

'kampung' kids' behaviour - they were unique in their own way and I came to like them as the days went by. I got to worry less about being a disciplinarian instead of a teacher. That was maybe due to the fact that the specialized position was already prudently and clearly established and assumed by brother Junsheng from the first day of the DVBS. By God's grace, we managed to conduct the lessons rather smoothly without many hiccups- despite the language barrier (eventually provided for) and this being only my second time teaching children. I was a little fearful initially due to inexperience and not knowing what to expect from an unfamiliar environment but I took comfort that I could hide behind His Cross and also remember that **"Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it"** (Ps127:1a), which a sister lovingly sms-ed me the day before the trip.

The trip also provided a good opportunity to experience what it was like to rely on the Lord to provide, to make pathways smooth because He has assured us that He will go before us. At the outset, it was a little daunting that the FCM camp and this trip were so near each other, for fear of lethargy as I was involved in both and that I also developed a persistent bad throat the weekend before (the very fruitful) FCM camp. But 1 Cor 10:31 **"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God"** kept recurring to me and somehow I had the peace and assurance that since I was doing His work and it was all for His glory and Name's sake only, I knew that He would take care of my health in His own good time. So I just brought along a whole bunch of lozenges, mints and vitamin C and just trusted that He would watch over me as He even watches over the sparrows. And I truly thank the LORD for His bountiful grace towards me as my cough stopped the day I was to start



teaching, no earlier, no later. The LORD answered my many prayers. Indeed, His grace is sufficient for me and I was very thankful for that.

Charmaine and myself not only taught the children in the day but also had the opportunity to meet the older sisters for a sweet time of dorm fellowship at night. It was a mutually edifying time as we got to fellowship with some who are attending church regularly or currently serving, and got to share, encourage and spur each other towards more fervent service for Him and towards a closer walk with our Heavenly Father.

I also thank God for the team members that went, that we could all get along and got to know each other a little better. This missions trip was notably more light-hearted than others I'd been on, possibly because we were all peers. Yet, the most distinctive feature, the balance between work/play/feeding on God's Word (morning devotions, bible study etc. by the brothers) was still maintained and it was a good experience.

My simple testimony is that I have been blessed in various little ways in going for this missions trip to provide assistance in conducting a DVBS for the Kemaman brethren. It might

not be all about giving as it would seem. But through it some receiving in ways we may not be able to understand now. God works in His mysterious, but omniscient ways. Indeed, it is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35). The harvest is plenteous but the labourers few. If the Lord has placed a burden in you, do support the Kemaman brethren in the next trip or anytime with your labour of love as they need co-labourers in various areas especially those who can cope with Mandarin, as Dn Wee mentioned the schools are teaching less of English nowadays. The seed has been sown and needs to be watered with prayers. Continue to uphold the children, youths and adults in prayer as we all serve Him and are one in the Body and Mind of Christ.

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## 6) Testimony by Herbert



To be able to serve the King of kings and Lord of lords has always been a great honour and privilege for me. This is because God being sovereign can choose anyone to serve Him. The fact that He has chosen me, a wretched sinner saved by His grace, is indeed a remarkable privilege.

First and foremost, I thank God for giving me the mental strength to prepare the lessons. For quite a while, my thorn in the flesh has been my poor mental stamina. Like Paul in 2 Cor 12:8, I often begged the Lord to take this thorn away. But God is ever faithful. Despite my weakness and struggles, He sustained me until the last day of preparation. Truly His grace is sufficient for us. In the end, I can only humbly stand in awe and amazement before His throne of grace!

As this was my first trip to Kemaman and for that matter my first youth camp, I was inexperienced and did not know any of the youths there. As such, I was a little nervous initially. However, the Lord was gracious. He caused me to fix my eyes upon Him, constantly reminding me that I am only a channel and that He will be the One who will empower and use me. What a comfort from the Lord Most High! This greatly strengthened my confidence in Him and helped me to rely solely on the Lord for strength. With that, my often cry unto the Lord before my lessons begin is "Use me to help them, O Lord! And may all glory be unto Thy name!"

My first lesson was scheduled to start at 8.00pm after dinner on the first day of camp (02/06/04). As the time allocated for dinner is 2 hours, I thought I could have a quick dinner and then use the remaining time to refresh and prepare myself for the lesson. This was because my first lesson: "Not willing that any should perish" is a gospel cum repentance message and it is most vital to be as well prepared as possible. However, the lesson was brought forward due to the fact that dinner was delayed. It had to start on the spot! As such, as much as I would like to, I did not have time to prepare myself. Praying more earnestly in my heart for the Lord to help me do my best for Him, I went in faith.

