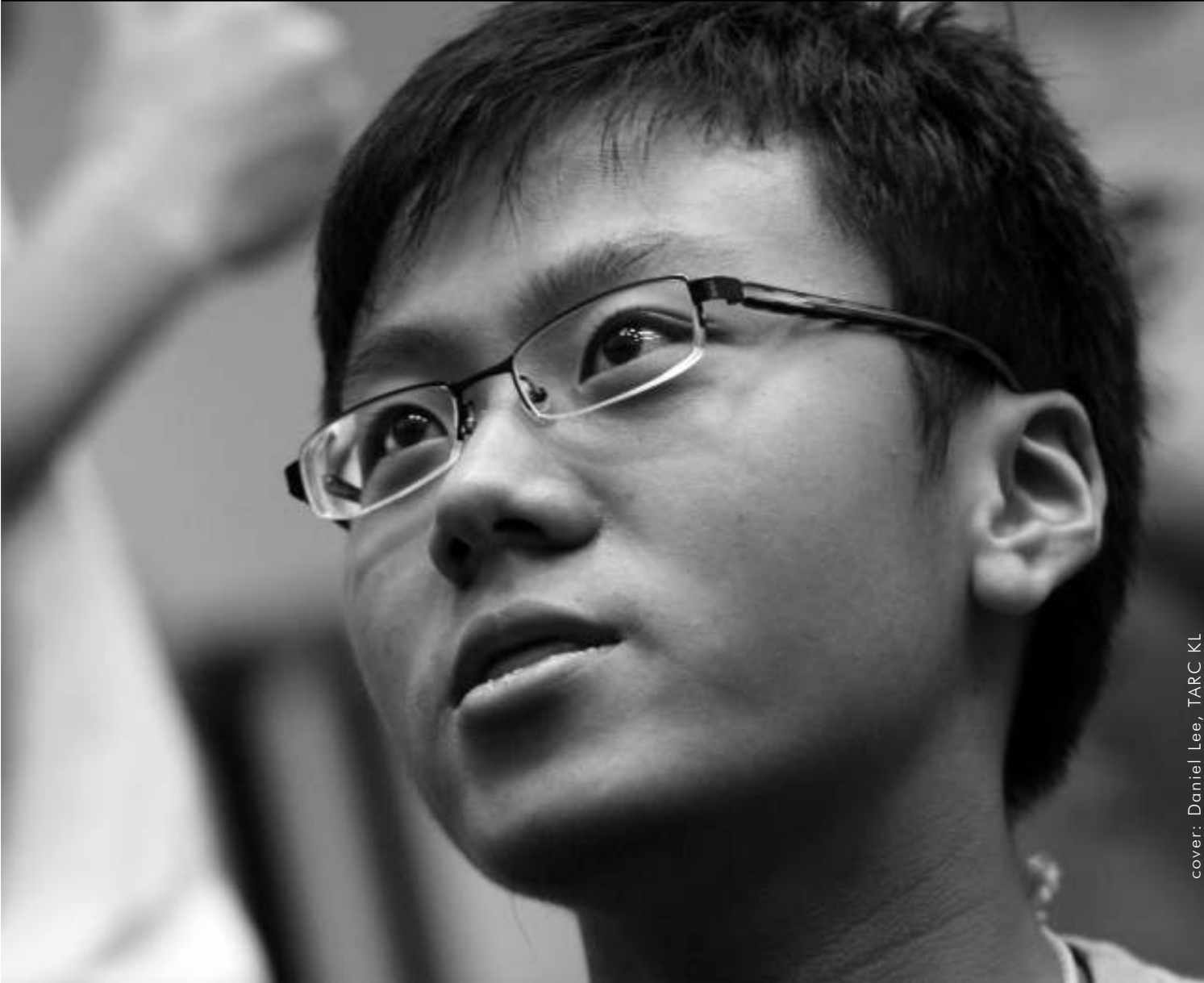




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at a Glance



Whenever people turn their lives to God, there will be transformation in both personal and public spheres of our faith. These are the two sides to the same coin, yet the public aspect of it is often neglected. The call to U-Turn this generation is also a call to participate and engage in the life of our community and society at large.

