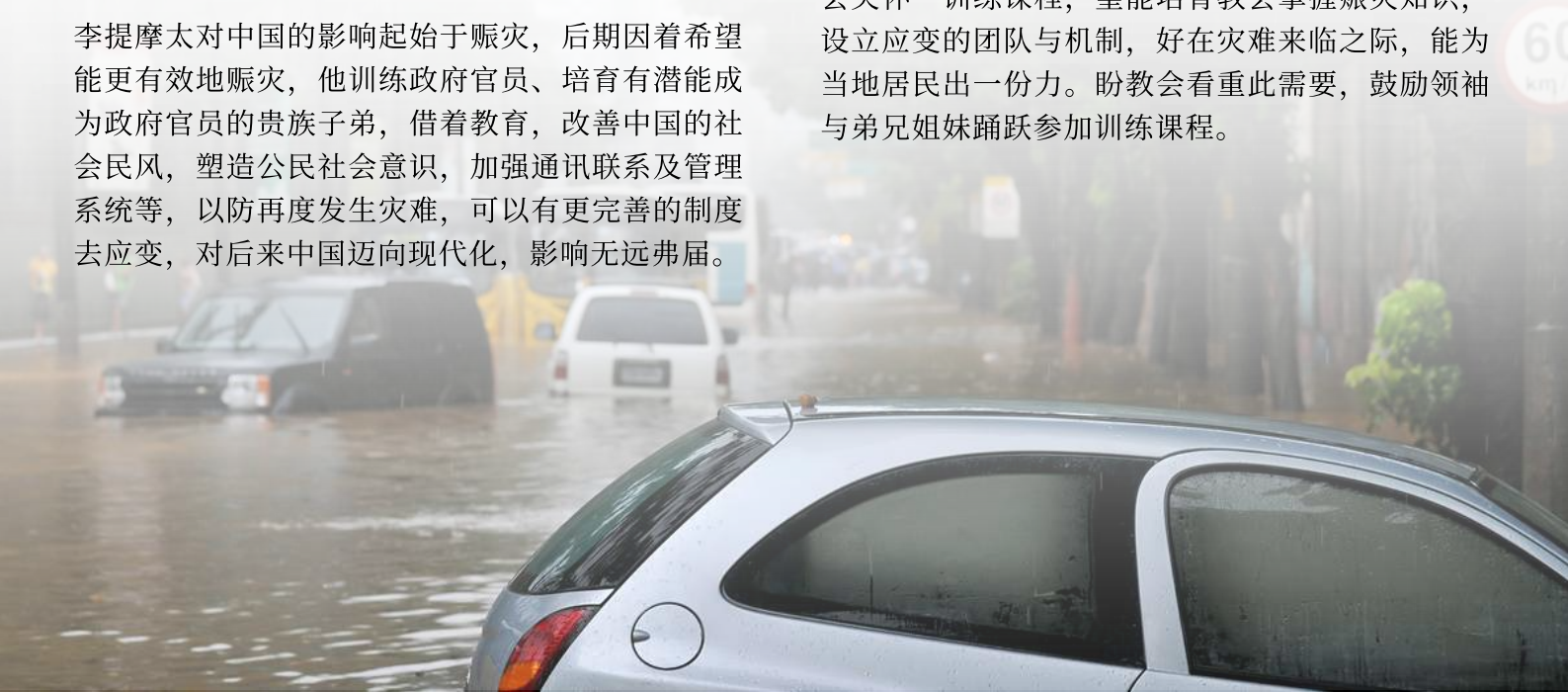
李提摩太对中国的影响起始于赈灾，后期因着希望能更有效地赈灾，他训练政府官员、培育有潜能成为政府官员的贵族子弟，借着教育，改善中国的社会民风，塑造公民社会意识，加强通讯联系及管理系统等，以防再度发生灾难，可以有更完善的制度去应变，对后来中国迈向现代化，影响无远弗届。



赈灾不仅是极难救济，更要预防，既要治标，且要治本。赈灾需要有应急团队和机制，赈灾也需要趁问题未恶化先下手处理。赈灾除了需要提高人民的危机意识，也要培育人民的公德心肠，方能发挥人人相助的精神。教会参与赈灾，乃从罗马帝国时期就早有记录，发生瘟疫时，基督徒愿意冒着生命的危险进入到重灾区照顾病患，罗马帝国官员及人民因此对教会深深敬佩。

在历史中，教会与赈灾工作素来密切，但马来西亚华人教会对于这方面的关注和参与，仍然有待改善和进步。大马虽是避开了地震、火山、台风的险区，但每年季候风总带来水患不断。一旦发生，财物人命双损，灾黎疾苦。教会既处在这样的国情当中，自当义不容辞，不好置身度外。

今年五月15-19日，马来西亚神学院与卫理公会救援赈灾事工（MCRD）配搭一起协办“赈灾与社会关怀”训练课程，望能培育教会掌握赈灾知识，设立应变的团队与机制，好在灾难来临之际，能为当地居民出一份力。盼教会看重此需要，鼓励领袖与弟兄姐妹踊跃参加训练课程。



When We Walk With The Lord: My Personal Journey

Mr P. Sakthivel | Coordinator of Research Resources

*"Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness.
My God, that is who You are."*

(Way Maker, by Osinachi "Sinach" Kalu Okoro Egbu, 2016)

I first came to know about Jesus Christ through a deacon of the True Jesus Church in Kampar, where I grew up under the care of my grandmother for the first 14 years of my life. My life changed when I accepted Christ as my Lord and Saviour in Form 1 while in the Boys' Brigade. I was given a Bible, which I treasured and read from cover to cover with great enthusiasm.

In Form 2, I had an epileptic seizure and had to be hospitalized. Thereafter, I continued to have occasional epileptic seizures as a teenager and into adulthood. My parents took me to Hindu temples and Christian healing rallies, but I was never healed till today. Is this my "thorn in the flesh"? I do not know. My epilepsy, however, is now under control, thanks to advancements in modern medicine.

Due to the episode in Form 2, I had to return to live in Taiping with my parents, who were strict Hindus. Living with them was very different compared to living with my grandmother. I was the eldest in the family, with two brothers and a sister. We later moved from Taiping to Seremban.

Studying at St. Paul's Institution in Seremban brought me in close contact with Christian teachers and friends who invited me to the Christian Fellowship. I also read my Bible at night when everyone was asleep. One night my father caught me, and he burnt the Bible the next day. After this incident, I was made to assist a Hindu priest at a shrine near our Seremban home. However, even without the Bible, I knew God listened to my prayers.

When I was in Form Six, I picked up the courage to ask my father if I could be a Christian. Imagine my feeling when he said 'Yes'. I was baptized at Wesley Methodist Church Seremban and attended the Sunday church services as well as the weekly Methodist Youth Fellowship meetings.

