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A Christian Student

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As a Christian student, we are first of all a Christian and then a student. As a Christian, it is our holy necessity of daily love and devotion, to live according to the Word of God. Our business is holiness. As a student, our business is to study. This calls for diligence, having the right attitude towards learning/studying, guarding ourselves from things that can affect our studies and staying focused.

Concerning diligence – diligence shows that we are serious and committed to our calling as student. If lacking diligence, the Word of God calls us **“Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise.”** Proverbs 6:6, and to learn of them. It will help us in the matter of diligence, if we will benefit from them, which is the purpose of going to the ant.

Concerning right attitude towards learning/studying – the greatest challenge is to learn how to enjoy studying the subject/subjects that we dislike. Ask the Lord to help us, by His grace. Work to change our attitude. The Lord helps us to learn to appreciate the value of a subject. There is value in every subject. Even as there is value and learning, in difficult experiences, failures, pain, etc. A Christian student should show interest in his studies and in his subjects, yet not worship studies. If we neglect holy duties because of our studies, then we are on the wrong path. And will suffer spiritual loss. We will find them out at the end of our lives, if we do not discover them earlier.

Concerning the third point, one area of distraction may be getting involved in a relationship as a student. Some of you may stone me for saying this, but on a more sober note; if we cannot handle our emotions when such relationships run into problems, then our studies can be affected. But entering into a relationship is so exciting, nobody is going to bother. Our prayer is, that every relationship will bless the parties involved.

Concerning staying focused – we should renew our sense of purpose and our interest in our studies, through rehearsing our calling as Christian students. Our responsibility towards God and those who are concerned and who sacrificed for us. The Lord be with you.

“Bible Baffle”

1. What is the modern day capital of Israel?
2. What did Paul say if an unbelieving spouse leaves a believer?
3. What tragedy caused Jesus to seek time alone?
4. According to 1 Corinthians 15, what cannot inherit the kingdom of God?
5. Who in the NT is stated to have large handwriting?
6. Which OT prophet did Peter quote to explain the first day of speaking in tongues?
7. How many legal husbands did Jesus correctly say that the woman at the well had had?
8. Name the father of Ben-ammi.
9. After whose death did David say: “I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.”?
10. According to Jesus, what is permanently fixed between heaven and hell?



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Kemaman Mission Trip Report

The Beginning

Led by Junsheng from NIE/NTU FCM, a group of FCMers comprising Desmond, Clement, Jeanette, Shumin (all from Science FCM), Eugene (Arts FCM) and Shujing (freshman and no relation to Shumin!) embarked on a mission trip to Kemaman from the 26th June (Mon) to 31st June (Sat). Kemaman is in the state of Trengganu and is located on the eastern coast of West Malaysia. The objective of the mission trip was to help



the church conduct its youth retreat for those aged 13 and above and also to conduct Sunday School lessons for those aged 12 and below. On Saturday, the team also went about 100 km south to Kuantan in Pahang to help teach in their Sunday School.

The Journey Up

The team first met in Suntec City for dinner and grocery shopping at Carrefour before heading out to the bus terminal at Lavender at 9.30pm, Monday night. As this mission trip was held just after the FCM camp, we just had the weekend to rest, and recuperate. That was why for the 7 hr coach ride up to Kemaman, we slept the whole way through in particularly Desmond who didn't even get down from the coach at the break stop while some of us were munching on the all time favourite *Ramly* burgers and stocking up on more tidbits!

The First Day

Upon arrival, Dr Wee, a deacon of Kemaman Life BP church came and picked us up in the church van to his home. With our tired bodies, we carried all our belongings (except for Junsheng's packet of sour prunes which he left in the coach!) with us and unpacked a little before sleeping again. We woke up at about 9am on Tuesday morning and Dr Wee brought us to this famous (so famous that even Eugene's father knows) coffee shop for breakfast of Nasi Lemak with only the fish, kaya bread, eggs, coffee, tea and Milo and since it is so famous, Eugene bought 3 packets of coffee back for his dad. After breakfast, we visit Dr Wee's new clinic. Thereafter, we recce the resort where the retreat and Sunday School would be held. The resort was not completed yet but it is already very beautiful. Located about 30 minutes from Kemaman's town center, the resort was by the sea which linked to an inland lake within the compounds of the resort. The apartments (or chalets) that we stayed were actually constructed directly above the lake; giving us a view of the South China sea from the balcony and windows. Directly opposite our apartments was a little hill which was a essentially virgin rainforest and it was impossible to find such a location in Singapore. All of us were thankful for such an experience, away from all the concrete buildings and cultivated greeneries in Singapore.

