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A Note from the Principal Friends of MTS

MTS has been blessed by many friends like you over 60 years of her history. Because of you, MTS has trained over 400 pastors, missionaries, music directors and church leaders. As MTS is carrying on from strength to strength, we have been pondering, praying and planning to let more like you be directly involved in supporting some of our students and lecturers who need your financial and prayerful commitments. Please allow me to explain.

Over the years, we thank the Lord for the financial supports of many churches and members who have committed to majority of our students' school fees and MTS general fund. However, there are some students from the Iban churches and foreign nations such as China who also need committed churches and members to support them.

It's true that some churches such as the Bupyeong Methodist Church in Korea and some members such as a family in Brunei have committed to support Mainland Chinese students and Iban students respectively. But Bupyeong MC is ceasing to support

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any more new students after supporting 4-5 students from China for the past few years.

MTS continues to have more applicants from China and also more Iban students, both in STMS and Theology program, who need financial supports. Who are going to support them? Therefore we think of you who are concerned for them.

This year (2015) on MTS campus, we have a record-breaking 12 foreign students, among whom five are Indonesians and seven are Mainland Chinese. We also have thirteen Iban students (five STMS and eight Theology students). We are inviting you to prayerfully consider to support them.

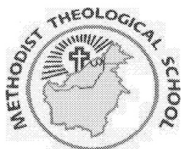
Besides the needy students, we also have lecturers who need constant upgrading in order to provide better

training for our students. Such upgrading also needs funding. Please also prayerfully consider to support. If the Lord is leading you to support our needy students and lecturers, we will acknowledge you as "Friends of MTS". Please fill up a "Friends of MTS" Sponsorship form and submit to MTS. You may pledge to undertake one or more students until graduation. You may also choose to donate a sum of money on a regular or irregular basis.

May the good Lord bless you as you give, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35b)



By Rev Dr Tie King Tai
Principal



Friends of MTS

Sponsorship form

Mailing details:

Name: _____ Church: _____

Address: _____ Postal code: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____

Other details:

Phone: (H) _____ (HP) _____

Email address: _____

Choose from the following: (Kindly tick the appropriate)

Type	Duration of study	Single	Married
<input type="checkbox"/> International Student (From China)	5 years	<input type="checkbox"/> RM64,550.00 (1 year RM12,910)	<input type="checkbox"/> RM89,050.00 (1 year RM17,810)
<input type="checkbox"/> Iban Student	3½ years	<input type="checkbox"/> RM 33,180.00 (1 year RM9,480)	<input type="checkbox"/> RM39,060.00 (1 year RM11,160)
	4½ years	<input type="checkbox"/> RM42,660.00 (1 year RM9,480)	<input type="checkbox"/> RM50,220.00 (1 year RM11,160)
<input type="checkbox"/> STMS Iban	3 months	<input type="checkbox"/> RM 2,100.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Faculty upgrading sponsorship	<input type="checkbox"/> RM 5,000.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Others RM _____		

Remark: Subject to change

Choose from the following: (Kindly tick the appropriate)

☐ ONE-OFF DONATION

I would like to make a donation of RM _____ to "Friends of MTS".

☐ YEARLY SPONSORSHIP

I would like to sponsor a **student / faculty**.

If more than one student or faculty please specify number: _____

☐ REGULAR DONATION

I would like to make a **monthly** donation of RM _____.

☐ Please contact me when there is a need for sponsorship

How to donate: (Kindly tick the appropriate)

- ☐ Cash
- ☐ Direct bank in and fax to 084-321409 or
email to accounts@mtssibu.edu.my
- ☐ Cheque

Bank information:

