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To companion SU movements around the Region.

NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Re-adapting to a post tectonic pandemic was a key challenge in the last two quarters of this year. As we engaged the children and youths in our various ministry programmes, we had to stay nimble, weighing the practicalities of hosting programmes on a virtual or physical configuration. With much prayer, contemplation and ultimate reliance on God, we coasted through some ups and downs in exciting ministry sessions. As always, the Word of God remained the anchor of our faith, the source of our inspiration. In Psalms 36:9 we read "For with Thee is the fountain of life; In Thy light we see light.", where else could we have sought hope but from the Lord God Himself, our ultimate fountain of life.



In this issue, our Chairman articulates his vision of re-establishing one of our past strongly grounded legacy ministries, the SU camping ministry. It was by divine opportunity that we were able to team up with faithful partners in Indonesia, to secure a site to run SU camps. We are truly excited, challenged and spurred on to developing this ministry to help bring our youths back to the Word of God through the outdoors and adventure.

Take heed, it is not about events but about our eventual salvation in Christ. From Oswald Chambers, early-20th century Scottish Baptist evangelist, we are reminded in his 22nd January entry in "My Utmost for His Highest", he writes "Rouse yourself up and look to God. Build your hope on Him..."

Look unto God today. Thank you all, for your gracious support and prayers for us.

Solio del Glorio.

Lim Yu Ming
 National Director
 Scripture Union Singapore



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Arnold Khoo



RESTORATION OF AN OLD MINISTRY

In our past issues of IG, we have been highlighting SU Singapore's companion countries in the region. Thank you for your support in these countries. In this issue, we are going to talk about something that many will rejoice in - The restoration of the SU camping ministry. It's the re-digging of an old ministry well for a life-giving supply of water. Now in earlier years, SU had campsites in Wing Loong Road and Sentosa. Wing Loong Road near Changi Prison was the home for many Christian ministries in its time but it eventually became part of the runway for Changi airport!



It was a drizzly overcast day in Sentosa as a buggy toured Sentosa, bringing the then Chairman of SU, Dr Khoo Oon Teik to see if one of the empty buildings might be suitable.

The buggy rolled into what eventually became the SU Campsite as the rain increased to a downpour. It took only maybe 10 minutes

to determine that this was the right location. I know this because I was there with my father, the late Dr Khoo Oon Teik.

The SU Campsite at Sentosa was the place where many people came to know the Lord. I have met many in ministry who upon hearing that I was from SU, immediately shared that this

was the place where they met the Lord and gave their life to Jesus.

It was an influential place for the 30 years it was in operation. We were very fortunate to have many dedicated people involved in making this work, and to them, we remember their dedicated work to the Lord.

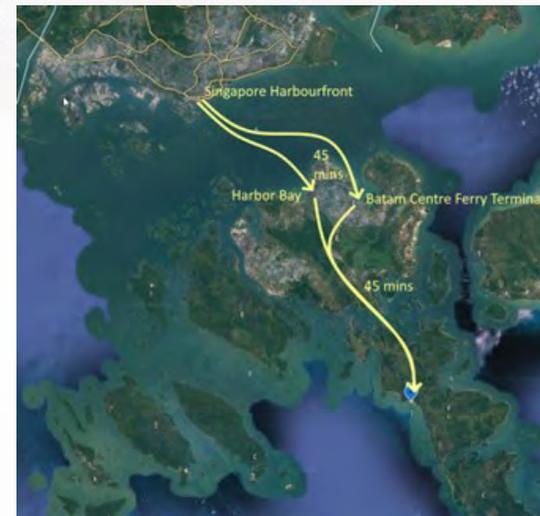


The lease ran out after 30 years in 2007 and Sentosa Island became the place for tourism and gracious living. We did have camps after that of course, but these were rented sites and it did not feel the same.

Now the camping ministry for the Scripture Union movement globally is an important part of the SU DNA; Josiah Spiers, the founder of SU in the UK, began by taking street kids to the beach.

Thus, for the longest time, we have been looking at potential sites to serve the camping ministry and had surveyed different locations in Johor prior to COVID. But we also had an eye on the island south of Singapore.

Earlier this year, we were able to arrange access to a suitable piece of land in the Bareleng area of Batam – Bareleng is a concatenation of 3 the names of 3 islands – Batam, Rempang and Galang Islands.



The islands are linked by a series of 6 bridges increasing the size of Batam considerably. The Bareleng land area is over 700 km2, roughly similar to the land size of Singapore.

SU Singapore now has long-term access to a beach campsite after the fourth bridge on Rempang Island. This is an island of about 165 km2 with a length of about 70km.

It's close – it takes about 45 minutes to go from Singapore to Batam by ferry and about another 45 minutes to go from the ferry terminal to the SU campsite. Apart from SU Camps, this campsite will be open for use by churches and organisations in Singapore, especially as a place where youth can come chill and experience God.



The independent Indonesian entity that SU Singapore works with, is "Suci Kamp Avontur" (SUKA for short) – the Holiness Adventure camp or the Adventure camp for Holiness. (The word for Scripture in Bahasa Indonesia is Buku Suci).

The beach campsite is located in the second cove on the western side of Rempang Island and you will recognise it if searching it on Google Earth because of the large sand beach that shows up as a white crescent.