We headed back to Dr Wee's home in the late morning to prepare for the retreat the next day. Under the leadership of Mrs Wee, the 3 sisters also helped out in the kitchen to prepare food that would feed 50 during the retreat and Sunday School. Dr and Mrs Wee brought us out for lunch and the rest of the afternoon was spent preparing for the retreat and some time was also spent on practicing the song item "Is your all on the altar" which would be sung at the



worship service on Friday. After dinner, we prepared for a Bible Study session with some of the Kemaman church members led by Eugene on Numbers 5 and 6. The church was actually using the DHW (Dig His Word) notes by Rev Stephen Khoo of Bethel BPC. After the Bible study, Mrs Wee prepared some chicken pies for supper and we had fellowship with some of the church members there. The team ended the night with a time of sharing and prayer before washing up and heading to our nice comfy beds.

The Start of the Retreat

We started the second day, Wednesday with morning devotion by Eugene and a time of prayer. Mrs Wee then brought us out for a breakfast of fish and bee hoon or mee. After breakfast, we headed back to Dr Wee's house where we started to load up the materials needed for the retreat and Sunday School into Dr Wee's 4WD (4 wheel drive) jeep. All 7 of us squeezed into the jeep with Junsheng as the driver and we drove down to the resort to begin our mission work proper. From this time forth, the team was primarily spilt into 2 groups with Junsheng, Desmond and Clement leading the youths in the youth retreat and Eugene, Jeanette, Shumin and Shujun leading the children in their Sunday School.

After lunch, Clement led the youths in some ice-breaker games and activities followed by a game of Captain's ball. At the same time, Jeanette led the children in games as well. Even in activities like these, we quickly learned some important lessons when dealing with little children. One of the boys cried when Shujun did not give him a tube of mentos thinking that he has already taken his share when he actually did not. This incident taught us to be extra careful and sensitive when dealing with children. All of us rejoiced when the same little boy came back and offered Shujun a sweet signifying that he does not hold it against her. Yes, you can picture how relieved Shujun was.

After dinner, the youths had their first night message led by Junsheng. He taught from the first chapter of Joshua, drawing many lessons through a simple exposition of the verses. Though the story of the calling of Joshua to take over Moses after his death, the youths were encouraged to be more active in taking up various roles in service in the church, especially in leadership position. It was indeed a message addressing a pressing need in the Kemaman church. The four helping in the Sunday School put up a skit of Elijah versus the false prophets of Baal at Mount Carmel and we learned that Shumin is a very good actress. After each message for the youths, the 15 youths will break up into 2 or 3 groups for discussions. For the children, after the skit, they were divided into an English class led by Jeanette and Eugene and into a Chinese class led by Shumin and Shujun. The children were given worksheets with questions that were based on the skit. Ultimately, the message to the children was this: "How long halt ye between two opinions. If the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him" (1 Kings 18:21b) with the intention to tell the children that there is only one true and living God. After handing back the children to Mrs Wee, the 4 Sunday School teachers joined the youths for dorm fellowship. After dorm fellowship, we turned to bed (actually the sister did, the brothers slept on chairs and sofas) for a much deserved rest.

The Second Day of the Retreat

We joined the youths for their morning devotion led by Desmond, who encouraged them to look forward to the Christian's blessed hope in the Second Coming of Christ. We then had fried fritters and black kopi-O for breakfast. After feeding ourselves with physical food, it is time for us to feed the youths and children with spiritual food. Desmond and Clement took turns to share the Word of God over 2 messages in the morning. The theme of the retreat for the youths was **"Disciples for Christ"**. The first message touched on the spiritual rebirth and the cost of discipleship, while the second touched on two aspects of our devotion to God, namely, the fear and obedience to God. The messages were followed by discussions where the youths were encouraged to speak up and share what they have learnt and how it applied to their own lives. Eugene took the older children for a lesson on a gospel message entitled "My Salvation Story" and Jeanette shared the gospel with the younger children. After lunch, we led the youths on a workshop on possible difficult situations (ie, case studies) Christians might face. The children

were divided into 3 groups to be taught how to do their quiet time using the parable of the sower from Matthew 13 as the scripture text.

After the afternoon lesson, the children were dismissed for a dip in the pool while the 7 of us got together for a break. At 6pm, Junsheng taught the youths the parable of the talents while the children washed up and prepared for a BBQ. At 8pm, we started the BBQ and members of the church and some of the parents of the youths and children also came down and joined us for the BBQ. Eugene then left us and returned back to Singapore 2 days earlier than us as he had a wedding to attend on Friday.