We eventually moved to Kuala Lumpur in 1984. This was to be my father's last posting; he passed away two years after his retirement in 1987. In 1987, I successfully applied for a job in the University of Malaya (UM) Library. There I got to know students in the Persatuan Kristian Varsity, some of whom later went on to become students and lecturers at STM.



Sakthi with his late wife Hua Hiong when she graduated from STM in 1998.

In 1994, the STM Librarian at the time, Ms Voon Choon Khing, offered me a job in the STM Library. So, after eight years in the UM Library, I started work in the STM Library in January 1995. In STM, I met my late wife, Ling Hua Hiong; we married in 2000 and have two lovely daughters, Sue Ann and Ivy.

My wife Hua Hiong discovered a lump in her breast in 2012 and went for a mastectomy. Further tests after the mastectomy indicated that the tumour was not serious. However, six months later, we found that the cancer had spread to her spine and liver. At a friend's suggestion, Hua Hiong was admitted to Beacon Hospital in Petaling Jaya for further treatment. Although the cancer in the spine was successfully treated in due course, the cancer in the liver remained. We sought various cancer treatments at Beacon Hospital, University Hospital and Selayang Hospital, but these only helped to delay the onslaught of the cancer. During this stressful period, managing the family was a difficult task for me. I had to seek treatment for anxiety, which I am still receiving till today. Through it all, God knew our struggles; He provided us emotional and financial support through family and friends.

We always made it our practice to pray before the start of each journey to the hospital for Hua Hiong's treatment, seeking God's protection over us. Looking back, I recall occasions when I nodded off at the wheel while driving home after her treatment. Somehow, we always made it home safely. I am filled with appreciation and thankfulness to the many persons who prayed for us, and I marvel at how the Lord graciously protected us. Hua Hiong finally lost her battle with cancer in 2017.

After losing my wife, I have to cope with the task of raising my two daughters on my own. They have been a source of blessing to me throughout these difficult times, and their love and support have been my source of inspiration to move forward.

Sad and angry that I had lost my wife, I questioned God: Where were you? Why was there no healing? Why were You silent? Almost six years have passed and I still do not know the answers to my questions.



Sakthi with two lovely daughters Sue Ann and Ivy.

As I move along in life, I find comfort from this Bible verse: The [Lord] said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me (2 Corinthians 12:9, NIV).

Even though I may never know the answers to my questions, I take comfort in the truth that my God is a God of love, and He always knows what is best for us.

***"Even when I don't see it You're working,
Even when I don't feel it You're working;
You never stop, You never stop working,
You never stop, You never stop working."
(Way Maker, Sinach)***

Serving God in Challenging Contexts — An Interview With Rev. Dr. Albert Sundararaj Walters

Interviewer: Ms Annie Yee

What is your current connection to STM?

I am a Research Fellow at STM.

When did you start serving in STM and how long have you served?

I actually started with STM at the end of 1992 as a full-time lecturer, and served in that capacity till 2005. After a year-long sabbatical, I then served in the pastoral ministry with the Anglican Diocese of West Malaysia. Since 2006 I have been a guest lecturer at STM and was appointed a Research Fellow from February 2022.

What has your ministry journey been like?

It is a long story, but let me try to summarise. About forty years ago I started on a journey of personal spirituality, of shaping and reshaping. At the time, I was a Laboratory Technologist at Universiti Malaya (UM) with promising prospects and a reasonably good salary. While scientific research in the lab fascinated me, I was also intrigued by spiritual matters and embarked on a personal spiritual journey of searching. This journey took me to various places of worship – the Buddhist vihara, the Hindu temple, the many denominational churches, evangelistic and healing rallies, etc. Then I met this amazing Anglican priest whose views, ideas and lifestyle brought renewed freshness to my inquisitive mind, especially with regard to my faith. In 1976 I left UM to join the parish-based Anglican seminary, Kolej Theology Malaysia in Klang. The thirst and hunger to be better equipped for the church's ministry led me from Klang to Trinity Theological College, Singapore, and then subsequently to Bishop's College, Calcutta, and Presbyterian Seminary, Seoul, finally completing a PhD through Birmingham University, UK. Teaching at STM has been, and continues to be, a life-transforming experience because "you teach best what you want to learn most." I have served in pastoral ministry in Penang, Kuala Lumpur, Petaling Jaya, Seremban, and in Iran. I also taught for two years in Tanzania, and three years in Bangladesh.



Rev. Dr. Albert Walters was a full-time lecturer at STM from 1992 to 2005. Since 2006, he served in STM as a guest lecturer and was appointed as a Research Fellow in 2022.

What led you to Iran and how long were you there?

In 2016, I was completing a three-year secondment to the Church of Bangladesh as Principal of the Anglican Theological College in Dhaka. I was ready to return to the Diocese to continue serving in the parish ministry. However, Archbishop Ng Moon Hing drew attention to an opportunity to serve as Bishop in Iran. Thus, I offered myself and was appointed Vicar-General of the Diocese of Iran, with prospects of later being consecrated Bishop. My wife Rose Mary and I, however, were only able to leave for Tehran in February 2018 after all the required paperwork was completed. We were based in the capital city for about fifteen months; returning home to Malaysia in May 2019 as our residence permits and my work permit were not extended.

What was your ministry in Iran?

I was the Vicar-General in the Anglican/Episcopal Diocese of Iran, overseeing four congregations (St Paul's, Tehran; St Luke's, Isfahan; St Paul's, Julfa, and St Simon the Zealot, Shiraz) with a total of 760 members.



Diocese of Iran Clergy (March 2018).

What were some challenges you faced there?

During the 1960s and 1970s, Iranians were leading the Church, its congregations and institutions. The medical and education work of the Diocese of Iran, as well as the ministry among the blind flourished; these were well received as they sought to express practically the social values of the Gospel. With the 1979 Islamic Revolution, however, came what has been called ‘the hard awakening’. Within a few months into the Revolution, diocesan hospitals and other institutions in Isfahan and Shiraz were expropriated, and other diocesan property seized.

The Islamic Revolution in 1979 also led to very strict and crippling sanctions imposed by the USA and its allies. As a result of the sanctions and other related issues, the Iranian people faced growing economic hardship, confronted with sky-high inflation on a daily basis. The Iranian currency was badly battered, pushing prices of essential commodities beyond the reach of many, especially the poor. Food supplies and medicines underwent some of the sharpest price increases. We, together with the Iranians, faced difficult, challenging and demanding times. There was lingering uncertainty about the future.

What in Iran has made an impact on your life?

Iranians are generally very welcoming, hospitable, friendly and curious. Those outside the church community especially wanted to know why we had come to Iran. The first thing we learnt, and we were often told by the Iranians, was that they were Persian and not Arab.

One person who impacted my life in Iran was my Farsi language teacher, whom I had met by chance at the bazaar, the local market. He volunteered to teach me Farsi twice a week, and in exchange I was to teach him English. He was well-versed in French, Greek and Russian, and also a self-titled atheist and communist. I learnt a great deal from him about Persian culture and local politics.