We share with you some of their stories and challenges...

May this issue challenge us to live out our faith in everyday life and see the extraordinary grace of God that accompanies all our endeavours.



Our mission
**To inspire students
towards holistic growth in
Christ & to empower them
to live out the gospel.**

U-TURNING OUR GENERATION...

“
**Heed the Lion's
 roar! U-Turn while
 there is time!!**
 ”



Dr. Loh Kim Cheng
 FES General Secretary



The Lion Roars .. A Proud Nation Shaken & Exposed!

Israel had done well as a nation! Politically, Jeroboam II was able to free them from the oppression of their enemies and to extend political control over the surrounding nations. They were strong, victorious and experiencing good times ~ business was booming, people were happy. The wealthy were powerful and influential, religion was thriving.

So, when Amos appeared on scene at Bethel, Israel's main centre of religious worship, God's people must have cheered him on! After all, Amos was speaking God's judgment upon the nations surrounding Israel, condemning them for their brutality, evil, heartless crimes - many against the Israelites in the past. Surely God is on their side!! Louder cheers as Judah, Amos' own country, is not

spared from judgment! (1:1 – 2:5). What a shock it was then, when Amos turned to them with a warning that they too would not go unpunished for their sins! (2:6 – 3:2). Some would probably have thought, “Excuse me?! What nonsense!! Are we not doing well? Is not our prosperity a sign of God's favour & blessing?”

Amos warns God's people to fear Him and to really listen up! (1:2, 3:8) God is not pleased with all their outward show of religiosity and their hypocritical lives - best reflected in the way they treat the poor, the weak, the oppressed and the needy amongst them! God's own people were spiritually dead, morally corrupt, greedy to the point of exploiting and stealing from the poor, denying them justice. Powerful and proud, yet their exuberant expression of religion (4:4-5; 5:21-27) did not impact their public conduct and integrity. Heed the Lion's roar! U-Turn while there is time!!

U-Turns Needed! Seek the LORD and live!!

Today, we will do well to heed the warnings of Amos ~ both personally and corporately as God's People here in Malaysia. It doesn't matter if we are young or old, what language we speak, which ethnic group we are from, east or west ~ we need to hear the LORD's heartbeat for our nation, and be responsible for how we live. Our generation needs to U-Turn from apathy and complacency, pointing fingers at others while refusing to do any good!



NOT (No ORDINARY THING)

Reflections based on Amos

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Only a few people can occupy public office, be in places of prominence and “visible influence”. However, all of us can make a difference by the way we pray and live – beginning in our homes, our churches, our schools / colleges, our work place, our neighbourhood. Seek the LORD and live (5:6), Seek good, not evil (5:14), Hate evil, love good (5:15). Authentic worship of the LORD must result in U-Turned lives that are concerned about the things that break God’s heart in our society (5:21-24)! Faith must result in action. Diligence to read the Word goes hand-in-hand with courage to be investigated by the very Word we are reading!! If we will only open our hearts to the LORD, we will be opened to see “the logs in our own eyes”, the prejudices in our hearts against those who are different from us, and the many injustices in society.



Malaysian society can do with more Christians who earnestly “seek good, not evil”. It is not a call to passive “non-involvement” in anything evil, but living in a way that actively “seek good” so that evil no longer can thrive. Perhaps many of us feel discouraged, hopeless, helpless .. we no longer believe change is possible. “Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream” (5:24) ~ This is God’s concern through His people. God’s Word (and God’s heart) need to be fleshed out through our lives and choices ~ both for ourselves and our children. Kindness and compassion, actively working for the good of others, building bridges of reconciliation and genuine friendship across ethnic and cultural divides. If every person is willing to lay down one brick (e.g. of kindness, generosity, truth, being a voice, racial reconciliation) that changes society by our choice to live differently, others will want in as well! Our generation needs to U-Turn from me-centred living, a preoccupation with personal convenience and comfort. Let’s make courageous choices for good.

U-Turning Our Generation .. No Ordinary Thing!