The Last Day of the Retreat

On Friday morning (which is their Sabbath day), the youths continued their study on "Discipleship". Desmond taught the various aspects of spiritual growth of a Christian, while



Clement did a character study on Nehemiah as a godly example for us to follow. [add sunday school activity] . This ended the retreat and we proceeded for lunch at the beach. We had a good time of fellowship over lunch as we relax at the beach. Soon, it was time for the youths to proceed home and everyone was brought back to Dr Wee's house. We spent the time practising the song item, preparing for Saturday's lesson and resting. In the evening, we had dinner with Rev Koa (who was speaking at the worship service that evening) and Rev

Li (the Chinese pastor) before proceeding to the church for worship. There, we presented our song item, "Is your all on the altar", in both English and Chinese.

In Kuantan

On Saturday morning, Junsheng drove us up to Kuantan to teach the children there. We met up with Joshua and family for lunch. Joshua is the full-time minister at the Kuantan church, which is mainly a children's ministry at the moment. The church premises is a bungalow and Joshua lives on the 2nd floor with his family while the ground floor housed the classrooms and the worship hall. At 230pm, we started with a time of singspiration led by sister Shumin. The classes were then divided into lower and upper primary, and also according to the language of instruction. There were 4 classes and we were among the classes to teach them. Although the number of children is less than last year's (there were about 20 children this year), they were more attentive and I thank God very much for that. That ended our work and we proceeded for dinner with Joshua and family before catching the night coach home. We arrived at Singapore early Sunday morning. Thank God for a fruitful trip.

Last Words

The logo of Kemaman Life BPC is an interesting logo. It consists of 5 loaves and 2 fishes forming a heart shape with a cross in the centre of the heart. We asked Dr Wee what the logo meant and he shared that God will be pleased to use them and multiply with what little they have just as our Lord Jesus Christ used the 5 loaves and 2 fishes, what the boy had, to feed a multitude of 5,000. In Kemaman, they do not have a full-time minister and much of the work of the church is done by the members of the church. But we have seen how God has used what little they had to offer to reach out and bless many youths and children. We pray that God will

also be pleased to use what little we had to offer (a week of school vacation) to feed the multitude of youths and children that we had ministered to. Brethren, you too can be like the little boy who shared his food. God will always do His part and use what you have to offer. The question and challenge is will we do our part and offer what we have?

A Prayer Request

Dr Wee earnestly requested us to pray for a full-time worker (preferably bilingual) to pastor the church in Kemaman. Indeed, he has already made preparations for many aspects of needs for a full-time worker to come. The accommodation will be ready soon, and there are already many members of the church earnestly awaiting a person called by God to feed the flock there. Is there anyone willing to go?

Desmond
Science FCM
Calvary (Jurong) B-P Church



Before deciding to join the team of 7 FCMers in the mission trip to Kemaman, I had been praying for such a door of ministry to open so that I can experience what it is to be on a mission trip. I was hoping that through the mission trip, I would learn new things about what it truly means to serve the Lord. So when I received Junsheng's e-mail inviting people to the mission trip, and after checking that it does not clash with my upcoming MOE job attachment, I snatched at the chance of going up to Kemaman to do the Lord's work.

I must admit, however, that while I was prepared to go to the mission field to learn, never did I expect to be engaged teaching. During the first meeting, Junsheng announced that Desmond and I would have to give messages for a Youth Retreat. I was stunned when I heard that. I am so young in my faith and limited in my Bible knowledge. Moreover, I had never been engaged in teaching the Word prior to this mission trip. I was also not much older than the youth. Who am I to teach them? I felt very inadequate. I must also admit that I faced struggles to proceed with the mission trip. With the rise of SARS in the region, there were severe doubts and opposition for my trip to Kemaman. At one point of time, I was very uncertain whether or not I would actually make it for the trip.

Then, I remembered one of my favourite verses in the Bible. **"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"** Psalm 27:1. Indeed, even if I am inexperienced in teaching, the Lord will definitely strengthen me and give me the much-needed wisdom to conduct the lessons. It is the Holy Spirit that convicts and teaches, and not I. I should also not fear any diseases or opposition by man that will hinder the work of the Lord. I can say by drawing strength from the Word of God, followed by much prayer, I was able to take that leap of faith and carried on with the decision to go for the trip. Indeed, the trip had been a fruitful one, and I learnt many valuable lessons through this trip.

Firstly, the importance of praying and trusting in God for all things. We had to make many changes to our plans many times during the trip. There was also great difficulties in teaching the kids and the youth certain passages of the Bible. It was hard work at the youth



retreat and so it was easy for me to feel tired. The only source of strength we can draw from was our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and the joy of doing His work. Were it not for his continued blessings during the mission trip, we would not have been able to accomplish what we have sought to do.