The white beach area indicates the 200-metre shallow beach that gives safety to the young and non-swimmers, because, at high tide, most of the beach is wadable at knee level

On Google Earth, there is a squarish brown patch which is part of the 4 Hectare site, which goes into the sea and also inland. The inland section is where the "Visitors Centre" is located, and will have an indoor area for sheltered activities and also allow a meeting of 200-250 people.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



The brown area is the camping area where chalets and toilet facilities are located. Accommodation and toilets for girls and boys are on opposite sides of the camping ground. The area between the constructed accommodation is an open area where tents can be pitched or activities held. God willing, SUKA will have the basic structures up by Q1 2023. Although we have access to the site, it began as a greenfield project where we have to provide our own facilities.

Apart from the beach site, SUKA also has access to a site in the forest that can be accessed by a road (shown in white) or through the mangrove river (shown in blue). The plan is for the development of activities such as camping/ glamping, river crossings and trekking to be available.

Campers can look forward to many activities at both sites eventually, although the primary focus, for now, is the beach site. SUKA will host sea sport activities like swimming, snorkelling, kayaking stand-up paddling, rafting, trekking – river and land, fishing and diving as possible activities. In this, we need to be guided by advice from the young.

For fishing, apart from the beach and the mouth of the river, there are a couple of islands a little away from the SUKA campsite where fishing and diving can be done. We already can arrange fishing activities with local fishing boats for fishing enthusiasts who would like to come and test the waters.

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This is a journey of faith and we begin in faith without much of the funds necessary to set up and properly equip the camp. Digging a well is a costly, emotional act of faith. It's hard work driven by the desire to discover water further down as we dig. And we know that without faith, it is impossible to please God.

In terms of physical needs, we need probably 300 stackable chairs for the Visitors Centre, musical equipment and a sound system, and all kinds of sea sports equipment like boats, paddle boards, kayaks and even snorkelling and fishing equipment.

For accommodation, we need bunk beds, mattresses and linen. For the kitchen, we need commercial equipment to help prepare and feed hungry campers, cutlery and crockery and utensils. If you know sources which want to get rid of any of this kind of material, perhaps churches upgrading their sound systems or have older but still sturdy chairs they don't need, please let us know.

Most of all, we need enthusiastic volunteers who will help us to put things together, be our champions and make the suggestions that will make the campsite a great place to come to. In fact, to evaluate and plan activities, we would like to invite a focus group of youth to come and spend some time with us there. Just pay for your travel and hotel accommodation and we will take care of the rest!

For those who remember the SU Campsite and the meaningful ministry engagement it offered, and who have the means to help more substantively, please consider giving towards SUKA to help us complete the facilities required. Help us to provide a comfortable and unforgettable place that all will enjoy coming to.

A place where Christians of all ages and walks of life can come and chill. Support us. Come alongside us, and begin this new adventure together. As ever, support us in prayer because, despite all the outward physical activity, this is still at its core, a spiritual endeavour to build a place where folks can experience the holiness of God. May the Lord bless and provide in this new campsite.

To Volunteer, please email admin@su.org.sg / call 6337-1437. To Donate, please refer to Page 1 (National Director's Message)



Arnold Khoo,
Chairman
Scripture Union
Singapore

Walking with Children

Have you ever wanted to build a better relationship with children? This course is designed for parents, teachers, children ministry workers and those who want to learn how to walk with a child. It will help you build a relationship with your child by learning how they think and act. You will go into their world and play with them.

If a child is facing troubles, the course will guide you to help the child to walk through the problem. This programme will be conducted in two modules. Do note that there is a limit of participants for maximized learning.

Pre-requisite for daily assignments: You will need to make contact with a primary-aged (7-12 years) child. This child could be a child from church, your neighbour's child, or a friend's child. Please arrange to see the same child every evening after the day's lesson as the assignments build upon each other. You will need to make arrangements to meet the same child 10 times – once after each session.

For more information:

Website: www.su.org.sg
Email: Rev Flora (florachew@su.org.sg);
Monica Sham (monicasham@su.org.sg)

SU Singapore reserves the right to cancel or postpone the programme due to low enrolment, or other circumstances which would make the event non-viable.



WALKING WITH CHILDREN COURSE 2023

Module 1: Entering the Life of Children (5 Saturdays) - 4 Feb, 11 Feb, 18 Feb, 25 Feb, 4 Mar 2023

Module 2: Walking with Children (5 Saturdays) - 25 Mar, 1 Apr, 15 Apr, 22 Apr, 29 Apr 2023

Time: 9am - 1pm
(excludes 1 hour of fieldwork with child)

Cost: S\$400/participant

Time: 9am - 1pm
(lunch will not be provided)

Address: 409 Serangoon Central, #01-303 S(550409)



What does Easter mean to you?

Easter is a time where believers come together to remember the work of Jesus on the cross. Jesus died for all our sins and when He rose on the third day, He provided a way for us to enter the kingdom of God. As long as we believe, we will enter Heaven.

Easter this year saw Scripture Union Singapore staff and volunteers at various places ministering to children of different ages.

On Good Friday, we went to Yishun Christian Church (Anglican). The children worshipped and played games. Through the games, they learnt that "Love is Alive". Indeed, love is alive when Jesus showed what love is by dying on the cross and then rising from the dead on the third day.

We spent two weekends teaching about Resurrection Sunday. One Sunday was spent at Emmaus Evangelical Free Church and another at The Bible Church. The children from both churches embarked on a journey of discovery about what it means when Jesus rose to life. It meant that when they believed in Jesus, they will follow Him to a place of no tears or pain – heaven.

Praise God for the children who answered the call for salvation. May we continue the work that God has called us to do.