Indeed, the Lord is merciful and honours those who honour Him. He gave me the most appropriate thoughts and words to speak! Most of which I do not think I would have thought



**Answers:**

1. Daniel (Daniel 5:27)
  2. Daniel (Daniel 7:13)
  3. Daniel (Daniel 9:27; Daniel 12:11)
  4. Daniel (Daniel 9:20-27)
  5. Daniel (Daniel 10:12-14)
  6. Daniel (Daniel 11)
  7. Daniel (Daniel 11:36)
  8. Daniel (Daniel 11:43)
  9. Daniel (Daniel 12:2)
  10. Daniel (Daniel 12:4)
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**“Leaving” FCM**

-- *testimonies*

**1) Testimony by Shujian**

Finally, like many of the “veterans”, my FCM “career” has come to an end. For I am ready to be donning green soon, the time of my departure is at hand. Now, what lies ahead of me is a cap of Green Beret (God willing), and of course a pair of shining black boots and so on.

I can only use the apostle Paul’s address to young Timothy in II Timothy to express my feeling of “departure at hand”. Well, maybe this is a poor comparison as Paul in II Timothy was going to face the wrath of baneful Emperor Nero in Rome, “parading” with lions in the circus. While I am going to “enjoy” and parade in the more glamorous parade ground of the Singapore Armed Force, God willing.

Sometimes, no one will cherish something as it is, until when he is deprived of it, then he feels the urge to treasure it. My first encounter of FCM was through “word of mouth”, spoken by Phoebe Goh, my fellow YFer (Calvary Youth Fellowship) and certainly my coordinator in Poly FCM. She spoke of a strange bible study of the tertiary group who met regularly during their school term. As she spoke, it seem her eyes brighten up, face shone, with heart brimming and burning of Christian Fellowship.

Strange but true, I never see her behave like that before. And since I witness her “dramatic” change in facial expression, I decided to give FCM a “try”. I must say that before that I was a bit skeptical as I am serving in my YF at that time, and do not really believe in joining a “second” bible study and fellowship group.

With this “harden” heart like the one of Pharaoh, attended NTU FCM the first time, and saw the “infamous” Jun Sheng for the first time. Astonished by the relatively numerical weakness in the group as compared to my YF, yet at the same time amazed by the tireless Rev

Wee and Aunt Helen (Rev Wee's helpmate) in fetching the far-scattered potential members in their humbled church van.

Really feel the burden of "just to make up the number", but at the same time enjoying the bible study. The bible study is deep, and the group is small, (true, even to this day). Hence, individual needs are being catered. Therefore, sometimes "small", indeed is beautiful.

If you harden your heart, God in turn will harden it too. I was happily feeding on spiritual food and had not really wished to serve. Until a trip to "Emmaus". The "Emmaus" turn out to be a return bus journey from Old Airport Road. There was I on the bus, alone with a big, intimidating, former commando, all right, this man needs no introduction, Junsheng. So actually what can happen between, a colossus, brave-hearted, spiritual giant and a "slow of heart", fool, small, thin dwarf?

It is not a classic case of David versus Goliath where a physical war was conducted, but simply a war of words and breaking of a harden heart. I remember actually what he said to me. He encouraged me to come for the FCM Retreat, where there is an Exposition Workshop is conducted and revealed to me the purpose of having one. To train up male leaders, church future leaders and servant of God. He emphasized on the need of male leading in Bible study, church activities as in accordance with the Scripture. Never see him so serious before, he meant what he said.

Who am I? Am I not the least in my church and YF, and maybe now extend to FCM? That was my heart's answer to him; even right now the answer is still the same. However, God uses us not of what we are, but despite of what we are... The heart broke and new frontier of combat is conducted in the spiritual realm.



Battle rages to and fro, a Christian life is never a bed of roses, yet never too thorny. For God is gracious, never test to the limit that we cannot bear the weight of the burden. Simple words, hard to follow yet full of God's Truth. How many times did we not like the Israelites in the wilderness, complain and murmur? However, thanks be to God, who in our distress, provide Manna, "What it is" to feed us and even angels to make the path before us smooth.

FCM really opened my eyes to realize that there are so many B-P churches around, so many areas need service, yet few serve. Indeed, B-P churches are blessed with so many elders, pastors, bible study leaders, preachers, yet they find it hard to break the complacent, harden hearts of members to serve and re-ignite their heart's flame to rededicate themselves(me included) to God.

Once I was a child, I was naïve, little did I realize the importance of unity amongst church leaders and its blessings. Indeed, so many things happened in the space of 3-4 years, that I have to put away childish things and became a man, feeding solid meat, not milk in the

truth of God. Enjoy many Christian fellowships, what's a blessing! Been to many B-P churches too, fulfilling one of my childhood desire.

As kingdoms rise and fall, cohort comes and goes.... An inquisitive mind will always question.... So what's next? I don't know but I know the Lord will provide..... The Lord will always keep a remnant for His own use. And what will happen? No one knows, but all I can say is God reigns, and is in His Holy Temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him.

Zheng Shujian

11:19pm

10 June 2004, the day for "Departure at Hand"

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## 2) Testimony by Ying Tien

I really thank the Lord for FCM and never regret the day I chose to join FCM. I remembered my very 1<sup>st</sup> meeting when brother Jun Sheng invited me to join the combined NTU-Poly FCM meeting at Rev Wee's house. I came not knowing if this group is really going to be right for me. As a young believer, I have very limited understanding of the Bible and was gripped by fear of sharing and praying aloud. All these bring a sense of anxiety and uncertainty.