The second lesson that I learnt was to appreciate the amount of dedicated preaching and teaching of the Word in Singapore. Most of the youth there are still not very well grounded in the Word. They also do not have a full-time minister to continuously teach them the Word and to ground them in the disciplines of the faith. Yet, whenever we deliver a message or lead in discussion, you can see the gleam in their eyes as they lapped up every word that we spoke to them with eagerness (even though some of them are rather quiet during discussions). In Kemaman, while there is a demand for the preaching and teaching of the Word, there is a lack of ministers to provide the much needed food for their spiritual nourishment. In Singapore, the opposite sometimes occur. We often complain about our pastors and ministers that they did not serve us with proper spiritual food (though often times it is our own fault that we did not absorb their lessons). Indeed, we should learn to be more thankful to the Lord for faithful ministers that we have here in Singapore who put in much time and effort to ensure that the church is edified. We ought to give them more support by rendering more service and encouragement, rather than gossiping and backbiting.

Thirdly, I was encouraged by the continued faithfulness of Dr and Mrs Wee. Although they have to run a clinic in Kemaman, they still put in tremendous amount of effort to run the church. Without a full-time minister to serve the church, their job is made even harder. I simply cannot imagine how they can last all these years running the church alone, supported only by ministers mainly from Life BP Church who travel up to Kemaman on a rotational weekly basis. Furthermore, Dr Wee shared that Kemaman was more like a sowing church. Many of the youth will end up furthering their studies or working in the city. There is hardly any chance for them to know whether their sowing has borne fruit. They must have faith that whatever work they do, God will one day give the increase when the youth leave the city. Indeed, it must have been God's grace and providence which helped sustain them through the many years of service for the Lord.

I was also very inspired by Rev Koa Keng Woo, the speaker at the Worship Service that week. Just before we had our dinner before the worship service, Rev Koa actually fell down on the smooth waxed floor in Dr Wee's house. However, he picked himself up as though it was no problem for someone of his age (he was 74), and carried on preaching on the same day at the worship service. Many a time when we meet with small pains and obstacles, we often feel like giving up. However, the examples of Rev Koa, together with Dr and Mrs Wee, have shown us the attitude and commitment we ought to have with our own ministry and service for the Lord. Truly, as what Dr Wee said to us, service to the Lord is a lifetime commitment. Always give your best to the Master.

Personally, there were still many more lessons which I have learnt during this mission trip to Kemaman and Kuantan. Indeed, I have no regret making the trip up to serve the Lord. It is always a joy to be engaged in the Lord's work. At this point, I would like to thank Dr and Mrs Wee for their kind hospitality in Kemaman, not forgetting Joshua in Kuantan Kindergarten too. Their superb stewardship have made us felt at home in Malaysia and made our work much easier to be carried out. May God continue to keep and bless these faithful servants. On our part, let us continue to pray for God's blessings in their various ministries.

Finally, I am thankful that God has kept us safe and healthy all the way throughout this mission trip. Indeed, great is His faithfulness! Given another chance, I will definitely make another trip back up to Kemaman to help out with the youth.

In all things, we give thanks and praise to God, in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Soli Deo Gloria!

Clement Chew
Science FCM
Life B-P Church

It was my first trip up to Kemaman and it was also the first time that I was co-labouring with brethren from different congregations. I must say that it has been an edifying and pleasant experience to serve with Junsheng, Desmond, Clement, Jeanette, Shumin and Shujing. My only regret was that I was not able to stay all the way till Saturday and had to leave earlier.

I was encouraged by Dr and Mrs Wee as they had been faithfully holding the fort and were very hospitable host. Evidently, God has blessed them materially and they have not tried to store up more wealth but were instead using what God has blessed them to further His kingdom. It is so easy to be selfish and store up more wealth. Who is tired of having too much money? Their example has been a valuable lesson to me. If God is pleased to bless you materially, thank Him and use it wisely to serve Him and not mammon.

This trip reminded me of how blessed I am to be in a mature church. Kemaman Life BPC has no full time minister and as Dr Wee shared "The church is there, the congregation is there, the accommodation is there, the need is there but the pastor is not there". Like many other places, truly the harvest is plenty but the labourers few. Thank God for leaders in my church.

This trip has also showed me what my spiritual gifts are or rather what they are not. I was teaching children aged about 5 to 12 years old. I realized that I was not able to catch their attention as I used some "cheam" words sometimes and I was not that smiley "☺" hence I felt that someone else with the gift of ministering to children would be more effective. Nonetheless, I



thank God for this opportunity to serve Him as I was able to pick some pointers from the sisters on how to deal with younger children.