SU HOLIDAY TREK PROGRAMME (HTP) / VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) 2022



Hi Rev Flora, MJ, Monica. Thank you for leading and facilitating the recent ZGMKidz camp programme. The kids were deeply blessed by your ministry, and they enjoyed themselves tremendously during the two-day camp. Thank you also for sowing into this generation to raise up godly children who will know God and love Him.

*Myra Tan, Sunday School Teacher
Zion Gospel Mission*



We would like again to express our heartfelt thanks to the Scripture Union, Rev Flora, Monica and Maryjane for pouring out their love and joy to our children and teaching them in the ways of our Lord. God bless!

*TienHwa Teh, Children's Ministry Overseer
Zion Gospel Mission*

Bethesda Frankel Estate Church / Bethesda Katong Kindergarten

The Vacation Bible School conducted by the SU team namely, Rev Flora, Monica and Maryjane from 31 May to 2 Jun 2022 was fantastic. The three facilitators were enthusiastic and engaging, using language and activities appropriate for children of the age group. They were cognizant of the short attention span of children, thus activities were changed frequently and child-friendly, lending many opportunities for the children's participation eg children took on roles or changed image cards of the characters in the bible stories. I am sure God will continue to work in the hearts of the young children through the messages and teaching points which were clearly and effectively communicated.

*Ms Wong Lee Pin, Principal
Bethesda Katong Kindergarten*

Mount Carmel Bible Presbyterian



I would like to say again a big 'Thank You' to Rev Flora, Monica, Maryjane and the team (including Angela and Paul) for conducting the

programme for our kids over the weekend. The kids really enjoyed themselves, but more than that, you engaged their hearts and minds throughout and showed them authentic love and faith in Jesus to teach and encourage them.

*Sister Chai Chor Tiang
Children's Ministry Overseer
Mt Carmel Bible Presbyterian Church*

YOUTH CAMP AFTER-GLOW

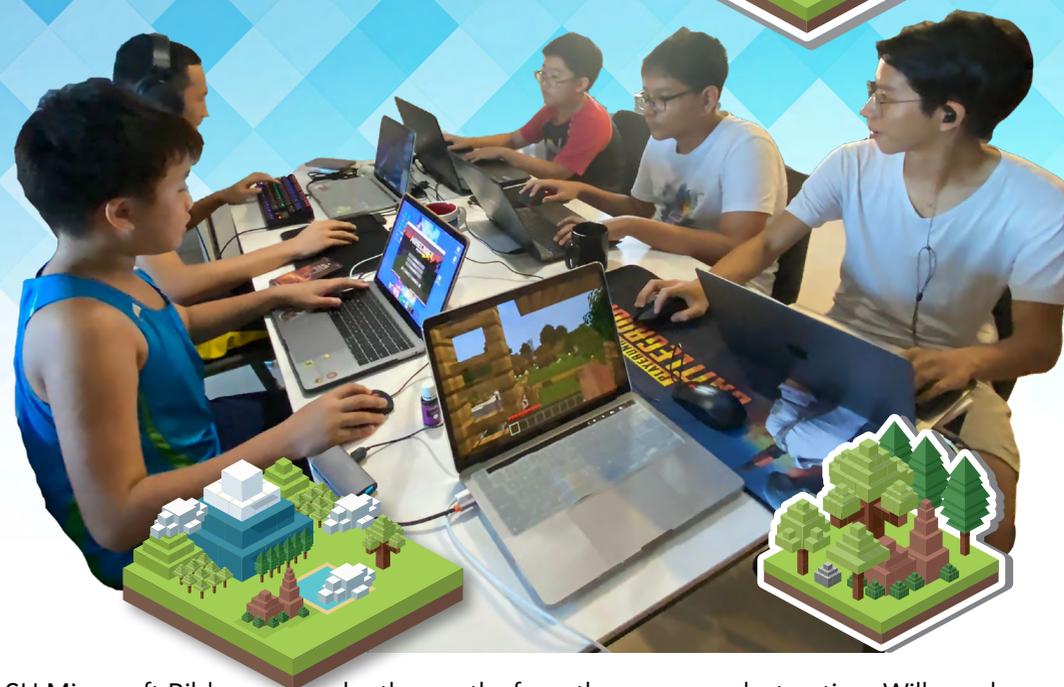


3 months after the “Homecoming” Youth Camp in 2021, it was a reunion for the campers! The youths were seated according to their previous camp groups to interact with one another and their leaders. The two camp commandants kick-started the event with an icebreaker followed by a video montage and a time of reflection; to recount their personal experiences and amazing encounters with God during the camp.

Aligning with the new theme “Endgame”, Luke concluded with a question: “How should we Christians live, as we expect the imminent return of Christ?” before extending an invitation to attend the “Endgame” youth camp.

Find out what happened during the “Endgame” year-end youth camp 2022 in our next issue of IG - ISSUE 01/2023! For more event details or to register, please check out www.su.org.sg/events.

MINECRAFT BIBLE ENGAGEMENT



The SU Minecraft Bible Engagement project is an equipping tool for youths from SU@CF (Scripture Union Christian Fellowship) to learn about the gospel in a fun and interactive way. Studies have shown that playing virtual games enhances social and life skills such as being resourceful, adaptable and a team player.