One very enjoyable celebration was the Nowruz (Persian New Year) during which Iranians visited other family members and friends. On this occasion, families, children, babies, elderly people and couples have great fun camping in the parks, having picnics, barbeques, singing and dancing.

People from minority religious communities seem to co-exist quite happily and peacefully alongside the Muslim majority. Despite certain restrictions, Iran is a fascinating place to discover, more so with its rich culture and ancient civilization.

Is Christianity legal in Iran?

There are approximately twenty officially recognized Christian churches in Iran. However, house churches are illegal in Iran.



Celebrating Nowruz at St Paul's Church, Tehran (March 2018).

What is the situation in Iran today?

Since 1979, an entity known as the Islamic “morality police” has sought to enforce a dress code that requires all women—whether Muslim or not—to wear head coverings called hijabs. But a growing number of Iranian women see the requirement as a sign of oppression. Recent protests have been not just about head coverings, or even about Islam, but a cry for basic human rights.

Christians remain a small minority in Iran, and most forms of outward Christian activity are considered illegal.

The country suffers under the weight of great oppression. Some of the many serious difficulties in Iran include restrictions on religious freedom and press freedoms, limitations on basic human rights, high rates of opioid abuse, and relatively high rates of early child marriages.



St Paul's Church, Tehran (April 2017).

What are some conditions Christians in Iran face?

Conversion is illegal for Muslims in Iran, and unrecognized religious minorities are barred from assembling. Muslim converts to Christianity face multiple arrests, a year in detention, charges of blasphemy, acting against national security, and engaging in evangelical activity with the aim of attracting others to "deviant thoughts." Many have been forced to flee abroad to pursue their religious beliefs, but those who remain in Iran are persecuted.

Living as Christians in public is difficult and intimidating. The property of the Church and individual Christians have been confiscated. Many Christians have lost their jobs, and also face great difficulty gaining admission into university. Families of diaspora Christians are constantly intimidated.



Christmas at St Paul's Church, Tehran (2018).

Christianity in Iran is one of the fastest growing in the world. What are the contributing factors to this growth?

Despite the difficult conditions, the Church in Iran has truly been undergoing explosive growth. Some primary factors for this growth are the courageous witness of evangelists; God's use of dreams and visions to reveal Himself to many Iranians seeking grace and truth; and perhaps even because of persistent persecution. But the main contributing factor for this growth may possibly be the extreme form of Shi'ite Islam imposed by the theocratic regime. The tiny underground house churches of four to five members each are led largely by lay women. Estimates are vague, but some surveys have identified around 750,000 believers.



Armenian Apostolic Church – St Sarkis Cathedral, Tehran.

Do you have any closing thoughts you would like to share?

Christianity has had a long history in Iran dating back to the early years of the faith. Iran, formerly Persia, is the land where the (Three) Wise Men are believed to have lived when Jesus was born. Some of the first people to recognize Jesus Christ after his birth were these Magi, the "wise men from the East" (Matthew 2:1-12).

The story of the Wise Men shows us the power of faith, the role of Jesus Christ in God's plan of redemption and restoration, and gives us an example of what it looks like to follow God's leading, which often takes us to places we do not expect. Now is the most important time for the people in Iran to hear and receive the Good News. Signs of the Kingdom of God are emerging in Iran in unexpected ways through dreams, visions, etc. As Jesus tells his disciples in Luke 17:6, faith the size of a mustard seed is sufficient for the powerful rule of God to be activated.

Let us pray that Christians in Iran may live their lives with integrity, courage and hope. May God enrich them with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and strengthen their sense of belonging to the Universal Church so that their sense of isolation may be relieved. We also thank God for all who support the Church and her ministry in Iran.

My wife Rose Mary and I are ever so grateful to God for the awesome opportunity to have stayed and served the Church of God and God's people in Iran. I am grateful that, unworthy as I am, I have been able to love and serve God and God's people as a priest in and through the Church. The summon to love is a call to life – life in all its fullness (John 10:10).

2023 Orientation

Jason Teong Jia Xin | MDiv - Second Year Student

We are grateful to the Lord for the 24 new students who joined STM this year. These first-year students will surely encounter their own type of challenges as they set foot into the seminary, just as their seniors whom have grown from their experiences at STM.

The orientation week started with all the necessary briefings and the annual bowling session. The Student Body Exco spared nothing to make the newcomers feel welcomed and everyone enjoyed the time with each other.

We are encouraged by the reassurance that making mistakes is part and parcel of the learning process and that the STM team will embrace us despite our shortcomings. We are thankful for this refining process as it will help us to be effective in the various ministries that we will be exposed to after we graduate.

We were also reminded that STM is not a “Holy Mountain” where everyone does everything right all of the time. We will struggle and encounter unpleasant moments as we interact with different personalities, people from different backgrounds and upbringing. These differences may cause disagreements among us. Nevertheless, I believe, these instances, though perplexing, will mold our characters, and help us become more effective Christ’s servant.

Living in community is not easy but it provides us the opportunity for personal growth. I am sure, when we look back after graduating, we will know that not only were we equipped with “paper” which allows us to serve; but our characters would have been molded to be a better servant for Our Almighty Heavenly Father.

We start-off 2023 endeavoring and hoping to continue making STM Great.

2023 年迎新会

张家鑫 | MDiv - 第2年生

感恩上主，今年有24位神学生加入马来西亚神学院（STM）。当这些新生踏足神学院的那一刻，他们即将面对不同的挑战，就如过去他们的学长学姐们如何在神学院里经历并成长。

迎新周里除了有报告之外，还有年度保龄球活动。学生会的委员们不遗余力地让新生感受欢迎，大家有美好交流的时光。

即便我们有软弱、会犯错，在马来西亚神学院，我们依然会被接纳，因为犯错是学习的过程——为着这样的保证我们感到无比鼓舞。我们感恩有这磨练的过程，因为它将帮助我们在毕业后即将接触的各种事工中发挥作用。

我们也被提醒马来西亚神学院不是“圣山”，不要认为在这里的每个人每时每刻只做对的事。我们将会面对挣扎，与不同性格、来自不同成长背景的人相处时，因着大家的差异可能会引起不和，所以我们也将会有不太愉快的时刻。然而，我深信，这些例子虽然令人困惑，但它将会塑造我们的品格，并会帮助我们成为一个更有效的基督的仆人。

群体生活固然不容易，但它将提供我们成长的机会。我深信，毕业之后，当我们回顾过往，将会发现我们不只是为了可以让我们服侍的那张“纸”而接受装备，我们的品格也受到塑造而成为全能父上帝更好的仆人。

2023年，我们努力并期盼马来西亚神学院会更好。



New students with faculty and Student Body EXCO 2023.

Celebrating Cultural & Freshies Night at STM

Charles Anderson | BTh - First Year Student

The Cultural and Freshies Night at STM was held on Thursday, 9th of February 2023. The night was memorable as it was filled with laughter, songs and performances by the students.