How did Amos, a shepherd from a small town down south, called Tekoa, end up in the hostile regions in the north? From tending the flock & sycamore-fig trees to confronting the upper echelons of the northern kingdom at Bethel! His life was interrupted, his message unheeded, he was accused of conspiracy against the king and told to “Get Out!”

Why did Amos go? Did he have no choice? “The lion has roared – who will not fear? The Sovereign LORD has spoken – who can but prophesy?” (3:8)

U-Turning Our Generation is NOT about us! Like Amos, we are challenged to entrust our lives in the call of the Sovereign LORD. We have no choice but to speak with our lives, our choices, our message ~ wherever, whatever, whoever! I dream to see many, both young and old, who will heed the call to U-Turn in every nook and corner of Malaysian society, knowing that the LORD God Almighty will be with you (5:14). This my friend, is No Ordinary Thing!

a Moment with

We asked **Ms. Kong Lee Ang**, Administrative Office and Supporter Manager (AOSM), what’s it like to have an AOSM (AWESOME) job...



1. How long were you in Administrative Office Manager (AOM) role?
Since 1 February 2004

2. Since when did your portfolio change slightly (to AOSM)?
Beginning Oct 2010.

3. What is the difference between this role and AOM?
The main difference is having the Supporter Relation work scope under this portfolio

4. What is your long term and short term plans for this role?
While the goal of this portfolio would always be providing support to the field staff and organization, a specific long term plan is to build a pool of volunteers helping out in the various administrative task. Whereas the short term plan would be working towards a greater office automation or simplify work processes wherever possible.

5. Personally, what would be your greatest challenge in this?
To embrace every aspect of the work. Be it repetitious, tedious, meticulous or the urgent.

6. You’re the only staff who does not visit campuses and you’re in a student ministry. How do you keep the vision alive to ensure it does not just remain an ‘administrative’ role?
What helps me most is hearing the life and ministry of the different staff and the events that are taking place and discerning the hand of God in all these.

“ we were well assured that if this is God’s heart then we should just obey Him and He will help us through ”



Benjamin Chan Chee Lupp
Civil & Environmental Engineering, Year 3
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

‘Risk It. U-Turn.’ That was the theme for FES 5th National Conference. The 20 of us from UKM Bangi who attended this conference were greatly touched and challenged. We knew that we had to be agents of transformation in our own campus. We took up the challenge to be JAM* (Jambatan Anak Malaysia) to really break down the walls of prejudice towards our majority neighbour and also to be agents of racial reconciliation. It wasn’t easy for most of us as we have never taken the courage to go against the flow of society. We were afraid that we will be the odd ones. However, after NC we were well assured that if this is God’s heart then we should just obey Him and He will help us through.

When the new semester started, each of us started to do things to slowly transform our campus. Personally, I began to sit and hang out with my Malay course mates. It is the simplest of actions but it gives the most impact to my coursemates. They were shocked when I gave them little presents at Christmas and mandarin oranges during Chinese New Year. The

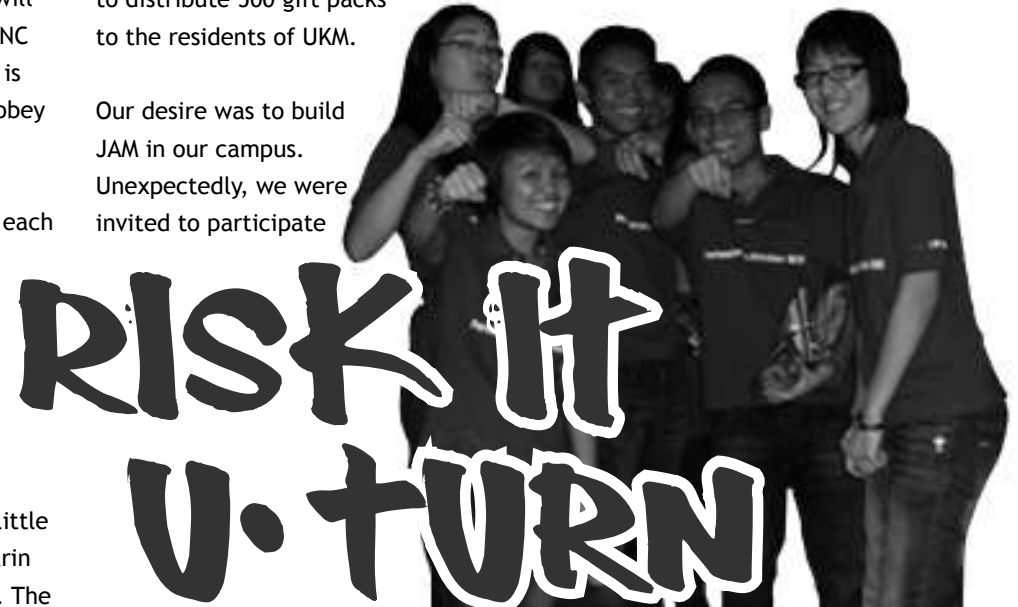
surprising thing was that they allowed me to pray for them at times. I really thank God for these opportunities. It all started with a simple action of sitting next to them in class and talking to them.