Almost a year in the making, the SU Youth Ministry Team and SU volunteers researched, conceptualised and designed a whole new world. Just imagine; the narrative from “Noah’s Ark” and building it virtually in 3D! The “Minecraft Bible Engagement - Noah’s Ark” was officially launched on Monday, 6 June 2022. The session was hybrid (online and on-site) and attended

by the youths from the Bread of Life (Singapore). The experience allowed the youths to learn bible verses while acquiring crafting tools for the game.

Luke empowered the youths by “Mining” these truths from the Bible. What can we learn? “During the days of Noah, people pleased and gratified their flesh. Only Noah and his family remained obedient to God. Although building the ark may seem ridiculous and boring, Noah and his family persevered under constant taunting, disgruntling, and hardship. Eventually, Noah and his family were saved from the flood.

The world’s ways may seem pleasurable and liberating but will eventually lead to

destruction. Will we choose to follow the world that leads to destruction or follow God who gives eternal life? There is no sitting on the fence. We need to pick a side and make a decision soon, for we know not when God’s judgement will come nor when will Jesus return.”



Don't miss the boat!

Do you enjoy gaming and “mining” for truths from the Bible? Want to organise a session for the youths from your church or an outreach session? The possibilities are endless. For more details, please contact the SU Youth Ministry Team.

"Two full days of fun and learning. We indeed had a great time of fruitful Biblical instruction! All praise to God our Father."

"Our journey with God may have ups and downs, but we should always learn to listen to Him and not always be the one speaking, sometimes its best if we listen to what God has to say to our prayers, that is the best option. We must be open to Him."

"He has a plan for us, we need not worry, now we just follow Him."

ENDGAME

BIBLE CONFERENCE 2022

"Our walk with God isn't just about going to Church every Sunday, it's about our journey with God being throughout our lives, it should be carried out not just in church but everywhere. WE are the church, because God is with us everywhere we go."

"Boldly go and reach out to the people that in need, especially the Vietnamese who live in Singapore for I have a heart and a burden for them."

"I felt that God was directly telling me to cease conforming in worldly things as they do not bring satisfaction unlike what the Lord and His word can offer."



It was back to physical mode, as we conducted our annual SU Bible Conference this year, life following post-Covid easing of restrictions. Our theme **ENDGAME** was meant as a jolt to our young people, to be on ready mode for end times. Our Scripture verse taken from Matthew 24:13 sounded the charge "but the one who endures to the end will be saved."

This year, we had Dr James Lee, Founder and President of River of Life Ministries, Virginia USA, as our key-note speaker. Dr Lee a Korean born American served in the U.S Air force, after which he founded River of Life Ministries and Global Harvest

Network to equip Christians to expand God's kingdom to the nations. Having ministered to many youths in Europe and most recently in Ukraine, Dr Lee and team led us in a time of teaching on walking in kingdom authority and power for world missions.

In 1 Corinthians 4:20, we were reminded, "For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power". Matthew 28:18 highlighted Christ's claim that " All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth".

In Acts 1:8, we read "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon

you." With these verses, we were encouraged to live fully, embrace the Holy Spirit to seek the will of God in our lives. There was also a time of ministry where the youths were challenged to show forgiveness to those who hurt them. The youths were also prayed for to step up and follow God's calling to live a life that is radically transformed for His glory and purpose.



Dr JAMES LEE

Three workshop sessions were lined up for the youths. "Creative Outreach Ministry" was hosted by Glenn Ho, owner of LOWERCASE, a mashed-up space for creatives to eat, work, study and play where he dared us, to desire to make a difference in our communities and reach out to friends. "Reaching out to Wounded Communities" was helmed by Jennifer

Heng, Advocate, Founder & Director of Safe Place. Living in a broken world amidst suffering, pain and hurt, youths were nudged to learn how to deal with such circumstances and still be able to reach out to those still hurting.

Lastly, a topic which ever so often gets queried by young folks "Faith & Vocation".

Dr Sammi Si-Hoe, former Scientist, researcher and now pastoral staff with a local church, walked us through discovering God's calling for us in our vocation and how our faith may contribute in deciding our future endeavours, to enable us to live life to our fullest.

IN FOCUS: CAMBODIA

Bible Teaching in SU Cambodia, 8th - 11th Sep 2022

Following our Bible conference in Singapore, Dr James Lee and team continued the 2nd leg of their Bible teaching to Cambodia on 8th September 2022, meeting Brother Long Sitha, our SU Cambodia Movement Head. First stop was Trabaek Village in the Kampong Cham Province, about 3 hours drive from Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia.

The team brought with them 11 youths helping as disciples joining them on this mission trip. They fellowshipped with over 230 children and preached the goodnews to 9 elders at Trabaek. Trabaek is where SU Cambodia conducts regular tuition classes to help the community kids.

The journey continued the next day to Bible Camp at Mondulkiri Province, another 5 hours by bus. Over the next 3 days they visited the Prash Por Chamka Tae (Blessing Tea Farm Church). They ministered to over 85 adults and 40 children in the community.

This was conducted at a local church in Mondulkiri pastored by local Cambodian pastor Ps Touch Sinoeun. It was three full days at this Bible Training Camp, truly a fruitful time with many children coming to hear the Gospel for the first time and many receiving the Lord.