Personally, the fellowship with the rest of the team was the best part of the trip. I got to know Desmond, Clement and Shujing more in this trip. Between us, we shared endless light hearted moments from Junsheng's driving to Desmond's Zzz to Clement's physics theories to Jeanette's impersonation of Baal in the skit to Shumin's 100kg

bag to Shujun's cold jokes to the cockroach running across our bags and the mystery of the 10 packet cheezels. Lest you all think we went there for a holiday and play, I must qualify and state that when it was time to serve, we do our part to the best of our ability. I believe that it is only when we are serving with peers that we can have this kind of balance and individual maturity and discernment to know when to work and when to play. Lest you also think that we were not an edification to each other, I must share that I was edified when some of us prefer not to check our NUS results as it may discourage and distract us from the Lord's work. In my opinion, this is prudent and wise but this was something that will not cross my mind if they did not share this. I learned from their sharing and examples by living with them for 4 short days.

With Jeanette and myself graduating from NUS, will fellow FCMers step up and take our place in this area of service? Do come and let us labour together for we do not know how much daylight we have before it is night when we can work no more.

In His Service,
Eugene Goh
Arts/Engine FCM

I thank God for this opportunity to witness the work at Kemaman. This is effectively my second trip up to Kemaman, but my first was only one week before my second trip, the focus of my first trip which was with my church, was to conduct a gospel rally- Musical Cantata and Sunday school for the children. The focus for our FCM group is somewhat different in scope, we conducted a youth retreat for the youth and children in Kemaman.

Thank God for sustenance, both physical and spiritual. It was a continuous stretch of 3 weeks, with the FCM camp in the middle, but the Lord has been gracious to grant me the strength to serve Him and joy in feeding upon His Word. Truly, it is not by might nor by power but by His Spirit, that we were able to serve Him in this trip.

We spent about 5 days in Kemaman, with about 2 days in the resort with the children and the youth. It was a beautiful resort, some distance away from Kemaman though, it was not officially opened yet, the surroundings and its architecture were enough to make one amazed.

We had about 30 children and 10 youths. The workload was divided and while the youths were having message and discussion, the children would be having Sunday school and handicraft. We thank God for the children who came, a number had uttered the sinner's prayer and we thank God for the young souls that had come to know the Lord. But one thing which burdened all of our hearts, was that, these young souls lacked the solid teaching of God's work and many of them are from non-Christian families, which make it more difficult for them



to grow and nurture the gospel seed that was planted in them. But it is our hearts' prayer that the Holy Spirit may continue to work in them, by His guidance that they may grow up into men and women of the Lord.

My class was the youngest, ranging from ages of 6 to 8. Seven of them in all. Some were obedient, others like to disturb and disrupt the class. But the Lord has been good, He granted them attentive ears and hearts. Through the bible stories, they were reminded of who Christ is and how they should live as God's children. Despite the short span of 4 lessons, I could see the change in them. By the last lesson, they were all obedient and paid all their attention to the bible story that was being told. Praise the Lord!

I thank God for Dn and Mrs Wee, who serve the Lord with so much joy despite their hectic schedule. It really shames all of us, who in our youth thought that we are already doing much for the Lord, but yet there is still so much to be done. As I ponder, I was grieved in my heart, there is simply so much to do for the Lord, but yet who is willing? Indeed the harvest is plentiful, but where are the labourers? In Singapore, we see so many people who are simply luke-warm Christians, who are contented with coming to church on Sundays and live as the world does, for the rest of the 6 days. In Kemaman we see 2 fervent servants of the Lord, doing the work of ten or more, striving to serve the Lord in the last days, without any murmur or complain. It rebukes me. Does it affect you too? Dear friends, let us look around and see if we can serve God in any capacity, for the Lord's coming is imminent and are we doing what we should be doing? Would we go before Him empty-handed?

Jeanette Lim
Science FCM
Calvary B-P Church (Tengah)

Praise the Lord for giving us this opportunity to serve in Kemaman. Though it was tiring, we all learned much about service for the Lord. Before we started planning for the trip, Satan was already against the team, hindering us from doing the Lord's work. Due to SARS, there were many uncertainties regarding the coach up, whether parents will allow some of the members to go. Also some withdrew due to unforeseen circumstances. To top it all, FCM camp was just the week before the trip. Even before we started, we were all worn out and tired. But despite all these, the Lord provided and solved all our problems and obstacles, one by one as the day approaches. Proverbs 22:19 **"That thy trust may be in the LORD, I have made known to thee this day, even to thee."**