As a Christian Fellowship, we’ve been praying around our campus every week. We pray that God will protect and prepare hearts who are hungry to receive Him. This move helped us to see people where they are and to be more aware of our surroundings. On Valentine’s Day as a CF, we were able to distribute 500 gift packs to the residents of UKM.

Our desire was to build JAM in our campus. Unexpectedly, we were invited to participate

in a dialogue and interfaith discussion with 20 students in Islamic Studies. Both sides were surprised at the interaction and free dialogue between us. When we screened the movie ‘GADOH’ to promote racial harmony, we were glad to have some new friends join us for the viewing and discussion.

Ever since, I’ve begun to see changes take place in small ways in UKM. I would continue to ‘Risk It’ for my campus and be the salt and light that God wants me to be.



*See page 11 for more on JAM

Focussing On Sarawak Listen. Transform.

An **agent** is one who is authorized to act on behalf of another.

Transformation means a change from the current situation to a new one.

As an **agent of transformation**, that person has the authority to change the situation to a new one on behalf of another person.

Christians in campus are the agents of transformation and we do it on behalf of God. He uses us as a means to deliver His message to His people. While it is important to know our message and the know-how of delivering the message effectively, it is far more important to live out the message. The truth of the message must be alive in its messengers.

As an agent of transformation in campus we need to listen to His Word and be sensitive to the Father's heart by preparing a space for Him in our heart. Having a time of reflection is one of the methods how we can hear from God and what He is doing in our lives. Therefore, I was very moved when one of our campuses in Sarawak organized a 'Pause Camp' where we paused and pondered on the Word of God. We spent 8 hours of silence just to reflect on our relationship with God. Out of this solitude, most came to realize that their time in campus is limited and the call to be an agent of transformation is indeed an urgent call.

Out of the stillness of listening, we can move out of our comfort zone and take the challenge to build real relationships with friends, course mates or even in society at large that still does not know God.



Jane Jinap Igai
Sarawak regional staff

G.U.N.

GALA UNDANGAN NABI



16th February 2011.

51 student leaders from 14 campuses around Kuching, Sarawak came together to share their stories and struggles in CF, to encourage each other and to share their experiences and challenges from NC 2010..

GUN was an event calling all leaders to be a prophet in their campuses.

Here's what some students at GUN had to say:

I have never seen consumerism from a Christian perspective before.

I really want to have a CF in my college.

From now onwards I'll try to build a real relationship with my Majority friend.

My heart is broken when I see my friends wasting their lives out there.

SOUTH



The 'Geng'



'CETUS' through talks



'CETUS' through discussions



'CETUS' through activities

NORTH



Who do I see in the mirror?



As leaders, we should...



I have a dream!



Engaging, responding



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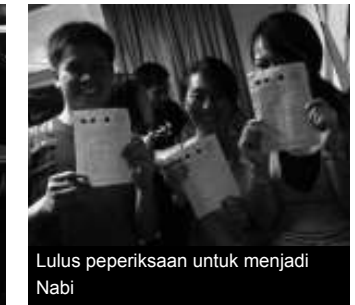
SARAWAK



Makan untuk hidup atau hidup untuk makan?



