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# at a Glance



The call to U-Turn Our Generation is a call to faithful service. It's not an instant or overnight thing. It is more like a steady, unwavering obedience in the same direction in this journey of obedience.

From the time of Biblical characters such as Daniel to the multitude of witnesses who have gone before us, they were always stories of faithfulness and service fleshed out in the everyday context of life.

From the halls of the kings to the smallest corner in campus and workplace, each is called to be a good and faithful servant.

It is a call to be servants-par-excellence.

*Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*



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

# U-TURNING OUR GENERATION...

God's people went into exile and pagans pillaged his temple. In the world's eyes, the Babylonian gods had defeated Yahweh. Furthermore, orders were given to take the best young minds of Judah – youths of noble birth, handsome and healthy, to serve the pagan empire.

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*Daniel's service was above reproach and steadfast. He was, in short, a servant of God par excellence!*  
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**Chong Eu Pui**  
FES Central Team Leader

### God's the boss

Fact: The book of Daniel records for us, “... **it was the Lord** that delivered the king of Judah into Nebuchadnezzar's hand along with some of the articles from the temple of God...” (1:2).



Among the exiles was a young man named Daniel. In chapter 1, he resolved not to be defiled by the king's food. (1:8). One wonders what was playing in young Daniel's mind as he was forcefully taken away from what was familiar

into a foreign place. Upon arrival, they were stripped of their nationality (roots), religion (God) and names (identity) by their enemy, a pagan king. “Was everything within Daniel shouting ‘No, why is this happening to me?’” Was he conflicted within to obey or not? ***In spite of those unfavourable circumstances, Daniel resolves to stay true to his God.*** “Daniel resolved not to be defiled by the

king's food...” Was it a big deal? Was it an insignificant step? We are not told but Daniel resolved to take action.

In the next chapter, the astrologers offended Nebuchadnezzar and it was death to ALL the wise men. It was death by association for Daniel, sharing in the fate of their privilege. Instead of self-pitying, Daniel, clothed in humility, asked the right people to gain an understanding of the situation.

In both situations, Daniel recognized God's sovereign hand behind it all and dared to persevere in his office. We find out that God honours his decisions. God caused officials to be favourably disposed to him (1:9), and gave him knowledge and insights to visions and dreams (1:17-21, 2:27-30).

### God the boss and Daniel His servant

What could have been going through Daniel's mind serving under such a king, under a regime with a reputation of being cruel, who even destroyed his homeland? Perhaps the hint lies in 9:2-3, Daniel went to God for help to make sense of what was happening. He prayed

# SERVANT PAR EXCELLENCE

Reflections based on Daniel

consistently for Israel and watched the times when God will fulfill his promises to them (9:2-3). And so Daniel could advise and warn ungodly kings. God demonstrated his power time and again, even when it seems as if there were not many whose hearts turned to Yahweh in that pagan administration. The cycle continues under another king. Daniel could carry out his task as a faithful administrator and a loyal servant of Yahweh (6:21-22) because he wrestled with God in prayer. **He saw that it was ultimately Yahweh whom he served.** Later when Daniel's deeds or accomplishment seemed to have been forgotten, including what Yahweh had done for the kings (5:11-12), being addressed as 'one of the exiles' (5:13), his attitude was still the same – to serve (5:17) no matter how arrogant the ruler was. Daniel was impeccable in character; He had 'an excellent spirit'. He was so steadfast in God and was even recognised for it (6:5).



We read of the time when Daniel did not submit to the unfair edict of the king. The content of his prayer? 'Giving thanks to God', three times a day, as usual! (6:10)

There's hardly a more **unfavourable time and**

**place** to serve God than in Daniel's context. The Israelites were in exile, being marched to a pagan and foreign land; they were subjected to pagan rule and rituals and forced into service. The kings are known for their cruelty; there were much jealous oppositions who desire nothing more than to see Daniel fail. Yet in spite of all these, **Daniel's service** was above reproach and steadfast. He was, in short, a **servant of God par excellence!**

It is estimated that he could have served over 60 years in exile. The secret? He recognized that his boss was ultimately Yahweh. What about us?

## Reflection:

1. Do I place my trust in what I see or who I believe in?
2. Daniel served in violent times, under cruel kings yet he was still faithful to Yahweh. Daniel saw beyond his duty to who he was ultimately serving, who was in charge above all. For us, who are we really serving?

