

Newsletter MTS

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A Note from the Principal **HIM We Proclaim !**

MTS has just graduated 43 students in our recent 20th Graduation. I asked myself this question: What makes the theological education we offered to our graduands relevant to the churches (and the wider world of God) and faithful to the vision God has for MTS? The motto of MTS stated in Colossians 1: 28 comes to mind. Three useful pointers have always been the core of our theological education:

1. Maturity in Christ: Our teaching and engagement of the Scriptures, drawing wisdom and lessons from the Tradition of the Church, sharpening the Reason and enriching our Experiences in God's truth are with this core in mind. This perfecting in Christ, as John Wesley termed, keeps us growing and living our calling and to be relevant and

faithful.

2. Exemplary in Discipleship:

Theological students in MTS realize that there are many hidden curriculums that challenge them to 'informal' learning and to be vessels of blessings to each other in the community. Without a constant awareness to developing Christlike character and conduct, we could easily fall short of the greater goal of first to be God's faithful disciple in order to be faithful leaders and pastors.

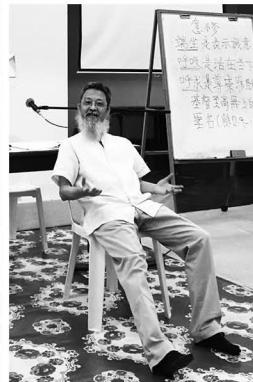
3. Proclaimer of Salvation: Our theological education is to mold and shape individuals who were called to be true disciples of Christ and live to proclaim Him and to present men and women fully mature in Christ. To this end, we strive with the might of the Holy Spirit!

With you, brothers and sisters, sharing with us this vision and to send men and women to MTS with this core pointers in mind, those who are with us will be enthusiastic and are prepared to submit to the guidance of the Holy Spirit as they go through the very rigorous and challenging training in MTS. We believe our training in MTS will be faithful and relevant!



By Rev. Dr. Khoo Ho Peng
Principal

News from MTS



18-19/06/2018:

MTS Silent Retreat has been held at Sibu Diocesan Pastoral Centre.

News from MTS



Rev. Paul Ting Huat Ung, Rev. Dr. Angela Ting Siew King, and Rev. Dr. Lu Chen Tiong shared their experiences and ministry.

23-24/06/2018: MTS Night, Dedication Camp and Theological Education Sunday (Iban & Chinese) in Bintangor. Theme: "Servants After God's Own Heart: Love Truly, Serve Others."

19-28/07/2018: MTS participated in the Borneo Cultural Festival.



20/07/2018

20/07/2018: 2 in 1 Celebration: Parents' Day and Birthday Celebrations.



28/07/2018: One Day Theology Conference on Wesleyan Theology and the Christian Church in China. Speaker: Dr. Joseph Yang

10-20/08/2018: MTS faculty educational tour to the UK. Faculty members had a fruitful and valuable learning experience





16-20/08/2018: STMS College students missions' trip to Miri.

Gereja Methodist Tudan Team

We thank God for His guidance, allowing us to experience the revival of Gereja Methodist Tudan. At the same time, we also found out that there is a high demand for manpower. We hope that more people will be equipped to share the gospel to unbelievers, regardless of language or ethnicity, for the advancement of God's Kingdom.

Senadin Methodist Preaching Centre Team

Nine students joined the missions trip to Senadin Methodist Preaching Centre, Miri. Our ministry included leading small groups, evening prayer meeting, worship in Sunday Service and sharing the Good News with others. Thank God for His guidance throughout the trip. All the programs ran smoothly.

The 13th Batch STMS College Graduation Service

Date: 24th August 2018

Venue: Wesley Methodist Church, Sibu

Speaker: Rev. Wong Tuong Toh



The 13th Batch of College STMS students

04/10/2018: Final year students from Worship & Music Program, Ms. Jane Tie Sing Yu and Mr. Robert Tiong Ho Loong held their Graduation Recital at Wesley Methodist Church.



25/10/2018: The launching of Rev. Dr.

Francis Wong King Sing's new book, title: "A Cultural Situation of Multi-Religion Participation – Exploring the Intertwining Relationship between Chinese Christians and Customary Rites in Sibu, Sarawak".



11/10/2018: Interactive forum 2018. Rev. Paul Ting Huat Ung shared on the topic: "How orthodox is the teaching of Witness Lee?"