Modern day prophets



Lulus peperiksaan untuk menjadi Nabi

G.U.N.

OPS RIUT GENG CETUS



CENTRAL



From CF with love - Giving gifts to campus residents on Valentine's Day.



A W.I. Group (Bible Study) investigating God's Word



Studying the Bible together, sharpening each other



Getting acquainted with Manuscript Bible Study



Interacting with the WHOLE campus community



Engaging with Scriptures



STUDENTS ENGAGING SOCIETY



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Up Next...

May

25-31 IFES East Asia Regional Conference (EARC) in Singapore

27-31 Inter-Varsity Students Training Retreat (IVSTR)

June

6-19 Social Work Exposure & Embrace Program (SWEEP)

July

26 Jul -3 Aug IFES World Assembly in Poland

August

31 Aug-2 Sept Plan 11 Mission Conference

for more information, please visit our website @ www.fes.org.my

Focussing On Northern U-Turn: My Generation & I

“
**It’s a choice of
 choosing between
 how the world sees us
 or how God sees us**
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Joshua Chan Yi Hern
 American University Programme (AUP),
 Psychology Major, Year 1
 INTI College, Penang

Camps and conferences are like wonderlands to me. I learn, I am motivated, and want to make a difference after leaving the wonderlands. But, it’s never easy. Never. Last November, I attended National Conference (NC) 2010.

“I want to stop racism!” – It’s hard to totally stop it when you speak *hokkien*. “*Huan Na**”, “*Ke Ling Na**”. Yes, we can change them to “*Ma Lai Kia*” and also “*Inn Toh Kia*”, but how many of us will do that. Our fellow friends will give us a “o.O” look and might say “What’s wrong with you?”



In today’s generation, a supportive team is required to carry out changes and also U-turn the generation. Having friends with individualistic thinking is quite hard sometimes. God placed me in an American education programme, and also guided me to NC as a

single representative from my college. Trying to share what I’ve experienced and learnt in NC and work together is hard, as the others have their own thinking and experiences. Therefore, working alone seems to be the only choice. Perhaps this is what I see as being a prophet of my generation, trying to u-turn it.

Before U-turning the generation, U-turning ourselves is hard enough. Indeed, there are challenges everywhere, and we have a choice to take them or avoid them. It’s a choice of choosing between how the world sees us or how God sees us.

I have a dream. Ultimately, it’s not U-turning the generation, but having the Lord one day say to me, “Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.”

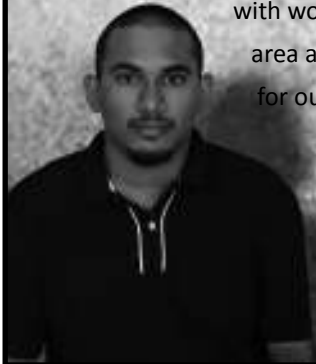
**These two Hokkien terms are commonly used to refer to Malays and Indians. The terms may be considered pejorative, though Hokkien speakers may not mean it that way.*

What did you gather from leadership training – Geng Cetus...About being an agent of transformation in campus?

Firstly, the session about CF heritage was really an eye opener for me, seeing how CFs first started in different campuses and all the people involved. I believe it was God's hands and timing for this hour. It's amazing! Secondly, during Geng Cetus I really began to grasp a much deeper understanding about leadership. The key for me was learning not to label but learning to grow another person. Being human, we often label people for their acts or conduct. I believe what we need to see in each other is that we are broken people made whole again by the love and grace of God. Leadership is by example. Finally, there are so many areas in university that we Christian students can be an agent of transformation; not cheating in exams, helping people in need, standing up against injustice, and most importantly loving our friends, staff, janitors, security guards; the people that make our university a better place to study and the people that we walk past every day. Let us be the light in the midst of all darkness.

What are some ways that you and your CF group have been challenged to work out in serving the community, campus or among course mates?