## a Moment with

Since the last issue, we have had to say goodbye to **3** staff but we also said "Welcome" to just as many. We asked the **new staff** to share with us,

"Why did you join FES?"

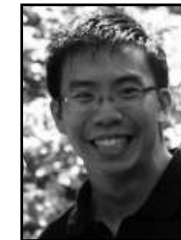
### Fredda Balang

Graduate of: Universiti Teknologi Mara, Sarawak, 2011  
Joined: July 2011



Hati saya selalu terbebani untuk melayani dan berkongsi tentang kasih Tuhan dan FirmanNya kepada para pelajar. Saya ingin membawa generasi muda pada masa sekarang untuk berbalik kepada Tuhan.

Pada tahun terakhir saya di kampus, salah seorang staff FES mendorong saya untuk melayani bersama FES. Sejak itu, saya sentiasa berdoa dan tanya Tuhan adakah ini adalah panggilan Dia untuk saya? Akhirnya, Tuhan menjawab dengan menunjuk hujung pelangi di depan mata saya dan ia sentiasa mengekori kami dalam perjalanan balik dari Latihan Industri (LI).



### Jeremy Tan Weng Jun

Graduate of: HELP University College, 2007  
Joined: July 2011

"It was during my time serving in my college's CF when I felt God calling me into student ministry – to work alongside students and hopefully be able to contribute in some way

or another in helping students to see the importance of God's Word in our lives.

My involvement in the CF committee allowed me the opportunity to work with staff workers from FES, and my life was very much impacted by that. Just as how they have been a blessing to me during my student days, I hope that God will help me be a blessing to other students too."



### Gabriel Matthew Fletcher

Graduate of: Universiti Sains Malaysia, Kubang Krian, 2011  
Joined: August 2011

"Erm... because God told me so. I wanted to do something else but after much praying and consulting different people, God still gave me the peaceful feeling of joining FES though I face quite a number of objections from people."

# Focussing On Central Navigating Challenges, Following Christ

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*in following Jesus, I began to realize that God wants us to include Him in every decision we make in our daily life*

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**Mark Anantharaj Abraham Pattu**  
Design Engineer Trainee,  
Sony Malaysia  
Graduated in 2011 from  
Universiti Tenaga Nasional



Making decisions has never been an easy task in life. It often involves courage, time and risk to make certain conclusions especially when we are faced with difficulties. Trying to make certain U-Turns in some aspect of our life to be a true follower of Jesus Christ will never be easy because of the generation and times we are living in now. There is very little room for growth in holiness and godliness because of the influence of worldliness in the Christian society.

One challenge that I faced and struggled with was about the usage of internet technology for the glory of God. This issue has been running in my mind since I got involved in the most famous and influential social networking website: FACEBOOK (FB). I had asked myself many questions regarding the activities that I participated in FB such as topics that I discussed, pictures that I uploaded, and the manner in which I interacted with my friends. Does God approve the topics and pictures I posted and was God pleased with the amount of time I spent internet surfing, compared to prayer and bible study? I tried answering

the questions by pondering and praying about it and in the end... I deleted my account because I couldn't give positive answers to those questions. I found myself spending more time in FB rather in the things of God. I began to think of a way out by listening to online sermons and bible studies, which in some ways decreased my desire to be involved in FB until I finally got rid of it completely. It has been one year since I deleted FB and since then, I have never felt I am left behind socially because I can still keep in touch with my friends through emails and sms which are very effective, useful and less time consuming.

Looking at the challenges and difficulties that lie ahead in following Jesus, I began to realize that God wants us to include Him in every decision we make in our daily life whether it is big or menial. Following Christ simply means putting Him first in all things we do by consulting him through prayer and meditation. God is faithful and he will never cast out anyone who comes to Him in total submission.

**TWO YEARS AGO, WE CAME UP WITH** a program called, 'My Campus, My Mission' (MCMT). The idea is mainly to challenge the "traditional mission" perception among the Sarawakian students, where 'Mission Trip' always refers to "Mission to *Rumah Panjang*".

Through this program, we encourage students to see that mission trips are not limited to mission to *Rumah Panjang*, but also their own backyard, in their own campus.

Although we've launched the syllabus/idea a while ago, now we begin to see the fruit of our labour. It's sold! One of the CF in Kuching adopted the idea and throughout one weekend, 14 students signed-up to equip themselves.