MTS School Van Dedication Service

Date: 05/09/2018

Time: 4:30pm

Venue: MTS Admin. Block car park

Special thanks to:

Rev. Kiew Tie Siong for sharing the needs of MTS and encouraged the various SCAC Fellowship groups (MJYF, MYF, MYAF, MAF, MSCF) to contribute the major portion towards the purchase of the new van.

26/10/2018: Annual Dialogue between Board members and Student Body.



23/11/2018: Farewell Dinner for our Iban Lecturer, Rev. Elizabeth Enjut. She will be appointed to serve in Kuching in 2019.



04-14/11/ 2018: Year-end Foreign Missions Trip, led by Rev. Hoo Sing Hang.

20th MTS Graduation Service (since the reopening of Degree Courses)

Date: 27th October 2018

Venue: Masland Methodist Church, Sibu



Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ezra Kok Hon Seng,
translated by Rev. Thomas Lau Sie Ngiu



24/11/2018: Paramount Hotel Thanksgiving Service. The whole MTS community, including lecturers & their family members, students and staff again were invited to attend and to conduct the Service.



Total number of graduates for 2018: 43 (10 M. Min; 5 M. Div.; 1 M. Div. major in Missiology; 6 B.D.; 5 B.D. major in Missiology; 4 B. Th.; 1 B.Th. major in Missiology; 2 B.A., 1 Dip. Th., 2 L. Th., 1 CWME, 1 DCS, 4 MCS).

**New
MTS
Staff**



Mr. Hii Yiuk Choon
(Communication Officer)



Yii Zhi Kae
(General Support)

Graduation Thanksgiving Lunch

Date: 27th October 2018

Venue: Good Happiness
Restaurant, Sibu.

Sharing by Board Chairman,
Rev. Dr. Tie king Tai



The Message from Iban Graduates

Brendstein Kulleh



Saya mengucapkan syukur kepada Tuhan dan beterima kasih kerana berkesempatan untuk belajar di MTS. Selama empat tahun belajar di sini, saya merasakan sangat diberkati sekali dan penuh dengan suka cita. Di MTS, saya dibentuk, diajar dan dilatih untuk menjadi hamba Tuhan yang menyenangkan hatiNYA. Saya juga mengenali ramai rakan yang berlainan bangsa dan latarbelakang khususnya pelajar Cina. Pembelajaran di MTS mengajar saya erti kehidupan sebagai seorang Kristian yang matang. Kasih sayang dan layanan yang diterima di MTS menjadi sebuah pengalaman yang terindah dan yang terisitimewa bagi saya.

Dollen Ijok Brayan



Sepanjang saya di MTS, banyak perkara yang dapat saya pelajari, walaupun ada kalanya susah dan menyakitkan. Saya juga merasakan Tuhan membentuk dan mengubah diri saya menjadi baru, terutamanya dalam kehidupan rohani saya. Saya berharap apa yang saya sudah pelajari dan hadapi disini akan dapat saya mempraktikannya.

Saya ingin mengucapkan terima kasih kepada semua pensyarah yang banyak mengajar dan memberi bimbingan, di dalam kelas atau diluar kelas. Terima kasih juga kepada kawan-kawan dan kakitangan di MTS, kerana banyak menolong dan mendorong saya. Semua itu oleh kerana kasih Tuhan di antara hubungan kita. Yang selebihnya saya serahkan kepada Tuhan, hanya Dia sahaja yang dapat mengerti akan semua yang kita rasakan dalam pengumulan kita. Sikap dan cara manusia dalam tindakan memang tidak sama, tapi satu perkara yang harus kita tahu tentang hal ini, iaitu tujuannya cuma satu mahu menuju kebenaran dalam Kristus. Seperti Firman-Nya yang ada mengatakan di (Yohanes 14:6) –Jesus menjawab, “Akulah jalan untuk mengenal Allah dan untuk mendapat hidup. Tidak seorang pun dapat datang kepada Bapa kecuali melalui Aku.”

Johaness Nyambang Ak Sim



Saya mulakan kesaksian saya di MTS bermula dari mengikuti STMS Iban pada tahun 2015. Panggilan saya ingin menjadi pengembala atau melayani Tuhan sepenuh masa bermula semasa saya menyertai STMS Iban. Selepas itu saya terus menyerahkan diri untuk menjadi pelajar sepenuh masa di MTS pada tahun 2016.