Week by week as I learn new truths from God's word and began to share openly, I find acceptance and love. I thank the Lord for granting me the sincere desire to join FCM. I thank the Lord for His sufficient grace and the joy of fellowship with the Poly FCMers. In these 3 years, God has sufficiently provided for all my needs. Although painful experiences were not avoidable, although sleepless night were hard to bear, although many problems unsolved but thank God for His mercy, He had led me along the way. I have learnt that trials are tests of our faith in Him, and we are to receive every trial as from God, and to go to Him for strength to bear it.

Before I end, I would like to thank Preacher Ho Chee Laifor his guidance and teaching, and to all FCMers who were always supportive. Thank you. May we always seek His kingdom and His will in future and may we always keep in touch and be bound within the love of the Lord.

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### 3) Testimony by Sharon

'How time flies' is the phrase that comes to mind, as I look back at my 3 years in Nanyang Polytechnic. God has indeed been gracious in seeing me through my diploma studies, and guiding me along life's narrow way.

I thank the Lord that I have a Christian family, who encourages me emotionally as well as spiritually. I realise that I have sadly taken them for granted, as well as the gospel message and its meaning. I was 'stuck' when some of my classmates started asking certain questions about Christianity, to which the answers I didn't know. I realised how immature and shallow my knowledge of the Bible really was, and the need to be ready to witness as we are in the end times.

When I met the group of poly FCMers in 2001, my life was blessed and changed. Not only were they fervent in serving the Lord, they were also an encouragement to me in my studies and spiritual growth. There were many times when assignments took my time away from God, and my spiritual life was full of ups and downs, but FCM was my anchor, without which I would have been washed astray. To be a shining light in this world of darkness - is what my fellow brethren have encouraged me to be. And though my sanctification may be gradual, I strive to serve God to the best of my ability, and to consecrate my life to Him. (*Romans 12:1,2*)



God led me to this path of poly studies though I thought I would go to JC originally. If I had gone to JC, I would have missed out the warm fellowship and friends in poly FCM, and missed all the valuable lessons learnt. I sincerely hope that future and current FCMers can and will enjoy the same comfort of Christian fellowship that I was blessed with.

God indeed had a plan for my life, and yours as well. We probably cannot see the whole picture now, but in His time He will reveal some to us. God knows the end of each path that you or I take, and so we need to learn to have complete trust in Him and tune ourselves to His plan, and let Him have dominion over us. Only then will we discover his wonderful way of working in and through us for His glory.

**Mat 5:16- *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your father which is in heaven.***

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### 4) Testimony by Phoebe

**“The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.” – Psalm 37:23.24**

**“Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say on the LORD.”** – Psalm 27:14

**“Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.”** – Matthew 10:29,31

These 3 verses sum up the lessons that God has taught me in the past few years. Indeed, there are many times when I fail and attempt to do things on my own strength but God has always pulled me up from those depths of problems and reassured me. He has shown me that he still provides for me and will never forget me even though I have done so many displeasing things in my life.

FCM Poly has been a blessing during my tertiary education and I have tasted of the fellowship and goodness of studying God’s Word together with his people. Well, not to mention the NTU group too, when I first attended FCM. Though the Poly FCM joined the NTU FCM initially and later split into our own FCM group, God has answered many prayers and provided people and resources to any situation.

It is really true that we only understand the practical lessons and bible studies when we try to apply them into our dire circumstances and are at a loss of what to do. Otherwise, memorizing and sitting for a few hours at an FCM meeting without application will not do our spiritual lives any good.

I really appreciate the guidance of Preacher Ho Chee Laias a BS leader in our group as God has really used him to help all of us grow. He is always thinking of new ways to improve the poly structure and getting to know the FCMers. I will miss the quizzes, discussion and fellowship and cottage meetings that we had in the group. As the group is getting more hyperactive and enthusiastic for the coming semesters, I do hope that they will really experience God’s hand in FCM and fuel them to have a closer walk with God.

May this ministry continue to be a learning ground for young Christians, especially at this age where many youths are ‘lost’ and are drawn to the attractive things in the world. Press on with God for it is indeed not an easy life to lead as a Christian. **J**

Sis-in-Christ,  
Phoebe  
Poly FCM



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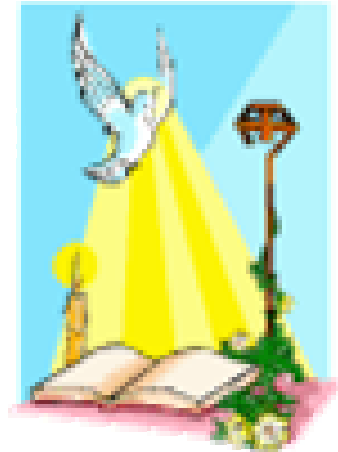
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