The students came together sharing their traditional food and cultures with each other. The event was stunning to witness, with students dressed in a variety of traditional attire. What was even more admirable was that they went to the extent of fully dressing up in other cultures' outfits, including hair styling and accessories, instead of wearing their own traditional clothes. Aside from that, it was a night full of talent, as we saw some eye-catching performances. There was a joyful, celebratory atmosphere overall as we watched performances from the year 1 till final year students.

The senior students were so hospitable and were totally committed to making the junior students feel welcome and were more than ready to provide guidance and support.

The turnout was incredible, as students went above and beyond to prepare for this event. The event was significant because it is one way to demonstrate respect for others, understand different cultures, and strengthen relationships.

"So we, though many, form one body in Christ and each member belongs to all the others" (Romans 12:5).



Faculty danced with the students.



Year three students.



Students performance.



庆祝文化与新生之夜

译：张家鑫 | MDiv - 第2年生

2023年 2月9日（星期四）的新生与文化之夜，充满了歌曲、表演和笑声。

同学们聚集在一起，互相分享各自的传统食物与文化。他们身着各种传统服装和佩戴各种传统饰品，让所有参加者连连赞叹。更令人欣赏的，大家不穿自身文化的传统服装，而是穿上了其他文化的传统服装以及不一样的发型和配饰。除此之外，这是一个才华洋溢的夜晚，因为我们看到了许多引人注目的表演。当我们看到从一年级的同学到应届毕业生都在表演时，洋溢着欢乐的气氛。值得一提的，是学长姐们的盛情款待，以及指导与支持，让学弟妹们感到宾至如归。

同学们为这次活动做了大量的准备，许多同学也参与其中，使活动达到了非常好的成果。这场活动意义重大，因为它展示了对他人的尊重、对不同文化的了解和增进彼此的关系。

“正如我们一个身子上有好些肢体，肢体也不都是一样的用处；我们这许多人在基督里成为一身，互相联络做肢体，也是如此。”（罗 12：5）



第三年生表演舞蹈。



第一年生分享他们入学的体验和对神学院的印象



讲师和学生共舞。



Church Visitations

Sheeza Shaleen Ashiq | BTh - First Year Student

My name is Sheeza Shaleen Ashiq and I am a first-year full-time BTh student. Coming from the Methodist denomination, I am only exposed to the Methodist church liturgy and their ways of conducting church services.

My initial thought about church visitation was that it is an initiative by STM for the new students to get acquainted with the different denominations. During the orientation week, we were constantly reminded about being mindful of the doctrinal differences and practices of other denominations and the importance of communal living, which was helpful in raising our awareness of how different denominations operate.

Soon after attending our first few church visitations, I learned that church visitation was something that not only gave me a better understanding of the other denominations but also provide us with pragmatic approaches to improve our local church services.

Over the course of these few months, our FE director, Rev Daniel, took us to many different churches of different denominations. It was a very new experience for me. The most fascinating aspect that I noticed in these church visitations was the diversity we had across the board. While being united in our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, we all have our different backgrounds and cultures and have cultivated them in our Christian lifestyle and church practices. Thus, Christianity does not resemble a foreign religion but is personalized and adapted.



Agape Community Church.

In addition, I learned how all the different churches that we attended have their own practical solutions and approaches to the major problems and issues faced by the churches today. Some churches had a missional approach, while some followed a family-friendly approach. Through all of this, we got to learn that, each church had its distinctive way of tackling issues and strengthening the faith of their members.

We also had a question and answer session with all the pastors in charge of the churches we visited, through which we got to interact with them, asking them the reason behind the personalized changes that they had brought to their liturgy or church structure. Listening to their experiences was immensely helpful as it aided us in better understanding how we too could take those approaches if we are ever in those situations.



Gereja Prebyterian Port Dickson (English Congregation)



Luther Centre

Church visitation was one of the most helpful initiatives that we took part in for our first few months here in STM. The experience is tremendously beneficial to all of the first-year seminarians starting their journeys in their studies and their ministries. Through the church visitation, we learned that beyond the surface of what is generally visible, every church has its problems that they have to deal with. Our churches today are facing myriad problems. These may come from different age groups or different sectors of a church, which is why it is imperative to be prepared to tackle any problem that comes our way. Church visitation would broaden the horizon of the seminarians into considering practical approaches to help their local churches. I am grateful to God for this opportunity as I have immensely benefitted from my experiences during the different church visitations.

2023 新生教会观摩之体验心得

陆秀婷 | BD - 第一年生

这两个月的教会观摩开拓了我的视野，很多事物对我来说都非常新颖，从没想过能够有机会到访不同宗派及语言的教会参与崇拜。每一次的观摩我都是带着兴奋及期待的心情，想着这一次上帝又会给自己带来什么样的学习体验。每一次的教会观摩，我们都需要学习从观察及参与其中来了解各教会的崇拜方式，他们的特点或与自己原所在的教会不同之处。在观摩期间，我们不仅透过以上方式认识教会，更多的是透过与牧者及教会领袖的谈话及交流来了解他们的异象、神学立场、牧会观等等，这些都是课堂上学不到的实战经验及智慧，让我反思良多，获益不浅。

其中最让我印象深刻的观摩是到访邻恩复兴教会。崇拜后与牧者及领袖们的交流时间让我们更深地了解他们内部的运作。这间教会的复兴与所领受的异象及事工服侍有直接的关系。他们所进行的事工都是贴近社区的需要，服侍及关怀居民，当地社区居民与他们的连结和关系非常好。他们的目标就是“看见需要就去行”，给予社区中一些群体所需，彰显从上帝而来的爱与关怀。



2月5日-中、英及国文部的第一年生到汝来婆罗洲基督教会（SIB）观摩，Billy传道分享牧养土著的挑战。

两个月的时间共观摩了六间教会，每周的观摩让我有很多感触和学习。总的来说，整个观摩体验带给我极大的帮助和鼓励。上帝再次借着这次的机会，让我重拾起初服侍的热忱，那渴望与上帝同工的每一时刻。非常感恩这次宝贵的体验，使我在神学院接下来的学习旅程有美好的新开始，一生为主见证。



2月12日到芙蓉邻恩复兴教会观摩，与教会传道及领袖们交流。



2月19日到吉隆坡诸圣堂观摩，与谢永良牧师（右三）合影。



1月15日-第一年生第一次到访芙蓉卫理公会观摩教会。

A Plethora Of Unique Experiences

Jessalene Hanna A/P Anbillian Jesudurai | MDiv - First Year Student



Youth Service at COGSPG.

“My heart is so full”, I thought to myself, after a scrumptious meal of Laksa Sarawak at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Pasir Gudang (COGSPG). Little did I know that this trip will bring my heart so much joy.