IN FOCUS: HO CHI MINH, VIETNAM

Bible Teaching in SU Vietnam, 12th - 17th Sep 2022

“Praising God, Impacting lives”

From Cambodia the team flew into Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam on a Monday 12th September 2022. The following day, the team visited SU HCMC staff at their premises, and heard their testimonies of God’s wonderful work in their midst over the past decade. We also surveyed the kids and youth ministry’s teaching material, written and illustrated so beautifully by SU’s creative staff. We also had the opportunity to visit the sound and music studios where SU volunteers present were mixing, remixing and producing Christian music and ministry songs for the Vietnamese diaspora in the Americas, Europe and elsewhere. Their creative works are truly God-touched, and all their staff and volunteers worked sacrificially and so humbly. We prayed with groups of them in different places, that God will recharge and enable them as their international ministries impact more lives locally and in far-flung countries.

We were also privileged to be able to meet SU staff and volunteers socially over a fellowship lunch. Instead of encouraging them, the visiting team felt most encouraged by the excellent ministries of SU HCMC and their inspiring example.

In the evening, Dr James Lee shared a powerful message to open the SU youth seminar, which continued the next morning to evening. The hall was full of hungry participants responding to the powerful teaching of Dr James and his colleagues.

They sought prayers to be empowered by the Holy Spirit in their life and ministry. We were so blessed that the sister Esther was able to personally do the interpretation in all the teaching sessions, among her busy schedules.

From HCMC the team travelled to the Dalat highlands, Province of Lam Dong experiencing a ten degree temperature drop when they arrived in the city of pretty flowers and eternal spring. Here, in the evening, campus youths were eagerly awaiting a message of hope to prepare them for the exciting life of making Christ known and relying on the Holy Spirit, in marketplace ministries. The meeting went late into the night and God was present touching lives.

The next day, the team surveyed the hilltop city, and dropped by some students’ housing to pray individually for youths gathered to seek their life directions. We called on God to raise these willing believers to become disciples after His own heart.

Besides these, we had the opportunity to witness God’s healing touch and power in a woman who was bed bound. We also prayed with a Korean pastor who started a cafe in the city and for a Singapore worker who had worked 30 years with a local tribe; that God will rekindle him for the new ministries ahead.

In all we praise God for what He has done in 2 weeks of impactful ministry that Dr James, Pastor Jeff and Bro Daniil had humbly submitted themselves to do partnering SU Singapore in Singapore, Cambodia and Vietnam.

To God be the glory!

East West & South Asia Community Group Gathering – Youth Ministry Day (via Zoom)

On the 28th July 2022, at 2pm (Spore time), 66 participants from 18 SU movements in Asia gathered over Zoom our Youth Ministry Day. Led by our Asia Pacific Field Director, Dr Lim Teck Boon, the aim of this meeting was to congregate for a time of learning and engagement with one another, on Youth Ministry programmes/activities.

Presentations were contributed by SU Peninsula Malaysia (SUPM) and SU Singapore (SU Spore). SUPM got us rolling with their ‘Christian Fellowship (online)’ initiative. This was followed by the ‘Sports & Youth programme’, where we were shown by SUPM how youths can come together for a time of games and eventual friendship through evangelism.

Dorcas Liu (Executive – Youth Ministry SU Spore) walked us through the ‘Value Based Education’ conducted amongst local Singapore organizations. SUPM taught us the basics in ‘Bible Engagement Training’ and the ‘ISC – International Students Camp’- a biannual camp for participating youths in the region.

We were next introduced to the Audio Bible Contest – an annual event which is a regional collaboration with Faith Comes by Hearing (Asia), SUPM and SU Spore. Luke Ng (Head- Youth Ministry SU Spore) wrapped up the sessions by presenting SU Singapore’s ‘Youth Camp’, ‘Bible Conference’ and ‘Youth Ministry Equipping’ initiatives.

Group discussions were initiated, as we were placed in various breakout rooms to hear from respective Movement leaders and share their local experiences. In the absence of a proper physical gathering, this was a highly productive and constructive way of optimising learning experiences together.

Thanks be to God.



The escalating world events commencing February 2022 made life extremely difficult for everyone. COVID-19 and its devastating impact brought the entire world almost to her knees. The increasingly intense fighting in Ukraine added to the struggles around the world. In the midst of all this pain and suffering, it was easy to succumb to despair.

The Greek word ‘know’ is ‘ginōskō’ describes the type of knowledge that surrounds cultivating an intimate relationship with another being. The Greek word ‘entrusted’ is ‘paratheke’ which translated is ‘deposited’; a monetary banking term where one can place funds safely and securely.

Looking in the Bible, we find encouragement through one man who suffered extreme hardship but never gave up, Paul the Apostle. Paul suffered much tribulation wherever he went, both

Owing to his intimate relationship with Christ, Paul knew he could confidently entrust his life to Jesus. Despite his suffering, Paul was convinced that Christ would protect him and