The team was asked by Dn and Mrs Wee to plan for a three day Sunday school cum youth retreat for the church. The team was split into two, one taking the children and the other taking the youths. We led in the messages as well as a workshop for the youths. I shared from Joshua 1:1-9, to encourage them to be strong and of a good courage to stand up for the Lord. Matthew 25:14-30 on the parable of the talents to help them realize that they need to use their talents to extend the Kingdom of God. Also

reminding them that they just have to be faithful over little things, no need to jump straight into big or great things. To know that if even one of them can help in the service of the church, it certainly will lighten the load of Dn and Mrs Wee. Matthew 25:21 **"His lord said unto him, Well done, *thou* good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord."**

The youths in Kemaman was indeed starved of the Word of God. They do not have many opportunities to listen to the Word of God. It certainly puts to shame some of our youths in Singapore, as there are night classes, prayer meetings, bible studies and many Sunday worship services, etc, yet they have no time to go. The Kemaman youths want to go and listen, but they can't. They also want older brothers and sisters to lead and set an example for them, but they don't have as most of them would have gone to big cities to work and study. Through the case studies, many of them were challenged to lead victorious Christian lives in the Lord. Many issues like eating of food offered to idols, cheating in exams, the bible has 'mistakes', having a non-christian boyfriend or girlfriend, etc. the youths realized how much the scriptures really say about all these and they knew that they need to read the Word more, and to seek the will of our Heavenly Father, day by day as the hymn echoes,

Day by day and with each passing moment,
Strength I find to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure
Gives unto each day what He deems best
Lovingly, it's part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest.



It was not easy leading a team up. I realized the heavy responsibility on my shoulders, and have to lead even though I was very tired. One of the objectives for this trip was to help out and also to encourage the brethren in Kemaman. But in the end we end up being encouraged! We prepared spiritual food for the retreat, the adults prepared physical food. A church member gave 40 chickens and the women in the church started chopping and preparing the night before! And each meal, it was like preparing to feed an army! Even for Mrs Wee, who will go all out just to send or fetch a child in order for the child to be able to join in the retreat! That really goes to show the love to the saving of one soul! We sometimes will not do that because it would cause difficulty or is troublesome for us, yet Dn and Mrs Wee have been doing that since they have been called to do the work of God. They do not see it as too troublesome, but as an opportunity to serve! Ephesians 3:19 says **“And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.”**

The work of a sower is never easy. Often it is hard and do not see the fruits of all his labour. Yet we must know that we are doing the work of God, not our own. We must always trust in the Lord and give all glory to Him and Him alone. Are our numbers small in FCM today? Are we discouraged? Do we find comfort in numbers? God will give the increase in His due time, we just continue to be found faithful unto Him. 1 Corinthians 3:6 **“I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.”**

With the new dedication of the mission home in July, we hope that God might call even one full time pastor or worker, bilingual in both mandarin and English, to be able to help out there. The congregation is ready, the mission home is ready, the need is real, they need a shepherd to lead. Will you go? Matthew 9:38 **“Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.”**

Jun Sheng
NIE/NTU FCM
Calvary B-P Church (Tengah)



I am glad that I went on this missionary trip to Kemaman and Kuantan. Although I joined the team rather late, I thank God that His grace is indeed sufficient for me to finish preparing my

lessons. Though I still need help in teaching the children and handling them, I am thankful for timely help. ☺



Being a Sunday school teacher for just that few days, I realized how difficult it can be to control the children and to make them understand the reasons for the scolding they got from us and also to put across our lessons clearly to them. I personally felt that with practise and training etc, many can become Sunday school teachers. However, I

realized that the skill of being a good teacher of God's words really lies in the ability to stir the children's interest in God's words and make sure they understand and remember them.

Half way through the camp I was quite worn out, we slept late and woke up early for our morning devotions and preparations for the day. In addition to the not so comfortable sleeping conditions, I was practically feeling tired and stressed. (due to the lessons that I am about to teach). It is really not an easy job to serve the Lord in the children ministry. Nevertheless, there is a need for a full time worker in Kemaman who will be willing and ready to help sow the seeds and to reap the harvest, especially among the Chinese population, where mandarin is their common language. Dr Wee told us about the situation in Kemaman. Though I had not a very clear picture about it, but it is the churches' prayer that God Himself will send His servant into the field to reap the harvest.

"Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." Matt 9: 37-38

I have forgotten who I heard it from, but we were told that we do not want children to say to us at the end of the day that they wanted us to come back next year because they enjoyed our accompany. We wanted them to tell us to come again next year for they want to learn more from us about God's word. (something like that). I had that in my mind during the camp. God willing, if I am able to serve the Lord next year in this Kemaman / Kuantan missionary trip, I pray that I will have that in mind again, to constantly remind myself of the purpose of going there and to depend on the Lord for strength to serve Him in His way.