Name: Methodist Theological School
Bank: Public Bank
Account no.: 3-1422081-12

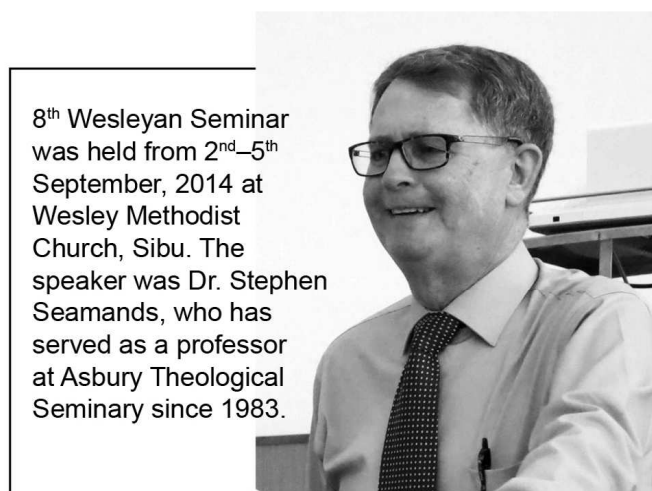
Signature: _____

Please return the completed and signed form to:
Methodist Theological School
51, Jalan Tun Abang Haji Openg,
96000 Sibu, Sarawak, Malaysia

Thank you for your sponsorship and support!



The Methodist Youth Fellowship of Sarikei Yien Sung Methodist Church came to visit us on 9th August, 2014. Rev. Wong Lee Chiang led the team and they made a donation to our General Fund. We would like to express our deepest gratitude to them for their loving care.



8th Wesleyan Seminar was held from 2nd–5th September, 2014 at Wesley Methodist Church, Sibui. The speaker was Dr. Stephen Seamands, who has served as a professor at Asbury Theological Seminary since 1983.



The 9th Batch STMS College Graduation Service (5th September 2014):
14 students graduated.

Alumni Homecoming day on 5th September, 2014. They sponsored the refreshment for the 9th Batch of STMS College Graduation held that afternoon. Later they held a forum for the on campus students, and had friendly matches with the students. Last but not least, they treated the community to dinner, and sponsored mid-autumn lanterns for the procession at night.



The 6th Graduation Recital: The students from Worship & Music Program – Danny Ting Huong Heng and Ting Wei Wei held their graduation recital at Wei Kuok Hall on 6th October, 2014. Another student – Wong Feng Nee held her graduation recital on 6th January, 2015 at MTS Chapel.



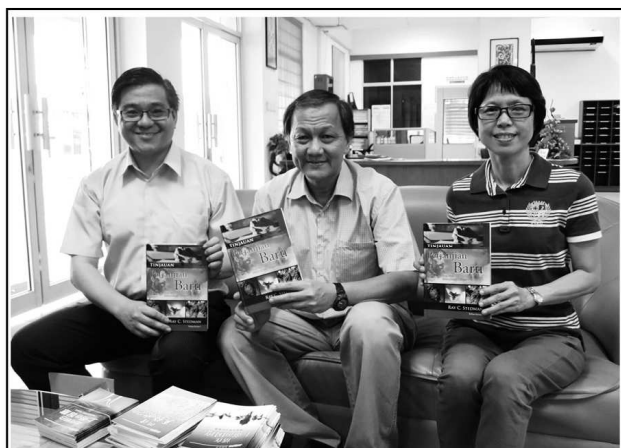
News

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On 30th October, 2014, MTS presented a souvenir to Mr Wei Ru Xin for his service to the community during his stay in MTS. Mr. & Mrs. Wei came from China, his wife was studying here in MTS. During their stay in MTS, Mr. Wei set up a workshop in the campus to help the community in repairing the old stuffs for free. We thanked him for his loving care and free service given to the community.



Rev Wong Wai Leong, Coordinator of Chinese Church Ministries, RBC Resource Centre Berhad, presented some books to MTS on 28th November, 2014.

MTS community, including lecturers & their family members, students and staff were invited to attend the Paramount Hotel Thanksgiving Service on 29th November, 2014.



Work of Mercy (15th January, 2015) – From left: Rev. Paul Ting Huat Ung (MTS Chaplain), Mdm. Kuok Ming Hung.