We hope that more Sarawak Campus CFs will be interested in doing Friendship Evangelism through this MCMT program.

**Sarawak Regional Team**



Introduction and before "fishing outing"



"Something fishy?"



"Udang galah sahaja"

MENTION THE WORDS 'MISSION TRIP', images of 'rumah panjang' will follow. Rarely do we see our own campus as a mission field.

MCMT or 'My Campus Mission Trip' has changed all that! Though there are still many challenges to overcome, we are beginning to see the very place that God placed us as our own mission field.

The introduction of Jambatan Anak Malaysia (J.A.M) by FES has really stirred our hearts and through MCMT, we can lay the bricks of justice, of voice, of care, of generous giving and comfort in our campus. May this be a bridge to reach many across the campus and our country.



**Chris Herbert**  
Graduated in 2011 from  
Universiti Teknologi Mara,  
Kota Samarahan

## MCMT Feedback



*"I realized that, MCMT is all about friendship. It is about friendships in campus and how I can be God's bridge to others."*

**Hillary Ata**  
UiTM Kota Samarahan  
PPK Vice President



*"I have been thinking of my 3 friends after the MCMT program. I've approached and invited them to church. Much to my own surprise, 2 of my friends are following me to church now. I'm so happy" ~ Grace*

*"I'm so nervous and don't even know how where to start with 2 of my friends I listed earlier during the training. They are not interested in Christianity. To them religion is something "out-dated". But I never gave up! I continued to pray for them. I hope at the very least there will be many opportunities for me to be with them" ~ Glen*

# KOK-FES Relief Team to Japan 17-22 July 2011



At the invitation of KGK (IFES movement in Japan), a Malaysian team of four partnered with KGK staff & students for relief work in Sendai City, one of the areas affected by the devastating earthquake last March.



The Malaysian team: FES staff ~ Sock Lee & Richard; students ~ Alvin & Alex



# IVSTR

Inter Varsity Students'  
Training Retreat  
(27-31 May 2011)



Learning in community



Things you don't hear everyday



Sail set for life's journey



# SWEEP

Social Work Exposure &  
Embracement Program  
(6-19 June 2011)



Exposure through experience



Reflecting, responding



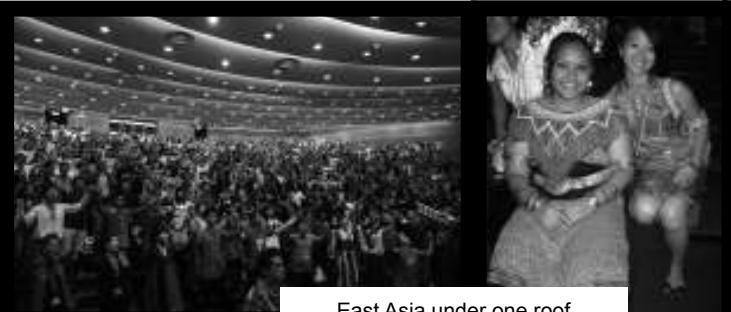
Embracing



# EARC

IFES East Asia Regional  
Conference, Singapore  
25-31 May 2011

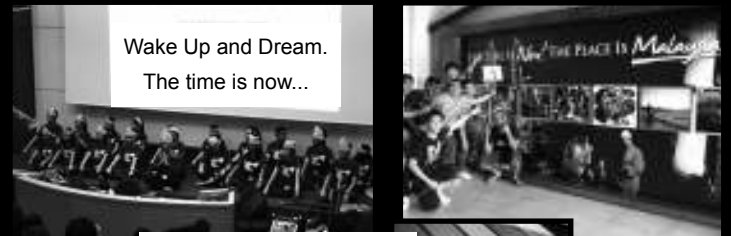
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East Asia under one roof



Bridging the cultural divide



Wake Up and Dream.  
The time is now...

...the place is Malaysia



## TIMOR LESTE DEBUTS AT EARC 2011

*FES Malaysia had the honour of  
bringing two participants from  
Timor Leste to this year's IFES  
East Asia Regional Conference*



**Picture from Left:** Francisco  
(Timorese university student)  
and Li Shan (Singaporean  
missionary in Timor Leste)

## Up Next...

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Transforming Our Nation  
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*for more information, please visit our website @  
[www.fes.org.my](http://www.fes.org.my)*

# Focussing On Northern Challenged to Trust

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***His word is really important as He reminds, corrects, encourages, rebukes and advises me through it***  
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**Fong Kar Mun**  
 Bachelor of Tourism Management,  
 Semester 5  
 Universiti Utara Malaysia

I never imagined that life could be so breathlessly busy as a university student. There are so many challenges I have to face. If it's not for God's strength and grace, I would have already given up.