May God continue to bless the children in Kemaman and Kuantan and give strength to Dr Wee & Mrs Wee (Kemaman) and Joshua & wife (Kuantan) in serving our Lord. May the seeds be planted in the children's young hearts and grow with them to become a mature Christian and to serve our Lord one day. Pray that the Lord will also keep us and help us to become a good student of His word. I Thank God for both the wonderful times and the difficult times there. Glory be to God!! ☺

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This trip to Kemaman is a spiritually and mentally refreshing one even though everyday is a physically tiring day due to the lack of sleep and hectic schedule.

We started our work on Wednesday after a day of settling down and preparation. The 7 of us were divided into 2 groups.

Junsheng, Desmond and Clement were in charge of the Youth retreat while the rest of us (Eugene, Jeanette, Shujing and myself) were in charge of the Children' program that was held simultaneously with the youth retreat.

The kids there were rather disciplined and obedient. The singspiration and lessons were always successful due to their willingness to participate and listen. Throughout the short few days spent with them,



quite a lot of kids were willing to confess their sins and receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour into their hearts. Though this is a very important first step but deep down in my heart, I know that follow-up work has to be done or else they may just fall away from the strait and narrow path that we are called to walk in. Hence, it is my prayer that the Lord will be merciful and gracious to preserve His children from false doctrines and teachers and not deviate from the truth, but always relying on the Bible as their yardstick. And of course the Lord will as promised in Jude 24: **"Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy."**

This trip also made me realize that serving the Lord is not as easy as it always seemed. I personally witnessed how Dn and Mrs Wee in Kemaman as well as Joshua in Kuantan minister to their respective flock. Before each service, they have to start ferrying fellow brethren to church. They usually set off one to two hours before the actual service starts and they have been doing it for years. Because they are the only more active people serving there, they have to take care of everything from the leading of worship service to preparing refreshments after service. Kemaman Life B-P Church needs a full time minister urgently. We can help by remembering them in prayers.

This trip also made me realized how blessed I am to be in a company of like-minded brethren. During this trip, I am sure all of us enjoyed each other's company. Understanding, care and concern were evident throughout the trip. This is only possible with Christ's love in us. Hence, it is indeed a fruitful trip.



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FCM Camp Report 2003

This year's FCM camp was held in Calvary (Pandan) B-P Church from the 19th to the 24th of May, with 'Christian Leadership' as its theme. We thank God for a fruitful week spent at camp. Indeed, it was an activity-filled week with a video, object lessons, morning devotions, main messages and night messages, case studies, FCM group dinner, prayer meeting, workshop, tracting session, Bible quiz, dinner and fellowship, not forgetting the dorm sharings every night.

"Feed the flock of God which is among you, not by constraint but willingly, not for filthy lucre but of a ready mind." 1 Peter 5:2, recited the FCM campers dutifully, trying to commit the theme verse to memory at the instruction



of the camp master, Desmond. This year's camp had a sea of fresh faces, which we thank God for. It's always a joy to know more brothers and sisters in Christ! There were those who had completed the Cambridge 'O'rdeals or 'A'fflictions, waiting to enter a new phase of trials. Some

others that had been serving the country in NS, and then there were others who looked familiar from some combined meeting or camp a year ago. Notably, the Poly FCM increased in size to about 16 (from a head count on the Tuesday of the camp).

The ice-breakers on Monday helped everyone to warm up to each other before settling in the dorms. Instead of having camp groups, the camp committee decided to have a 'draw lots' system of grouping, where campers would randomly pick their defining group colour for the day, and this would take place every day, so as to promote interaction among different campers and listen to various perspectives during the after-message discussion. The fellowship usually continued over lunch. Thank God that edifying conversations are a hallmark of fellowship in FCM.

The video shown that afternoon, Countdown to Eternity was a pertinent reminder of how we are living in the last days and ought to redeem the time, because the days are evil. (Ephesians 5:16) It was thought provoking to see how the evening news could be a fulfilment of the prophecies in the Bible. The object lessons following that were games with 'a moral' behind it. At night, Pr Ho Chee Lai spoke on Moses- The Portrait of a Pastor, on characteristics of a pastor.

After having Quiet Time in the morning, the feeling of fellowship was so sweet when we were able to continue worshipping God through morning devotions. Thank God for the FCM brothers (Patrick, Clement, Jin An, Shujian and Desmond) who diligently prepared the morning devotions, especially for brother Patrick's devotion on pride, one of the most subtle and deadly



sins. Truly, God resisteth the proud and giveth grace unto the humble. I regret that I was unable to attend all the morning devotions fully due to breakfast duty, but thank God I learned a practical lesson through that, which is not to be a Martha, cumbered about much serving, but to be like Mary, who choose the important part, to listen to God's Word.