News from MTS

16th Graduation Service

The 16th Graduation Service (since the reopening of Degree Courses) was held on 1st November, 2014 at Kingwood Hotel, Sibü. The President of Sarawak Chinese Annual Conference and also the Chairman of MTS Board – Rev. Dato' Dr. Su Chii Ann was invited to be the speaker for the occasion.



Rev. Dato' Dr. Su Chii Ann speaking during the occasion

Group photo (MTS Board members, faculty and 31 graduates)

60th Anniversary cum Graduation Thanksgiving Lunch

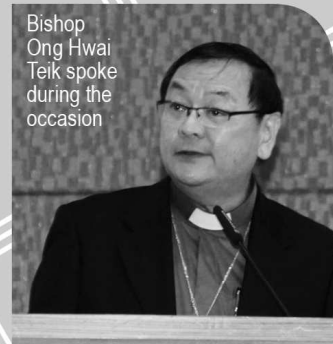
MTS 60th Anniversary cum Graduation Thanksgiving Lunch was held on 1st November, 2014 afternoon at Kingwood Hotel, Sibuluan. The theme for 60th Anniversary was "Carrying on from strength to strength", with 123 tables of participants joined us on this special day.

We would like to thank God for His guidance and provisions in the past, present and future, and also thank all pastors, LCEC members, brothers and sisters in Christ, for their supports throughout the years.

Welcoming speech by the Principal



Bishop Ong Hwai Teik spoke during the occasion



Launching of "MTS Journal"



Presentation by Taiwan indigenous students



Presentation by local indigenous



Presentation by alumni

News from MTS



Participated in the Borneo Cultural Festival (15th-24th August, 2014)



Book Fair by Methodist Book Room (13th January, 2015)



Orientation (5th January, 2015)



Time for exercise



First Aid Talk (20th January, 2015)



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Activities

2015 First Semester Opening Service

Date: 5th January, 2015

Venue: Wesley Methodist Church, Sibü

Number of new students in 2015:

Theological Program (Chinese): 17

Theological Program major in Missiology (Chinese): 4

Theological Program (Iban): 5

Worship & Music Program: 4,

11th Batch of M.Min. Program: 7

16th Batch of TEE program: 8

2nd Batch of TEE (Family Ministry Program): 3

6th Batch STMS Music: 23

10th Batch STMS Iban: 5

10th Batch STMS English: 13

23rd Batch STMS Chinese-Aaron: 32

23rd Batch STMS Chinese-Moses: 44



Speaker: Rev. Kong Chong Ling,
Translator: Rev. Thomas Lau



1st Year Students and returning students

Visiting Lecturers

Dr. Mark Terry:

14th–20th June, 2014 ~ taught an intensive course on “World Religions and Evangelism”. Rev. Dr. Grace Wong Poh Sing translated for him.

Dr. Andrew Teo:

27th–29th June & 4th–6th July, 2014 ~ taught an intensive course on “Introduction to Biblical Counseling” for the Family Ministry program.

Rev. Dr. Lu Chen Tiong:

7th–11th July, 2014 ~ taught a M.Min. intensive course on “Methodist Liturgical Studies”.

Rev. Dr. Tie King Tai:

7th–11th July, 2014 ~ taught a M.Min. intensive course on “Advanced Preaching”.

Dr. Lee Tai Ying:

17th–19th & 24th–26th October, 2014 ~ taught an intensive course on “Counseling the Heart-Dynamic of Biblical Change” for the Family Ministry program.

Dr. Sharon Chan:

26th–30th January, 2015 ~ taught an intensive course on “Holistic Missions”.

Visitors

31/05/2014: Two directors from Wawasan Penabur Sdn. Bhd.

23/06/2014: Harvesters from North Carolina, USA

14/08/2014: Brothers and sisters from Sungai Way Methodist Church, Subang

04/09/2014: Some lecturers and students from Taiwan Theological College and Seminary

06/09/2014: Members from MyMusic, Bintulu and members from Philharmonic Orchestra (KL), Petaling Jaya

19/09/2014: Bishop of Chinese Methodist Church in Australia, Rev. and Mrs. James Kwang

26/09/2014: Some sisters from the Philippines

28/10/2014: MTS Alumnus – Rev. Ting (currently the pastor of Australia Methodist Church), and her husband Wong Teck Kee.