The most important thing is constant prayer for the campus. We should never lose heart in prayer, even when things don't go the way we planned or maybe when only one or two people show up for prayer meet. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 says "pray without ceasing;" Just continue to press forward. We also prepared sticky notes with words of encouragement and some bible verses and stuck them on the cars in the parking area at campus and we received very encouraging responses. During exam period, we could pray for our course mates and friends. Just tell them that we want to pray for them, not worrying about their response but just ask. Hearts touched, lives changed. To God Be the Glory....



John Zachariah
Information Technology (Data Communication & Networking),
Year 3
Multimedia University (Malacca)

What did you gather from NC 2010? ...About being an agent of transformation in campus?

NC was a Godly information buffet that no one can bring the whole of it home. Anyhow, being an agent of transformation was what we aimed to achieve. I held a strong dispute against the majority and NC shattered that part of me. God's work could not work through me where hate is present. Understanding and embracing them whole heartedly was the greatest challenge. This insight changed the way I see them entirely.

What are some ways that you and your CF group have been challenged to work out in serving the community, campus or among course mates?

The challenge is not so much towards what else we can do but how to keep this Fire for God burning. As a group we ought to uphold each other and not conform to the ways of the world. After all, evangelism is building a bridge and bringing people closer to God.



Koh Kah Hoe
Mechanical
Engineering, Year 3
Universiti Teknikal
Malaysia Melaka

GRADUATE HELPERS



Running [@] Vision with ⁺

I volunteered to be a grad helper for NC 2010 without really knowing what I was getting into. It was Kim Cheng who asked me whether I would like to help and I said "yes" just like that. I had not even attended NC before.

Being involved in NC has shaped me and prepared me for my current job and upcoming ministry. I was in the registration team with Lian Chui leading us. There were many times I did not complete my tasks on time. I had wanted to withdraw many times because I could not deliver what I promised. But I thank God that Lian Chui kept giving me chance after chance to tag along, doing whatever I can. I learned that I must not disqualify myself/withdraw as long as God doesn't tell me to stop. I will also trust God that in spite of my messiness, inadequacy, failures, He will use me. He is using me because HE IS ABLE and not because I am great or whatever.



Yong Jia Hua
- Graduate of UM
- Programmer

Graduate Helpers have always been a constant feature in our camps, conferences and campus ministry. They have been a great help and have brought many blessings.

We asked them two questions: "Why did you volunteer yourself?" AND "What has been something you saw/experienced that challenged your own spirituality in volunteering?" Here's what they have to say...

*I hope to be touched by God and challenged by the Holy Spirit especially when I am worn out by work.
-to give service to God and bless others with what God has blessed me with.*

It was when I saw students come to accept Christ through CF or FES activities and seeing lives being transformed. I met seniors who inspired me and taught me that I've got to ensure that I am spiritually strong and growing before I can feed and lead others.



Yvonne Teo
- Graduate of UKM
- Medical Doctor

During my university days, my FES staffworkers and the various FES camps I attended helped shape my walk with the Lord. I am inspired by them and the work that FES does with campus students. So I was excited when I was asked to help out in a few of the Northern Region projects.

Whenever I attend FES events, I am always reminded to live out my faith wherever I am - in my workplace, at home, in church. I am also challenged to love and pray for Malaysia!



Chan Mei Yan
- Graduate of IMU
- Paediatrician

Serving God is the best ever life experience. Volunteering is one of the ways I am serving God. As a graduate, I can give back by volunteering not just financially but in time and effort.

The Lord is my strength and my shield, and as I trust Him, he will help me. By committing to serve the students, indirectly it improves my own spiritual growth. It makes my relationship with God become closer, seeing the hunger for the Lord and understanding the needs of His people. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth (2 Tim 2:15). We are blessed because of God. Serve with passion. And let the legacy live.