There was much to be learnt from the main messages on Christian leadership, brought to us by Rev Das Koshy on Tuesday to Friday. He taught us that it is the responsibility of every

member to know the qualities of leaders (elders and deacons) of the church, though we may not be leaders ourselves. Also, many of us have taken up some area of service in church in which we may have to lead, and it is important that we know the right attitude and nature of spiritual leadership, and how it differs from secular leadership. Praise God for speakers who teach us God's Word at the pulpit, and for the personal testimonies of how God worked in their lives.

Case studies followed lunch on Tuesday, in which actual situations were given to us for a "What would you do?" type of discussion. The FCM Bible study leaders and co-ordinators took charge of the FCM group dinner. It was a time for the Poly, NTU/ NIE, NUS Science, NUS Arts groups to meet the new members and plan for the semester ahead over a sumptuous meal.

We attended the exhortation given by Rev Quek Suan Yew in Pandan's Tuesday night prayer meeting on Romans 12:15 **"Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep."** Then, we adjourned for our own prayer sessions in our respective FCM groups.

Truly, the power of prayer is something real, as we saw in the camp. We heard news that Pr Ho was unwell, (thank God it was not SARS), and might not be able to speak to us on Wednesday night. That evening we prayed for Pr Ho, and God granted him speedy recovery.

The highlight on Wednesday was the workshop by Sister Lye Chan, a counsellor of Calvary (Jurong) Youth Fellowship, on the topic "Relating to Youths". The workshop started unusually with the FCMers analysing obituaries and then designing their own tombstones. Through the interactive session, we learned to examine our own lives to see if we are living examples for others, how to avoid being a stumbling block but to be a stepping stone and the qualities of a true friend, and even learned some counselling tips.

On Thursday afternoon, bands of FCMers, armed with tracts and the Holy Bible, went around Jurong East and the vicinity to preach the gospel. We thank God for the opportunities that He has given us to witness for Him. Though we may not see the fruits of our labour, but we can be assured that we are doing God's will. **'I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.'** 1 Corinthians 3:6.

On Friday, there was a Bible Quiz where campers were tested on their attentiveness during the camp messages and activities, as well as the various Bible studies in FCM held over the past semester. A big thank you to the Bible Study leaders who set some of the challenging and interesting Quiz questions that have helped us recall and review what we have learnt.

The final night of the camp would not be complete without the traditional Dinner and Fellowship. We had pasta, mini-pizzas, finger foods and lots of fellowship with the past, present and new FCMers, and were happy that Eld Boon, the overall FCM-co-ordinator as well as Rev and Mrs Wee were able to join us. Heart-warming testimonies and sharings were the order of the night in the conference room where we had spent the last five days listening to messages.

As with all spiritual camps, there was a reluctance to leave the shelter of Christian fellowship and enter into the "real world" again, but it is only in the darkened world that we are able to let our lights so shine before men, that they may see our good works and glorify our Father which is in heaven.

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Answers to "Bible Baffle":

1. Tel Aviv
2. The believer is no longer bound. (1 Corinthians 7:15)
3. The death of John the Baptist. (Matthew 14:13)
4. Flesh and blood. (1 Corinthians 15:50)
5. Paul (Galatians 6:11)
6. Joel (Acts 2:14-16)
7. 5 (John 4:18)
8. Lot (Genesis 19:36-38)
9. The first-born child of David and Bathsheba. (2 Samuel 12:14-23)
10. A great gulf. (Luke 16:26)

How many did you get correct? ☺



UPCOMING EVENTS!

FCM combined meeting 2003

Date: 5th Sept 2003, (Friday)

Topic: "FCM – Its Genesis and Outlook"

Speaker: Dr Tow Siang Hwa

Venue: Calvary Bible-Presbyterian Church (Pandan), (AV Studio)

Address: 201 Pandan Gardens, S(609337)

Time: 6.30pm – Dinner; 7.30pm – Message

Those who would like to have dinner, please contact **Shawn Sin**
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FCM RETREAT 2003

Date: 25th – 27th Dec 2003

Theme: "Biblical Courtship"

Night Speaker: Elder Boaz Boon

Venue: Calvary Bible-Presbyterian Church (Tengah)

Address: Shalom Chapel, 345 Choa Chu Kang Road, S(689485)

Contact Zhihui at hp: **97414915** or

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Retreat Fees: Full-time: \$20; Part time: ~\$3/meal, \$1.50/Breakfast



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