The four-hour journey to Pasir Gudang started on a Friday at 3.30pm from our campus. We all hoped and prayed for good weather as just about a fortnight ago, Johor was hit by flash floods from the continuous rainfall. By God’s grace, we were accompanied with fairly good weather throughout the journey and a pleasant surprise of a lovely rainbow as we approached our destination. We reached COGSPG at 7.30pm and were warmly greeted by Rev. Benammie, who wasted no time and ushered us straight upstairs for us to enjoy a delicious dinner cooked by several church ladies. It was just what we needed after a long journey. Rejuvenated, we attended the 8pm Youth Service that evening. What a privilege it was to join these energetic youths in worshipping our almighty God. Vongco was fired up that night, encouraging the youths to ‘Choose or Lose’ in his sharing. He gave a powerful testimony of his very own life that allowed him to relate with the youths on a very personal level. This was followed by another testimony from Vincent whose witty demeanor gave us all a hearty laugh. We were already grateful for such good hospitality and as if that was not enough, we were told that a homestay was arranged for our accommodation. This came as a surprise because some of us came prepared with a sleeping bag, in anticipation of spending the night at the church. As a result, we had a good rest during our stay here over the weekend.



Youth Fellowship at Skudai Outreach.

The next day, our team of eight, split groups to serve the youths, kids, and mothers, respectively. Darry and I headed off to Skudai to meet the youths from COGSPG’s outreach. Darry’s sharing reminded the youths to answer when God calls. As for me, it was the first time I was assigned to give a testimony in Bahasa and I was not really sure if I could pull it off but much to my surprise, the youths understood me quite well and it was a good exposure for me. I believe that if another opportunity arises next time, I will be even more confident. Yet again, delicious food was prepared by the sweet ladies of this outreach, and we had a good fellowship. During the Bahasa service that night, Dss. Swee Bee preached, and Yannes intrigued us with his testimony on how he survived from nasopharyngeal cancer.



After a scrumptious meal prepared by the wonderful ladies.



COGSPG - Sunday School lead by Malcolm, Vongco, Vincent, and Yannes. Women's Fellowship joined by Dss and Emely.

The most unique experience of this trip was to join the Iban service on Sunday morning. Malcolm preached so fluently in his mother tongue. Although I did not understand the language, I was captivated and in awe by the fact that despite our differences, we still share the same adoration for our God. Christ's love transcends all understanding, beyond creed, color and culture. I also learned more about my Pastoral Group (PG) members. As I was talking to my teammates, I had the opportunity to discover their custom, culture, and race. I also marveled of how well-versed they were at addressing the crowd with their own unique flare. There was so much more for me to learn as a Seminarian. I believe this experience was a course by itself (unfortunately, no credit hours attached). Nevertheless, it was great to learn outside of the classroom. Thanks to our meticulous Cikgu Swee Bee for planning everything ahead and always on her toes to ensure we were punctual and well prepared.

The Borneans are an exceptionally friendly group of people, very warm and welcoming. They most certainly pour their love in the food that they prepared. A short trip for ministry turned out to be a plethora of unique experiences. We thank God for protecting us and providing for us, even more than what we needed. To the other first-year students, seize the opportunity when the door opens for mission trips, I am sure we will discover something new.



Spicy Nasi Lemak at D'zariat Corner.



Pit stop at Melaka while heading back to Seremban, still with the mission to recruit for STM.

2023 Annual Retreat

Angela Lok Siew Ting | BD - First Year Student

It was exciting for me to be able to participate in this Annual Retreat as a first-year student. The 3 days of retreat were very fruitful, and I truly experienced the love and care of God again and again. The theme for this year was directly related to what God had spoken to me, “Growing faithfully in changing times”. No matter what the circumstances may be, and along with the ever-changing future, we should hold on to His words which are more important than anything else. The speakers who shared their experiences reminded us that no matter what the challenges in our endeavours are, we must trust in God’s guidance. Through the speakers’ sharing and community activities, I realise the one thing that God tells me to focus on, “Enjoy the Learning, Enjoy the Community Life”.



2023 退修会

陆秀婷 | BD - 第一年生

我感到开心与兴奋能够以第一年生身份参与今年神学院的退修会。这三天的退修会使我收获满满，再次真实地经历上帝的爱与看顾。今年的主题“在多变的时代忠心地成长”，这与上帝要对我说的话有直接的关联。无论是处在怎样的环境，未来会有怎样的变化，紧紧地抓住上帝的话语比任何人事物都重要。讲员们的经历提醒我们，不管面对任何挑战，我们都应当相信上帝的带领。透过讲员们的分享及群体活动，上帝告诉我专注的一件事：“享受学习过程，享受群体生活”。



January To March – Our Guests



17 January 2023 - Prof. Park Hae Kyung (in the middle), former Asia United Theological University; the Director of Calvin Centre and also the pastor of MoonHyung Presbyterian Church, accompanied by a few Korean Pastors visited STM. They were welcomed by STM Principal, Dr. Chong (third from the right) and the Dean of Student, Rev. Dr. Jimmy Chong (first from the left).



23 February 2023 - Dr. T. V. Thomas - Chairman of Global Diaspora Network spoke to the STM Community during the chapel service.



23 February 2023 - Mr. Andrew Ng - Chairman of Malaysian Diaspora Network visited STM with Dr. T. V. Thomas



7 March 2023 - Visitors from Tien Dao Worldwide Organizations.

From the right to the left:

Rev. Foo Swee Sang, Dr. Chong Siaw Fung (STM Principal), Rev. Dr. K.Y.Liu and Mrs. Liu.

15 March 2023 - Representatives from World Evangelization for Christ (WEC) visited STM.

From the left to the right:

Mr. & Mrs. Lee Chiew Yoke and Dss. Dr. Tan Swee Bee (STM Faculty).



January To March – Visitations And Collaborations



8 January 2023 - Dr. Chong and Rev. Dr. Jimmy Chong attended the Malaysian Christian Youth Association Installation Service for the council and committee members 2022-2024 at Seremban Neighbour Grace Assembly.



From the left to the right:

王军, Secretary of Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Malaysia, 黄咏健, President of Malaysian Christian Youth Association (2022 – 2024), and Dr. Chong Siaw Fung, STM Principal.



18 January 2023 - The Building Bridges Series Focus Group Discussion 1 at IKIM.

From the left to the right:

Mr. Chan Kong Beng (General Secretary of CFM), Mr. Ram bin Buraat (Director of Centre for Religions & Society), Rev. Dr. Albert Sundararaj Walters (STM Research Fellow), Dr. Chong Siaw Fung (STM Principal).



From the left to the right:

Pn. Enizahura Abd Aziz (Forum Moderator of IKIM), Dr. Nik Roskiman Abd Samad (Presenter of IKIM), Rev. Dr. Joseph Komar (STM Director of Centre for Missions & Evangelism), Tn. Haji Badlisah Sham Baharin (UID Sejahtera).



6 February 2023 - STM CAC students and faculty met up with Bishop Liew Kek Ming and pastors from CAC for Chinese New Year lunch reunion and fellowship.