One of the toughest challenges I've had to face is time constraint. It isn't easy for me to balance between serving God and my studies. There were many times when I got stuck choosing between the two. But God has always reminded me that He should be the priority if I say I love Him as my Lord. God will definitely never shortchange me.

There were also times when I was under pressure and feeling discouraged but the word of God always enlightens my heart. Take the example of Romans 8:28. "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." I'm always assured by the Lord of His promises that in all things, God has His purpose for me even in unpleasant situations. That God can turn things around and He is interested in making me more Christ-like each day.



Finances have also been a big challenge for me. It's a test of faith. I remember one time when I was left with less than RM 1 in my purse. God provided and He is still providing me with all I need. His grace is ever sufficient.

Therefore, one thing I have learned through these challenges is to trust and obey Him. We are to trust in Him not only in good times but also in not-so-good times.



His word is really important as He reminds, corrects, encourages, rebukes and advises me through it. I would like to share this with you from James 1:8. "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." Amen!

It is never easy to be among the minority in campus. Honestly if God had not been with me, I don't know whether I would still be here (Johor), in my hometown or elsewhere pursuing my studies. But one thing that I do realize is that He has the best reasons for me. Now I know, everything that I have gone through are wonderful experiences for a student. Any human being for that matter! I realize not everyone has this opportunity. There are many hurts yet because He never leaves us nor forsakes us, I am assured by this knowledge that He knows everything about us, even the things that we don't know.



While I was preparing my thesis for my Final Year Project, there was a part of me that wanted to give up and I felt pressured by my supervisors. At the same time, I was preparing to sit for the final exams of five other papers. Three of which were difficult subjects. It felt like a giant obstacle to me.



However, together with the CF, I learnt to face my giants. Along with brothers and sisters in the CF, we grew much. In this community, we always encourage each other.

Having gone through this entire experience, I realized that nothing happens by accident. God never does anything by accident nor does he ever make mistakes. As I consider this and recall that there is a reason for everything, I am encouraged to persevere. I believe God is always good; in easy times and hard times, in quiet times and busy times, in smooth times and rugged times. He is good on stormy days and calm days, over smooth waters and rough seas, on high mountains and in deep valleys. I believe God is good to me and He will never do anything bad. Knowing that God will not withhold his blessings, I want to stand firm, to love and appreciate all things for as long as I live.

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**Muna Anak Geraji**

Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering, Year 3  
Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia

# SUPPORTERS



# Running Vision

In this edition of Running With The Vision, the spotlight is on our SUPPORTERS.

Here, we asked four of them the following questions:

*How did you become involved as a supporter of FES?*

*In what ways do you see God working through FES that challenge or inspire you?*

**1. Julius Apat. Graduated from UTM in 1997**

*I am moved by the way FES handles programs and activities. The commitment and support that FES has given to us in IPCF are really amazing. We learned a lot of new things from them, especially in Bible studies and activities.*

*I can see that FES never takes things lightly. In each program, I can see that they worked hard in ensuring that the program or activity can bring students to God. That, really inspires and challenges us to make sure we can do the same for God's purposes.*

**2. Lee Wan Ching. Graduated from USM in 2003**

*FES has been a great blessing to me when I was a student in USM. So I wanted to continue to bless this ministry as well.*

*I have volunteered myself in 1 or 2 events after graduation. It reminded me of my student days and also brought to mind the importance of this particular time frame in being a student, being away from home. It is a period where you are challenged intellectually, spiritually and emotionally. When I see the students, I see God using FES to walk alongside them, to point them towards Jesus, to challenge and inspire them towards holistic growth.*

**4. Chiu Chee Kidd. Graduated from UM in 2001**

*I was blessed by the ministry of FES throughout my varsity days. So becoming a supporter of FES was a natural progression once I graduated. It is easy, in my field as an academician to come into contact with activities participated by FES.*

*The presence of faithful FES staff workers, bible studies and Christian Fellowship (that was supported by FES) helped me remain Christ-focused while I was a student. The FES staff worker helped me and my peers see our medical school training not merely as a career, but more so as a vocation to serve Him faithfully.*

**3. Yee Weng Yan. Graduated from UPM in 2008**

*Upon graduation, I knew I wanted to contribute back to the student work FES is involved in as FES has blessed me in many ways while I was a student in university. Opportunity came when I read an e-newsletter by FES seeking for support, it was then I started to get involved.*

*FES challenges students to live out their lives for God in and beyond their university/college life. This inspires me to want to live for Him and make a difference in the working world.*



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

the call to **ENGAGE SOCIETY!!!**  
sounds **BIG AND SCARY**



But what is it really???