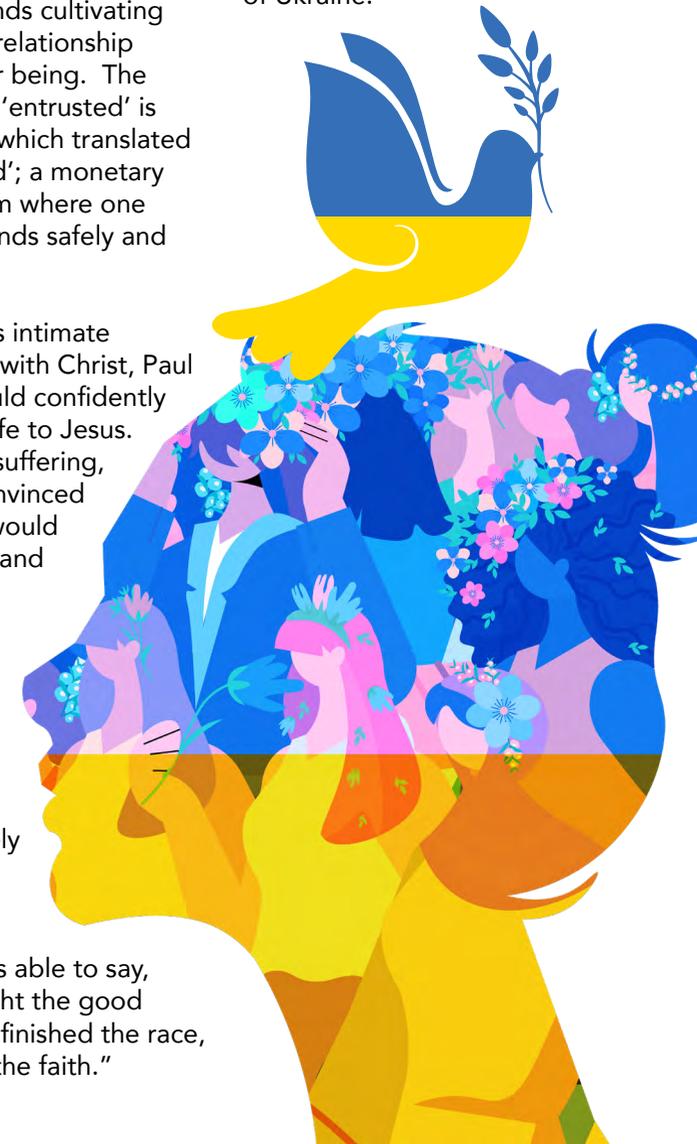
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among Jews as well as Gentiles. In 2 Corinthians 11: 23-28, Paul gave us a glimpse of the extreme suffering he experienced. Yet the amazing fact remains, despite all his immense difficulties, Paul was able to put his entire trust and confidence in the Lord Jesus Christ.

see him safely through. Towards the end of his life, Paul was able to say, “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” (2 Tim 4:7)

In the months of April 2022 onwards, Scripture Union International organised a global time of prayer for all SU movements around the world to come together in solidarity to pray for the people and nation of Ukraine.

We joined in for some 30 minutes on regular Thursday sessions in prayer, after some updates by our SU Ukrainian partners. The joy and peace of the Lord was our strength. We united in oneness as we upheld the nation and people of Ukraine.



Certificate in Practical Children’s Ministry

Dear Readers/Supporters,

Thank you for your continuous support of Scripture Union Singapore’s Certificate of Practical Children’s Ministry (CPCM) for the last decade. CPCM started in 2011 and has seen over 349 students.

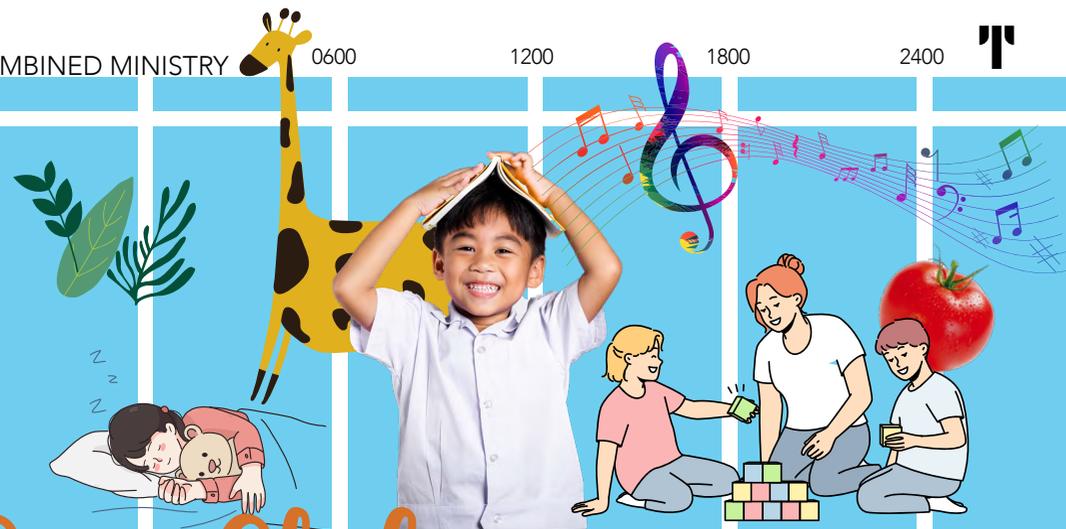
We give praise and thanks to God the these precious Sunday school teachers who had been trained in this programme and trust that they have been faithfully and passionately applying the acquired tools effectively in their children’s ministry.

After eleven years of training, we are taking a year’s hiatus in 2023 to relook, revamp and refresh the training method to better cater to the needs of the modern Sunday school teacher. Acts 3:19-21 “... that times of refreshing may come from this presence of the Lord, and that He may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ... time of restoring all the things by which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets long ago.” Do keep a look out for the new CPCM in 2024.

Your continual support towards this training programme is much appreciated. Thank you and God bless.

SU’s Children’s Ministry Team





CareClub

CareClub is a programme designed to provide children with a safe and nurturing environment. It is conducted via Zoom once a month on Saturdays. The SU Children's and Youth ministry teams together with volunteers plan the programme that aims to empower the children as they experience God's love and support from the community.

A special outing was organised on Friday, 10 June 2022 to bond with the children. Filled with obstacle courses, spiralling slides, thrilling tunnels and trampolines, the indoor playground provided a sensory experience and unleash the inner ninjas. Immersed in play, warm memories were created and relationships strengthened.