Banyak pekara yang menyentuh hati saya semasa belajar di MTS. Salah satu yang banyak membantu saya dalam pertumbuhan rohani ialah doa pagi. Doa pagi bukan sahaja membantu saya lebih merapatkan hubungan saya dengan Tuhan tetapi juga membantu saya semakin baik dalam berkhutbah.

Di MTS, saya juga belajar melalui praktikal pada hujung minggu dan juga pada hujung tahun. Praktikal membantu saya untuk bersedia dalam pelayanan yang sepenuh masa. Saya juga bermafaat daripada ilmu-ilmu pengetahuan yang diajarkan oleh pensyarah.

Saya ingin mengucapkan ribuan terima kasih kepada semua pensyarah dan rakan-rakan di MTS yang membantu saya dari segi kewangan, pelajaran, praktikal dan sebagainya. Ayat Alkitab yang menjadi pedoman dalam hidup saya ialah “Sebab itu pergilah kepada segala bangsa di seluruh dunia, jadikanlah mereka pengikut-pengikut-Ku. Baptiskan mereka dengan menyebut nama Bapa, dan Anak, dan Roh Allah. Ajarkan mereka mentaati semua yang sudah Kuperintahkan kepadamu. Dan ingatlah Aku akan selalu menyertai kalian sampai akhir zaman.” Matius 28:19-20



Danny Janti Anak Belawan

Di sini saya ingin memberi satu perhargaan besar kepada MTS kerana memberi peluang saya belajar disini. Syukur kepada TUHAN juga kerana telah membimbing saya menghabiskan pelajaran saya disini. Secara jujurnya sebelum saya masuk ke MTS, rohani dan ilmu teologi saya memang lemah. Tetapi semua itu telah berubah setelah saya menghabiskan pelajaran saya disini. Penyayahan disini juga banyak membantu saya untuk memahami tentang Firman TUHAN.

Perkara lain yang saya dapat belajar disini adalah bergaul dengan pelajar-pelajar lain yang ada panggilan untuk menjadi pengembala TUHAN. Ini adalah satu keunikan di MTS kerana saya boleh berbincang tentang Firman TUHAN tanpa ada rasa serba salah. Walaupun tidak sekelas dengan mereka, ada juga pelajar yang berbangsa lain dan berasal daripada negara lain, tetapi kami boleh berbual dan berkongsi kajian pengalaman antara satu sama lain. Ini adalah perkara yang sangat bernilai bagi saya.

Mungkin kadang-kala ada perselisihan faham antara saya dengan pelajar lain, tetapi ianya juga merupakan satu pengalaman dan pembelajaran bagi saya terutamanya apabila saya bekerjasama dengan orang lain yang berbezanya bangsa dan budaya. Dalam masa yang sama, saya cuba belajar bagaimana mengawal perasaan dan selalu merendahkan diri dengan pelajar-pelajar yang lain. Seperti ajaran di Amsal 3:5-6, "Percayalah kepada Tuhan dengan sepenuh hatimu dan janganlah bersandar kepada pengertianmu sendiri. Ingatlah Dia dalam segala jalanmu, maka Dia akan meluruskan jalanmu."

Visiting Lecturers

Modular course for Master of Ministry Program

02-06/07/2018: Mr. John Ling taught on "Conflict Management".



Modular course for Missiology Program

02-06/07/2018: Dr. Kim Dongjo taught on "Anthropology and Missions".



Intensive Courses for TEE Family & Counseling Ministry Program

29/10-02/11/2018: Dr. Winnie Chan taught on "Church Development and Family Ministry".



Visitors

13/06/2018: Brothers and sisters from Junior Methodist Youth Fellowship of Mei Ann MC Miri, led by Rev. Wong Lik Kai visited us.



03/07/2018: Visitors from Korea.



10/07/2018: Visitors from Korea. First row (from left): Dr. Kim Dongjo and his wife.



18/07/2018: Visitors from Taiwan.



29/09/2018: Brothers and sisters from Methodist Youth Fellowship of Xin Fu Yuan Methodist Church and SMK Tung Hua visited us.



14/08/2018: Sister Jenny Xiong Ying from Living Water Church (China) visited us, accompanied by Rev. Yap Lian Fah.