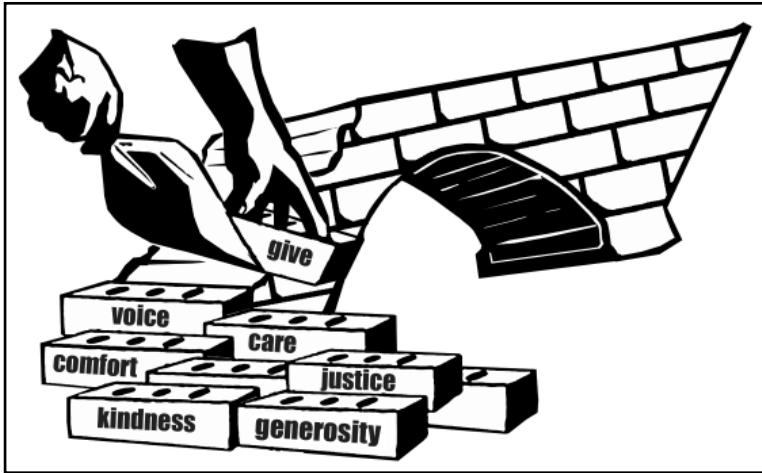
Albert Royston Macawell
- Graduate of UiTM Kota Samarahan, Sarawak.
- Senior Property Executive



Our Prophetic Calls, launched in 2009, will take us through till 2012. As those calls remain the same, this year we will highlight the much needed response we need to make towards our society in light of our Prophetic Calls.

the Call

Jambatan Anak Malaysia (J.A.M.)



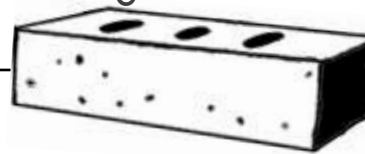
Be a J.A.M. today!

is no ordinary bridge. It takes a special kind of bricks for it to be built.

These bricks can be found in us if only we are courageous enough. What kind of bricks are these?

They are bricks of justice, voice, generosity, kindness and many more.

Let's tear down the walls that divide & Let's lay **a brick** in building a **bridge** toward **Racial Reconciliation** in Malaysia.



WARNING

CHALLENGES AHEAD

Gegara Kin

A U-TURNED life... TRANSFORMED and TRANSFORMING the society. This is how a U-TURNED life would look like...

9 COURAGEOUS WAYS TO ENGAGE IN J.A.M. AND BE TRANSFORMED.

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- ake Risks.** It won't be easy. We risk being misunderstood by our own race.
- edeeming what is lost in our society.** The marginalized or the minority group may need your support.
- gent of healing.** A listening ear, a willing heart, a helping hand, an open palm goes a long way.
- ag yourself.** Constantly remind yourself that we need people to lay down bricks in building the bridge.
- tart from where you are.** Don't wait for an event or special occasions. Start at your own home, neighborhood & campus.
- orm new friendships from different races.** "Luas pandangan, lebih pengalaman."
- pportunities seekers.** Be observant & feel the pulse of your surroundings. Don't miss the opportunity to bless others.
- ectify mistakes.** Make amends by seeking forgiveness & willing to go the distance to forgive.
- ake a stand.** Be sure of your convictions.

GIVING TO MINISTRY

Want to give towards our ministry but unsure of how or what else you can do? Here are some suggestions:

1. GIVING IN CASH?

Any amount, any time, any day. What you give would go a long way. You can also make it a regular giving. (refer to back page for details)

2. GIVING IN PRAYERS?

Yes, we covet your prayers. Pray for us. Pray for our students. Pray for our ministry. Keep yourself updated, by reading and praying according to our monthly newsletter.

3. GIVING IN TIME?

Got some extra time on your hands (or can make some extra time!)? Ask the staff if they need help in any areas, be it in driving around or running errands or helping out in the work at the office or at a campus.

4. GIVING IN FOOD?

Invite a staff over for a meal. Doesn't have to be a fancy one. Spend time encouraging and edifying each other. You can also invite students over for home-cooked meals once in awhile.

5. GIVING IN KIND?

You know what you have! There are many options and opportunities available... Use and steward your resources well, for the Gospel and for His glory!

at the _____ Moment

The universities and colleges are
RIPE, AND WAITING TO BE HARVESTED.

many students need to **hear the Gospel,**

many students need to **proclaim it,**

many students challenged to **living it out**

in
CAMPUS



in
CHURCH



in
SOCIETY



and in the
WORLD



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We thank you for your continuous support and encouragement.
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