Must we revolutionise Malaysia overnight?  
Are we all called to become social workers?

**NO!**

But we ARE called to be a **BLESSING TO OUR COMMUNITY. How?**

**C.O.N. = CHANGE OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD**

Remember the question **"And who is my neighbour?"** (Luke 10:29)

Let's ask this question differently... **Which is my neighbourhood?**

~ the taman I live in, the faculty I study in, my office, my hostel

How can **YOU** change **YOUR** neighbourhood?

**Christians, start CON-ing...**



**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 WAYS TO BE C.O.N.-PERSON

- T**ake time to look around  
- where you live, study/work, eat, play...
- R**elationships  
- with neighbours, pak guard, nasi lemak mak cik, lecturer, cleaner, etc
- A**ccept your mission to C.O.N.  
- cos God put you there!
- N**o need to change roommate of a different race
- S**mile at random people  
...you might be surprised by who smiles back!
- F**ind out what's going on around you  
(jangan jadi katak bawah tempurung/katak depan computer)
- O**rganise activities to benefit the neighbourhood  
...gotong-royong, recycle campaign...
- R**ead the news  
...to know what's going on around you...
- M**inta 'tolong' from friends of other faiths to join in C.O.N.

*a gift ...  
... to leave behind...*



If you would like to, you could include FES as one of the beneficiaries in your Will as a way of leaving behind something to the ministry.

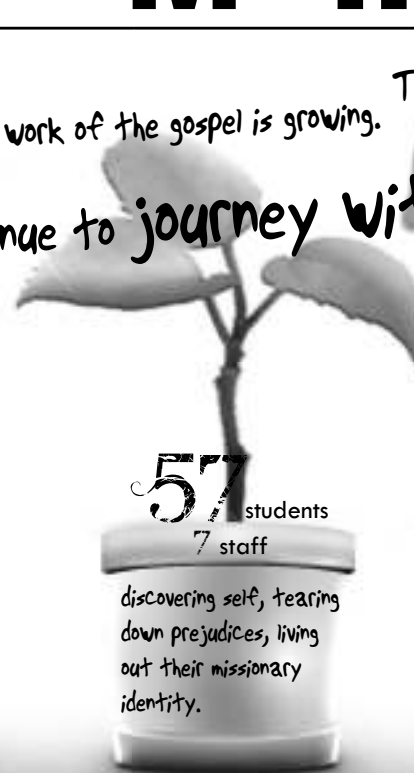
# at the      **Moment**

The ministry is growing.      The work of the gospel is growing.      The many needs are also growing.

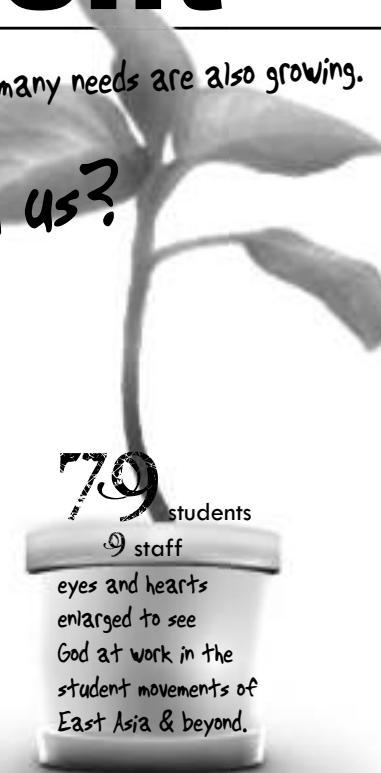
*Will you continue to journey with us?*



**SOCIAL WORK EXPOSURE AND  
EMBRACEMENT PROGRAM**



**Inter Varsity Students'  
Training Retreat**



**EAST ASIA REGIONAL  
CONFERENCE**

To date, we are in a deficit of RM 185k. Our budget for 2011 is RM1.44million.

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