17 February 2023 - Visitation to Wisma Taiko Ipoh.

From the left to the right:

Mr. Adam Sathiya Jeevan (Property and Maintenance Assistant Manager), Ms. Annie Yee (Senior Communications Officer), Ms. Vernie Woo (Admin and Finance Manager), Dr. Chong Siaw Fung (STM Principal), Tan Sri Dato' Lee Oi Hian (Chairman and CEO of Kuala Lumpur Kepong Berhad (KLK)).



1 March 2023 - Dr. Chong Siaw Fung (the fifth from the left at the front row) attended the Building Bridges Series Focus Group Discussion 2 at IKIM and presented a paper.

STM-KL Centre Updates

Ms. Yap Hai Yen | English TEE Director

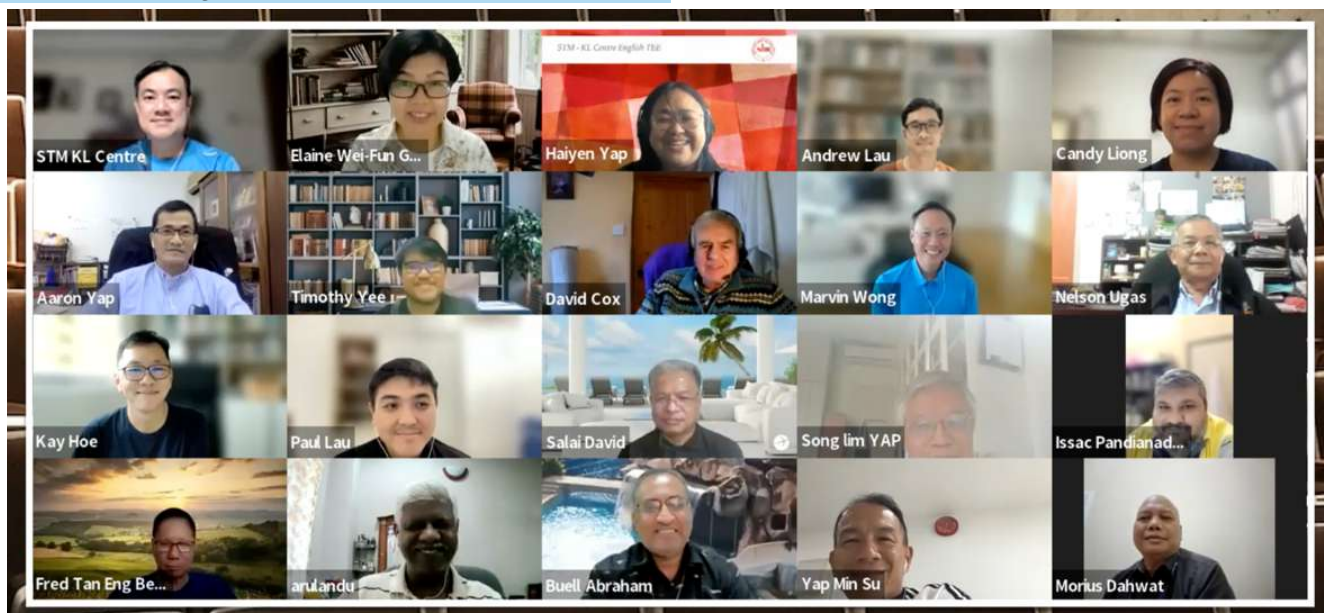
On 17 March 2023, STM-KL Centre has organized our first 2023 Post Graduate Seminar where we have 2 sessions; from 2pm-3.30pm for MTh (Chinese track) followed by MTh & DMin (English track) from 3.30pm-5.00pm. Our key presenter was Dr Elaine Goh, our Acting Post Graduate Director.

Dr Elaine presented two different topics of her recently published work: “留下还是离开？ 反思第二圣殿期四位圣经人物。” 《山道期刊》第二期卷二十五（2022年12月），页5-20； and “Education, Learning, and Wisdom,” in Exploring the Old Testament in Asia: Evangelical Perspective, edited by Jerry Hwang and Angukali Rotokha (Cumbria: Langham Global Library, 2022: 145-164) for both the Chinese and English seminar. For both the sessions, there were interaction and discussion on the topic of “Wisdom” and its practical dimension in the Asian contextual considerations.

Besides our key presenter, we also have a MTh candidate, Ms Kelly Oon sharing on one of her module's research paper, “Interpretation of the Narrative Art: The Irony of the Book of Jonah”（叙事艺术解读：约拿书的讽刺手法）. She shared about the uniqueness of the book of Jonah; how in contrast to other prophetic books, Jonah is essentially written in a narrative style, with only the second chapter being written in a poetic style. Kelly also shared that the book of Jonah is generally categorized as ironic literature and attempts to interpret the narrative art of the Book of Jonah focusing on its ironic nature and identifying how the author uses the irony to convey the intended message in the book.

Overall, we have a good turn out with a great time of interaction and discussion. We look forward to our next Post Graduate Seminar for the DMin (Chinese track) on 28 April 2023.

To view the recordings of the seminars, you can go to https://youtu.be/2fILtonw4_0 (MTh Chinese) or <https://youtu.be/gwtyQwGE26U> (MTh & DMin English).



Postgraduate Programme 2023 (April-July)

Wisma Methodist, Lorong Hang Jebat, 50150 Kuala Lumpur.

旧约智慧文学： 牧养和关系建立

(选修科)

OT Wisdom Literature:
Pastoral &
Relationship Building
(Elective)

日期：2023年7月3-7日 &
2023年7月17-21日

时间：9am - 1pm
讲师：吴慧芬博士
模式：线上课程



策略性教会管理与领导

(选修科)

Strategic
Church Management &
Leadership
(Elective)

日期：2023年4月24-28日 &
2023年5月1-5日

时间：9am - 1pm
讲师：张晓枫博士
模式：线上课程

报名方式：

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若有任何疑问，欢迎电邮至
postgrad@stm2.edu.my



DMin/MMin Module

**THEOLOGY OF
MUSIC IN WORSHIP
AND FAITH
FORMATION**
(ELECTIVE)

Date: 13-15 & 20-22 July 2023
(Online Class)

Date: 27-29 July 2023
(Hybrid Class)

Time: Thu & Fri 7.30-10.30pm
Sat 9am-12noon
Lecturer: Dr Tan Sooi Ling

DMin/MMin Module

**PREACHING THE
OLD TESTAMENT**
(ELECTIVE)

Date: 12-16 & 24 June 2023

Time: Mon-Fri 10am-4pm,
Sat 2-5pm

Lecturer: Rt Rev Dr Paul Barker
(Hybrid Class)

Please scan the QR Code or go
to <https://bit.ly/stmklc-reg23>
before the closing date for each
course. For any enquiries, please
email to postgrad@stm2.edu.my





CHURCH HISTORY 2

ONLINE CLASS via ZOOM Platform

TEE Modular Classes

Course Descriptions



May 4-6, 11-13 & 18-20



Thu, Fri & Sat

7.30pm-10.45pm

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times..." Charles Dickens, "A Tale of Two Cities". It has sometimes been said that the most interesting eras of Church History have been the first 500 years and the last 500 years. In the first 500 years, Christianity spread across the Empire, turned from being a persecuted cult to state religion, and defined and established its core beliefs. In the last 500 years, the Church has splintered into countless denominations, factions and independent congregations as well as re-establishing and redefining the core beliefs of the faith. Bloodshed and wars have followed the years after the Reformation. Then, the Evangelical Revival stoked the fires of the faith. Christianity has also, despite the many challenges within and without, spread to other parts of the world through vigorous missionary efforts. Truly the best of times during the worst of times.