01/10/2018: Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Hasan Sutanto from Indonesia visited us and conducted a seminar.



15/10/2018: Visitors from Oasis Family Life Centre, Rev. Dr. Ngoi and his wife.



15/11/2018: Visitors from China, Dr. Liu Ji Feng and Brother Paul Zhai.



19/11/2018: Visitors from Singapore's New Heart Music Ministries, accompanied by Rev. Kiew Tie Siong.



MTS Upcoming News & Prayer Items

1. Intensive Courses offered for Master of Ministry Program and TEE Family & Counseling Ministry Program

Date	Subject	Lecturer
Master of Ministry Program		
14-18/01/2019	“Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)”	Rev. Lee Peng Kwong and Dr. Mable Yang
08-12/04/2019	“Theology of Suffering”	Dr. Elanko Kannan & Rev. Hoo Sing Hang
13-17/05/2019	“Liturgical Study of the Methodist Church”	Rev. Dr. Lu Chen Tiong
22-26/07/2019	“Advanced Preaching”	Rev. Dr. Stephen Hsieh
TEE Family & Counseling Ministry Program		
05-07/04/2019,	“Family and Life Cycle”	Rev. Wong Choon Yien
12-14/04/2019	“The Theology of Marriage and Family”	Rev. Moses Tey
October 2019	“Equipping for Counselling”	Rev. Dr. Khoo Ho Peng

Prayer items:

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

2. 2019 New Students

Total 11 new students: Simon Lau Lay Chiong, David Voong Kah Chun, Ling Kieng Seng, Teo Zi Huong, Chiong Wei Leong, Francis Tie Sing Kien, Lau Jeck Nieng, Ngui Yew Fong, Su Zi Heng, Yii Sing Bin and Lau Hie Hie.

Three returning students: Andreas Rubin, Stephani and Susan.

Others: Ling Kuang Yu and Lu Si Yun (STMS+Pre. Theo. leading to L.Th.), Michelle Stephanie (STMS+Pre. Theo. leading to B.D.).

Prayer items:

- Pray that God will help the new students to adapt to the community life in MTS as soon as possible.
- Pray that God will grant new students good health and strong spiritual life.

You are cordially invited to attend the MTS 1st Semester Opening Ceremony

Date: January 2, 2019 (Wednesday)

Time: 9:00am

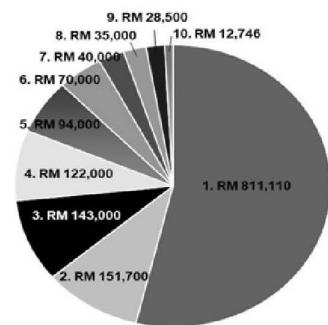
Venue: Wesley Methodist Church

3. Theological Education Sunday

MTS Lecturers are open to invitations to conduct Theological Education Sundays throughout the year. Please contact our lecturers for arrangements. Tel: +6084-321409.

4. MTS Financial Situation

Currently we don't have many regular donors for MTS General Fund. That is why sometimes we are facing deficits. The total expenditure of MTS for year 2019, estimated to be about RM1,508,056. Please pray for God's providence towards "MTS General Fund". Pray that more brothers and sisters are willing to give and support MTS ministry financially. We welcome brothers and sisters to participate in the work of God. Please specify your offering as "MTS General Fund".



2019 Budget for Expenses

- 1 Salary, Allowance, EPF & Socso for Full-time Lecturers and Staff (54%)
- 2 Facilities and Maintenance Fees (10%)
- 3 Library Books, Magazine & Newspapers (9%)
- 4 Assessment Rate & Utilities (8%)
- 5 Seminar allowance for Lecturers & Staff (6%)
- 6 Allowance for Part time Lecturers (5%)
- 7 Missions Trip, BCF & Missions Awareness Week (3%)
- 8 MTS Night & Graduation (2%)
- 9 Teaching Notes, Stationery & Miscellaneous (2%)
- 10 Religion & Culture Centre (1%)

Total: RM1,508,056

NOTICE

MTS office and Library will be **closed** on the following Saturdays:

Feb 02, Feb 23, Mac 30, Apr 20, Apr 27, May 25, Jun 15, July 20, Aug 10, Nov 2, Nov 16, Nov 23, Nov 30, Dec 7, Dec 14 and Dec 21. Sorry for any inconvenience caused. Thank you.