What do children really need? Zig Ziglar once said, "To a child, love is spelled T-I-M-E." The early years of a child are vital for healthy growth. Studies have shown that having a healthy and solid bond, creates a positive impact on the child's emotional and mental development. By being present and available, the group was able to model how to communicate, connect and love one another.

"Time is free, but it's priceless. You can't own it, but you can use it. You can't keep it, but you can spend it. Once you've lost it you can never get it back."

Ponder: How do you spend quality time with your children and loved ones?

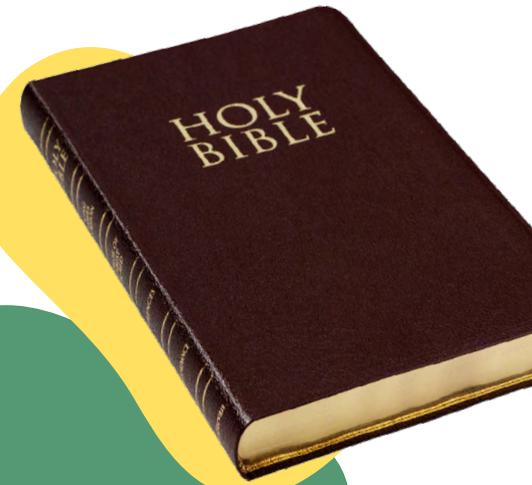
AUDIO BIBLE CONTEST (ABC) 2.0

Scripture Union Singapore is privileged to partner with Faith Comes By Hearing (FCBH) Asia for this year's contest. The online ABC 2.0 Grand Finale held on 27 August 2022 brought together 130 finalists who competed in 5 different languages - English, Vietnamese, Chinese, Cantonese and Tamil - on the Books of Ephesians, Philippians and Acts. This year, more than 1,500 contestants participated in ABC (both online and offline) from Singapore, Malaysia, Vietnam, Hong Kong, and Ghana.

ABC is rooted in the fact that listening is an effective way to know the Word of God in their indigenous languages. It challenges youths and children aged 7 to 18 years old to exercise their Bible knowledge while applying their gaming skills in an online quiz to ground our children deeper into the Word of God as the firm foundation of their lives and in their generation. Representing Singapore, 10-year-old Joshua Gladwyn from Hosanna House of Prayer emerged as the top winner of his age category two years in a row, while 8-year-old Karen Annette from Ang Mo Kio Tamil Methodist Church and 14-year-old Matthew Cornelius from Jurong Tamil Methodist Church are first-time winners.



Vietnam Contestant preparing for ABC at home in Vietnam.



TESTIMONY FROM SINGAPORE

Karen's mother, Carunya expressed her joy and explained why she felt ABC is a great event for churches and families, "ABC created a lot of interest in the children to read God's Word and understand it.

ABC has not just impacted family, but created an impact in our church also, as our Sunday school strongly supported preparing the kids. Children were very excited and these competitions brought out the best in them in the Lord!

As parents, we sat with Karen doing rapid revision and quizzing her. We were so happy the Word has become embedded in her.

They also learnt about the need for God's word in remote places, our privileges and our responsibilities in sharing God's word or supporting ministries that take the Gospel to the unreached."



Check out what Matthew Cornelius (first-time winner from Singapore) has to share on our website www.su.org.sg



Tribute to the late Sabrina Ho Lai Seong

It is with much sadness and joy to write about the late Sabrina Ho Lai Seong. Sabrina was from the first batch of Scripture Union Singapore's Sunday school teachers trained in Certificate in Practical Children's Ministry (CPCM).

She believed in the ministry's mission and became an ardent volunteer for SU's events, both children and youth ministries. In 2015, she worked part-time with SU for about half a year.

During this period, she was diagnosed with early-stage bone cancer, hence resigned from SU to focus on the recovery process.

Even amid recovery, she was constantly in contact with us and was always interested in keeping abreast with SU's ongoing events. When she was able to, she would attend some of our events, namely, the Jana Alayra's Children Concert. Needless to say, she had covered us and our ministries in her prayers.

We remember her passionate and fervent calling to serve God in the children's ministry in her home church as well as SU. She was always humble and had a teachable spirit. A meek and gentle spirited person who always looked on the positive side of things when things don't seem so bright.

A living testimony of faith, Sabrina will be dearly missed at Scripture Union Singapore.

Sabrina was called home to the Lord on 19 April 2022.

Hi! My name is Sugi.

I am from Indonesia and have been living in Singapore since 2007. I am married to my wife, Ervina. Both of us serve in Sunday School and also volunteer with SU Children's Ministry.



Meet Sugiarto

To me, children are an important asset for the next generation. There was a clip I saw 'You're Losing Us' that struck me and taught me how important children are. I was a Sunday School child despite my family not being Christian. Though I had yet to believe in Jesus Christ during Sunday School days, the Living Word remained in me until one day at age 18 the Holy Spirit touched me and guided me, to understand the truth that we are all sinners. That helped me experience the love of God who died on the cross for our sins which changed my entire life; coming to know, to love and serve Him.

Back in Indonesia, I served in the main congregation in a rostered team to help prepare the one-year sermon topics and schedule the guest pastors, as well as serving in the teens' ministry. However, moving to Singapore there was a call to serve in the Children's Ministry. A few years later I learned about SU and I thought I needed

'something' to evaluate myself and seek guidance. I, therefore, signed up for the CPCM program. Since then I am a regular volunteer with SU and later, my wife joined me as well to volunteer with SU. Though it is tiring, there are many blessings and joys when serving God, especially when seeing the children want to know Jesus and grow in Christ.