This second part of the Church History course is designed to be a survey of Christian History from the period of the Reformation right up to contemporary times. The Reformation is definitely one of the most important events in the history of Christianity, with an impact that has gone beyond the boundaries of Europe and lingers to this day. In this course, learners survey the development of the Christian church's doctrine, faith, and life from the Protestant Reformation to the present. The lectures focus on the cultural, political, and economic backgrounds of the Reformation, Enlightenment, and Great Awakening, and emphasize the contributions of key figures of these eras. The course highlights the rise and spread of various traditions, including Lutheranism, Calvinism, Anglicanism, Puritanism, Evangelicalism, and Fundamentalism. Students will also study the nature and trends of modern and postmodern Christianity, with the goal of applying insights to contemporary life.



The Lecturer

Mr Samuel Nesan

Mr Samuel Nesan is the president of Explain International, an apologetics ministry dedicated to equipping believers for Great Commission ministry. Samuel completed his Master of Theology (ThM) at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Texas. He also serves as the Program Director and lecturer for the Great Commission Apologetics program in partnership with the Malaysian Baptist Theological Seminary (MBTS). Since 2012 he has debated proponents of various faiths such as Matt Dillahunty, Nadir Ahmed and Dr. David Wood.

Closing Date:
27 Apr 2023



Scan the QR code or go to
<https://bit.ly/stmklc-reg23>
before the Closing Date for
each course.

Cost of Study
RM300 Audit
RM450 Credit (Undergraduate)
RM500 Credit (Graduate)



OT EXEGESIS: CHRONICLES

ONLINE CLASS via ZOOM Platform

**Prerequisite: Exegetical Method or Biblical Interpretation
(3 CREDIT HOURS)**



May 27 -28;

June 3-4, 10-11



Sat 9.00am – 12.00pm

Sun 2.00pm – 5.00pm

Course Descriptions

“Why bother studying Chronicles?”

“Isn’t it mostly a list of names?”

“Doesn’t it just rehash history from Samuel and Kings?”

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எஸ்.டி.எம். கல்விப்பிரிவு, மாணவர்கள், விரிவுரையாளர்கள், அலுவலக ஊழியர்கள் மற்றும் நிதி தந்து உதவி செய்யும் நண்பர்கள் ஆதரவாளர்கள் அனைவருக்கும் உயிர்த்த இயேசு ஆண்டவரின் ஈஸ்டர் வாழ்த்துகள்.

கிறிஸ்துவின் அமைதியும் சமாதானமும் உங்கள் உள்ளத்திலும் இல்லங்களிலும் நிறைவாய் தங்கி உங்களை எப்போதும் மகிழ்விப்பதாக.

என்னுடைய எஸ்.டி. எம் பணி அனுபவத்தை உங்களோடு பகிர்ந்துகொள்ள மிகவும் ஆசிக்கிறேன். இந்தக் கல்லூரி ஒரு ஆசீர்வதிக்கப்பட்ட ஆண்டவரின் இடமாக இருக்கிறது. யார் இங்கு வந்தாலும், அவர்களுக்கு இந்த இடம் மிகவும் விருப்பமான இடமாக அமைந்துவிடும். இங்குவந்து செல்லும் ஒவ்வொருவரும் நிச்சயமாக இனிமையான நினைவுகளைக் கொண்டிருப்பர். எனக்கும் இதுபோன்று பல இனிமையான நினைவுகள் உண்டு. இங்குப் பணிசெய்ய வருவதற்கு முன் நானும் ஒரு சாதாரணமான நபராகத் தான் இங்குவந்தேன். இங்கு வந்தபிறகு கிறிஸ்துவைப் பற்றியும், வேதாகமத்தைப் பற்றியும் இன்னும் அதிகமதிகமாக தெரிந்துகொண்டேன்.

ஒவ்வொரு விரிவுரையாளரும் மிகுந்த ஞானத்தோடும், அர்ப்பண உணர்வோடும் கற்றுக்கொடுக்கிறார்கள். அவர்களின் குடும்பத்தையும் அவர்களின் ஊழியத்தையும் கண்டு எப்போதும் நான் வியந்துப் பார்க்கிறேன். மிகுந்த ஆற்றலோடும், புதிய சிந்தனைகளோடும் அவர்கள் தங்கள் விரிவுரையைப் படைக்கின்றார்கள். இங்கு வரும் ஒவ்வொரு மாணவரையும் சிறந்தப் போதகராக உருவாக்க முழுமையாகப் பாடுபடுகின்றனர். தேவன் இவர்கள் வழியாக மாபெரும் அற்புதத்தைச் செய்துகொண்டிருக்கிறார்.

மேலும் எனக்கு மலாய் தியியி வகுப்பில் கலந்து டிப்ளமோ கல்வி பயில கர்த்தர் என்னை ஆசீர்வதித்தார். இதன்வழியாக, நான் வேதாகமத்தின் இரகசியங்களைக் கற்றுக்கொள்ளவும், எவ்வாறு வாசிப்பது, எடுத்துரைப்பது, போதிப்பது, ஜனங்களுக்கு கர்த்தரை அறிவிப்பது என்பனவற்றை இங்குதான் கற்றுக்கொண்டேன். வெவ்வேறு விதமான மனிதர்களிடம் பழகும்போது, வெவ்வேறு சூழ்நிலைகளை அனுபவிக்கும்போதும், அந்தந்த சூழ்நிலையிலும் எவ்வாறு நடந்துகொள்ளவேண்டுமென்றும் அனைத்திற்கும் மேலாக உறவுகளை மேம்படுத்திக்கொள்ள மன்னிப்பும் அன்பும் முக்கியம் என்றும் புரிந்துகொண்டேன். நம்மை எங்கே அமர்த்தவேண்டும் என்று கர்த்தருக்குத் தெரியும். கர்த்தருக்கு ஊழியம் செய்யவும், அவரின் ஊழியனாக வளரவும், தொடர்ந்து என் பணியை அவருக்கே கொடுக்கவும் நான் ஒவ்வொருநாளும் தொடர்ந்து கற்றுக்கொண்டே வருகிறேன்.