02/12/2014: Missionaries Xi Gui Bin and Yan Xiang Ju

03/12/2014: MTS Alumnus – Rev. Adrian King Tzee Yang and his family

23/01/2015: Some brothers and sisters from Singapore

MTS Latest News & Prayer Items

1. Courses offered for MTS Intensive Course and M.Min. Program

- Pray for the good health of the lecturers. Pray that God will grant them wisdom in their teaching.
- Pray for the students to have good health to study during the intensive course.

1.1 Master of Ministry Program:

Date: 09-13/03/2015

Subject: History & Theology of the Methodist Church

Lecturer: Rev. Thomas Lau Sie Ngui

Date: 21-25/09/2015

Subject: Pastoral Theology in the 21st Century

Lecturer: Dr. Alfred Su

1.2 Family Ministry Program:

Date: 23-27/03/2015

Subject: Family & Life cycle

Lecturer: Dr. Josh Yeh

Date: 24-26/07, 31/07-02/08/2015

Subject: Premarital Education and Counseling

Lecturer: Mdm. Winnie Chan

2. Recruitment of Pre-Theological Program

Purpose: To prepare the students to become more mature and confident before commencing the vigorous theological training.

Subjects:

- Bible Knowledge
- Self-growth
- Introduction to Philosophy
- Kingdom of God and the World
- Conversational English
- Basic Music
- Field works

Language: Chinese / Iban Medium

Duration: 19th June – 31st October, 2015

Closing date for application: 30th April, 2015

Applicants can get the application form from your church pastor or MTS. You may also browse through our website: www.mtssibu.edu.my to obtain the form.

Application form must be sent to:

“Academic Dean” or “Principal”
Methodist Theological School
No.51, Jalan Tun Abang Haji Openg,
P.O.Box 78, 96007
Sibu, Sarawak.

Tel: 084-321409

Fax: 084-341409

Email: general@mtssibu.edu.my

3. MTS Night

Theme: “Carrying on – from strength to strength”

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Tie King Tai

3.1. Venue: Xin Fu Yuan Methodist Church, Sibu

Date: 20th March, 2015

Time: 7:15 pm

(Dedication Camp: 21st March, 8am

Venue: Wesley Methodist Church, Sibu)

3.2. Venue: Gloria Methodist Church, Bintulu

Date: 27th June, 2015

Time: 7:15 pm

(Dedication Camp: 28th June, 10:30am

Venue: Ming Ong Methodist Church, Bintulu)



- Please pray for the speaker, drama presentation, PA system, weather etc.

- Please pray for the participants. Pray that more brothers and sisters are willing to response to God's calling.

4. Interaction Forums on Contemporary Issues

Wesley Centre takes up the challenge to organize interaction forums on contemporary issues from time to time, in order for the church to play a prophetic and missional role in the society.

The Centre is going to host the following interaction forums in 2015:

05/02/15, 8:30 - 9:30 pm

Theme: 'New Cult: World Mission Society Church of God---"God the Mother"?'

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Francis Wong King Sing

30/04/15, 8:30 - 9:30 pm

Theme: "Prophetic Utterances---Dialogue with a charismatic church pastor"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Tie King Tai

30/07/15, 8:30 - 9:30 pm

Theme: "What does God think of divorce and remarriage?"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Khoo Ho Peng

27/08/15, 8am-4:30 pm

"Wesley Centre Biennial Lecture" Theme: Eschatological Living in John Wesley's Theology

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Wong Tik Wah

15/10/15, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Theme: "Anti-Corruption: Mission Impossible? – III"

Speaker: Dr. Nehemiah Lee Chee Hai (managing director of NEHEMIAH Reinforced Soil Sdn Bhd; a recipient of the Entrepreneur of the Year Award from the Star Outstanding Business Award (SOBA) in 2011). -- This interaction forum will be held in Bintulu.

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