When volunteering with SU, the brothers and sisters supported one another, making each event a unique and memorable experience. As a volunteer, I learned a lot from Brother David Leong, Pastor Flora, and Sister Monica. There was a

time when Brother David Leong and I volunteered in the Holiday Trek Program in Desaru, Johor. The electricity went off from afternoon till night but we still carried on with the program, thanks be to God! David Leong told me we needed to roll up our sleeves and 'play by ear'.

Praise the Lord, the children were attentive and enjoyed the games and the teaching, all under the dim emergency light near the main lobby. One memorable lesson I have learnt from SU is that if you cannot control the children, the children will control you. So be prepared always, pray and experience the love and the power of God.



I am Luke Zachary Ng

God's call for me in my life had always been crystal clear – to serve Him wholly. It was something I could never run away from (believe me; I have tried). The precise, specific ministry He wanted me to be in, was set out right from the beginning.



I grew up in a dysfunctional family. My biological dad left my 18-year-old mum after he found out that she was carrying me. She then left me in the care of my maternal grandparents from birth. Shortly after, she disappeared and I grew up wondering what had happened to her, as no one would disclose anything to me.

The constant feeling of being an outcast, an outsider was ever so real. My grandparents would often remind me that I would be thrown out of the house if I were to misbehave. I struggled to find love and a sense of belonging even in school. My teachers would often attribute my poor performance and inadequacies to my upbringing – one who was abandoned by his parents. As you would have guessed, I grew up with lots of anger in me; and an enormous sense of low self-esteem.

Through it all, the Lord continued to watch over me. But by His grace, I was led to study in a mission school where I came to learn about the love of God. However, I was too self-absorbed as a young boy, and was not open to the Gospel as I continued to abide in my sinful ways. Eventually, both my grandparents passed on. That was the ultimate wake-up call for me, as I no longer had anyone to rely on. The need to juggle between my studies and work become an inevitable reality for me.

At 18, I entered the Singapore Polytechnic and that was the beginning of my encounter with Jesus. I vividly remember walking past the different CCA (CO-Curricular Activities) booths when I came across a strange middle-aged man who had a prominent pair of sunglasses, in the hall. He was playing his guitar and singing out loud. Honestly, he looked too old to be a student.

Nonetheless, I brushed that thought aside, believing that it was possible for someone his age to be taking his Diploma and being in a CCA. I was strangely attracted by his weird demeanour and I approached the booth thinking it could be the guitar club. With the widest smile, he told me he was from the Poly Christian Fellowship. Upon hearing his introduction, I began to plan my exit as I did not want any associations with a religion; especially one that proclaims that God loves us.

However, through his caring persuasion, I relented and gave my contact to him. That strange man eventually became my mentor and close friend to this very day. Many weeks passed on, they invited me to attend their meetings. I entertained that invitation as I wanted just to have fun (and while at it I wanted to wreck some havoc).

After many weeks, the leaders struggled with me as I would continuously interrupt their Bible studies sessions by bombarding them with bewildering questions that would rattle even the foundation of their own faiths.

A couple of months later, I was invited to join them in a youth camp at Saint Andrew's Village. On the very last day of the camp, I had a supernatural encounter with Christ that completely changed the course of my destructive lifestyle. That encounter transformed me completely and I came out of the camp "a new creation in Christ."

A few months after the camp, I received God's calling for me to go into full-time ministry. Over the course of six months, God's call for me was affirmed by four individuals who were either pastors or full-time ministers, and they were not acquainted with one another. As they were praying for me, they heard God calling for me to fulfil my call to serve Him full-time and to stop running from this calling. So eventually, I surrendered and embraced the call from God.

Thereafter, I went to a Theological seminary to take a Bachelor's degree and eventually obtained my Masters, while serving as a minister in church. The Lord's call for me to serve primarily in the Youth Ministry became so overwhelming that I had to take a leap of faith to leave the church ministry behind, yet not knowing what was next for me

By His divine appointment, I was invited to join Scripture Union Singapore and have been there since 2016 till today. Even with my 17 years of experience in the youth ministry since my Polytechnic days, I would still feel inept in youth ministry work. This inadequate feeling often spurs me on, to study, and read further so that I can be more effective in the ministry.

Through my life experiences, I am able to better empathise with youths who are hurting and struggling with low self-esteem. One reason why many youths are leaving the church today is because they do not feel loved and accepted by the church community. They have yet to comprehend what it means to be loved wholeheartedly by God. Therefore, my personal encounter with God and how He could save someone like me became a driving force to reach out to these youths.

At the end of the day, I am passionate about raising a God-fearing generation through intentional discipleship. I firmly believe in the importance of training youth leaders so that they can be better equipped in reaching out to the next generation. Children and youths are the leaders of tomorrow, so what we do today matters.



P.S. If you want to hear more about my life story and my encounter with God, you are most welcome to have coffee with me!

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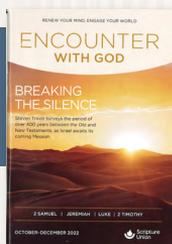
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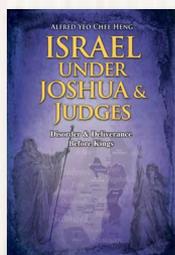


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