கர்த்தருக்கே புகழும் மாட்சியும் உரித்தாகுக. ஆமென்.



BM TEE

Encik Ram bin Buraat | Penolong Pengarah BM TEE

Semester pertama 2023 bermula dengan sangat baik. Sehingga pertengahan bulan Mac, 3 kursus berjaya dilaksanakan oleh TEE BM. Bermula pada Januari sehingga Februari, Bengkel Pembacaan dan Penulisan Kritis berlangsung selama 4 hujung minggu. Bengkel ini dihadiri oleh pelajar baharu sepenuh masa 2023 (6 orang) dan pelajar TEE (4 orang). Kursus Asas Kaunseling yang diajar oleh Rev. Chew Kean Kee telah dihadiri oleh 12 pelajar (10 pelajar sepenuh masa dan 2 pelajar TEE BM) dan dijalankan di Kampus STM, Seremban. Pada 3-5 Mac bertempat di Gereja Methodist Cina Kampar, kursus Pengantar Kepada Perjanjian Baru telah dihadiri oleh 9 pelajar TEE BM dan dikendalikan oleh Dss. Dr. Tan Swee Bee. Kelas bagi kursus seterusnya adalah Kehidupan dan Ajaran Yesus pada 20-24 Mac dan dikendalikan oleh Encik Ram bin Buraat. Kursus-kursus lain sepanjang tahun 2023 boleh dirujuk melalui pautan ini <https://stm.edu.my/bm/akademik/program-tee/>

KURSUS TEE BM TAHUN 2023

STM-KL Centre	STM Seremban	Pusat PMSM Kampar
KAEDAH EKSEGESIS 28-30 April & 5-7 Mei Rev. Khor Kheng Hoon Teras (CertCM & BCM)	KEPIMPINAN PASTORAL DAN PENGURUSAN GEREJA 24-28 Julai <i>*Gabungan bersama pelajar Sepenuh Masa</i> The Rt. Rev. Datuk Ng Moon Hing Teras (BCM)	TEOLOGI KRISTIAN 1 9-11 & 16-18 Jun En. Ram bin Buraat Teras (BCM)
TEOLOGI KRISTIAN 2 11-13 & 18-20 Ogos En. Ram bin Buraat Teras (BCM)		PENGANTAR PERJANJIAN LAMA 14-16 & 28-30 Julai Dss. Dr. Tan Swee Bee Teras (CertCM)
HOMILETIK 2 <i>*Kelas intensif melalui Zoom</i> 9-13 Okt Rev. Daniel Ng Teras (BCM)		PENYEMBAHAN DAN LITURGI 3-5 & 10-12 Nov Cik Christina Ong Elektif

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Encik Ram bin Buraat di emel ramburaat@stm2.edu.my atau bmtee@stm2.edu.my

BM TEE at Kampar Feb/Mar 2023

Dss. Dr. Tan Swee Bee | BM TEE Director

After the MCO, students were looking forward to physical classes again. This was seen through some students who arrived Kampar a day before the class and reached the venue, two hours before class started. One student pulled out at the last minute while another missed the bus from Pengkalan Hulu and Grik. Thus, nine students met to study the Introduction to the New Testament from Friday evening (3 March 7-9.30pm), whole of Saturday (4 March from 9am till 7.30pm), and Sunday (5 March 2-5pm).

Despite the heavy time-table (classes over two weekends were revised to 1 weekend), the class proceeded with much fun and mutual learning. The excitement of having the opportunity to study the Bible prompted a few students to consider switching their study to full-time mode. Others were simply content juggling between ministry and class demands. Attending classes provide opportunities to refresh and increase knowledge besides refining ministry skills for the students who are in various active ministry capacities.



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Staff Movement

We congratulate the following Faculty-in-Development and staff with new designations effective 1 January 2023.

Faculty-in-Development



Ps. Yew Kuan Yee as the Director of Chinese TEE.



Ps. Kelly Oon Pek Kim as the Micro Learning Coordinator.



Ps. Le Hui Yi as the Assistant Director of Field Education.



Ps. Timothy Yee Tze Siong as the Micro Learning Assistant.

Staff:



Mr. Amos a/l Palaniaandy was re-designated from General Worker to General Worker cum Caretaker.



Ms. Cathy Phang was promoted to the position of Academic Officer.



Ms. Sophia Voon was promoted to the position of Registrar at STM Seremban Campus.



Ms. Yap Hai Yen was given new responsibilities as the Registrar at STM-KL Centre. She is still the English TEE Director of STM-KL Centre.

Welcome



Ms. Priestlla Ann a/p Arul Dass is our new Academic Officer with effect from 6 March 2023.



Mr. Kenneth Oh Hook Hing is our new Accounts Officer with effect from 20 March 2023

Thanks & Appreciation



We would like to express our gratitude to Ms. Megan Lai for her service in STM. She first joined STM-KL Centre as an Administrator on 20 October 2020, and was later re-designated as Senior Accounts Officer at STM Seremban Campus (15 May 2021 to 9 March 2023).

RECRUITMENT

The vision of Seminari Theoloji Malaysia (STM) is to see God's people equipped for ministry and mission in and through the Church. STM Campus is looking for potential candidates to fill in the following vacancy:

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Heartiest Congratulations



*Joel Zechariah (2019 STM
alumnus) and Esther Selvamani
were married on 21 Jan 2023*

*Carlmen Mah Kar Men (2022 STM
alumna) and Justin Lui Jia Sheng
were married on 4 Feb 2022.*



2023 Financial Updates

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all our Friends and Partners, and donors for your kind contribution and prayers for the last one year.

Your continuous support both in prayers and in financial support is very much valued. This year, our estimated income from accommodation and programme studies amount to RM1,649,000. To fund our operating expenditure, we need the support of our faithful Friends and Partners as well as donors for donations of RM2,555,000.

For donations to the above, our bank details are as follows:

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Besides funding the operating expenditure, we also need to fund our maintenance and upgrading of facilities:

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Note: The cost will increase if we are required to construct a retaining wall to control and prevent soil erosion.
3. RM100,000 for the repair of fence along the boundary.
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Condolences 慰唁

STM extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to:



The family of Pastor Edward Lee Kit Siang, STM alumnus, on the passing of his mother on 8 December 2022.



The family of the late Bishop Emeritus Fang Chung Nan on the passing of his wife Madam Siau Boon Eng on 13 January 2023. Bishop Emeritus Fang Chung Nan was the 1st Bishop of the Methodist Church in Malaysia and also one of the STM's founding fathers.



The family of Rev. Augustin Christopher Muthusami, STM alumnus who went home to be with the Lord on 29 January 2023.



The family of Pastor Peter Ong Chong Ghee, STM alumnus, on the passing of his mother in law, Mdm Low Kim Yoon on 23 February 2023.



The family of Rev. Kong Tin Guang, STM alumnus who went home to be with the Lord on 6 March 2023.

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