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## Thankful to be Debt-free!



**A Note  
from the Principal**

*By Rev Dr Tie King Tai*

**T**hankful, because more than RM7 millions building fund for MTS's new hostels (named Charles Wesley Hall) have been paid up! Now we are debt-free!

Hereby, on behalf of MTS, I would like to thank God and thank you for all your donations. Below are just a few of many items of thanksgivings. May God remember and reward you all for your generousities.

Thankful, because a couple who were physically weak and yet they loved the Lord and MTS so much that they were the first to donate a large amount to get the building project going. Their donations encouraged board members' faith to move on.

Thankful, because an elderly pastor and wife still remembered MTS, even though they are retired and overseas. They donated to remember their father who was also a pastor. Their donations literally paid up the final amount of building debts.

Thankful, because every year SCAC has been giving the largest amount to support the building project.

Thankful, because an elderly yet healthy church member consented to give and she gave promptly.

Thankful, because a loving couple sold their land to support.

Thankful, because a terminally-ill church member sold her inheritance and gave to MTS to store treasures in heaven.

Thankful, because many churches and fellowships responded to the calling of annual conference to give portion of their accumulated savings to MTS.

Thankful, because churches in other lands such as Sabah, West Malaysia, PNG, Korea, etc. have also actively participated in giving.

Thankful, because churches and members actively offered, whether more or less, whether money or kind such as air-conditioners, bricks, paints, etc. May the Lord remember each and everyone's giving.

Thankful, because MTS board members, alumni, lecturers, staffs, students, etc. all offered in one accord.

Thankful, because everybody worked together to build the hostels!

"Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15)

## 2012 News from MTS

**27th September:** Ms Wong Song Jing, our Worship & Music Program student, had her Junior Recital in MTS Chapel.



**29th September:** the pastors and LCEC members of Hwai Ang Methodist Church visited us to celebrate Mooncake Festival.





Performance by M.Min. graduates

### Graduation Thanksgiving Dinner

MTS Graduation Thanksgiving dinner was held on 2nd November 2012 at RH hotel.



Sharing by Rev. Ling Heu Uh, translated by Mdm. Yan Foong Peng



Performance by Theology and Missiology graduates

### 14th (since the reopening of Degree Courses) Graduation Service

Date: 3rd November 2012

Venue: Zion Methodist Church, Sibiu

#### Number of Graduates:

##### 1. Theological Program

Master of Ministry: 3

Master of Divinity: 1

Bachelor of Divinity: 2

Bachelor of Theology: 2

Licentiate of Theology: 2

Bachelor of Divinity major in Missiology: 2

Bachelor of Theology major in Missiology: 3

Licentiate of Theology major in Missiology: 2

##### 2. Worship & Music Program

Certificate in Worship & Music Program by Extension: 4

##### 3. Theological Education program by Extension

Diploma in Christian Studies: 1

Certificate in Christian Studies: 4



Group photo of the graduates (26 graduates)

### Paramount Hotel Thanksgiving Service

Paramount Hotel held its 10th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service on 10th November 2012.

The whole MTS community, including lecturers & their family members, students and staff again were invited to attend and to lead the service.



Performance by the staff of Paramount Hotel



Cake cutting ceremony by the Board members & staff of Paramount hotel, and some MTS lecturers

## 2013 First Semester Opening Service

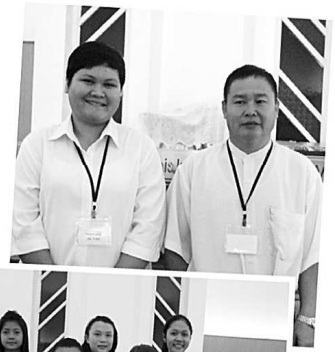
Date: 2nd January 2013

Venue: Wesley Methodist Church, Sibuluan

Theme: Spirit Empowered, Life Transformed

Number of new students in 2013:

- 1) First year Theological students (Iban) – 2
- 2) First year Theological students (Chinese) including Missiological students – 7
- 3) 8th Batch STMS English Students – 7
- 4) 8th Batch STMS Iban Students – 7
- 5) 4th Batch STMS Music Students – 20
- 6) 21st Batch STMS Chinese Students – 56
- 7) The 14th Batch Theological Education by Extension Students – 19
- 8) The 7th Batch Worship & Music Program by Extension Students – 2



## Work of Mercy

On 5th January 2013, MTS extended work of mercy to the family of Brother Hwang Su Hing. The donation was handed over by Rev Dr Tie King Tai, Principal, and witnessed by Rev Paul Ting Huat Ung, Chaplain.



## 8th Batch STMS English Graduation Service

Date: 7th February 2013

Venue: Wesley Methodist Church, Sibuluan



7 STMS English students graduated.

## Missions Awareness Week (25/2-3/3/2013)

The theme for this year Missions Awareness Week was "Apologetics", to enable the community knows more about other religions. Besides that, some evangelism trainings were provided especially for STMS students before the whole community left for missions work. From February 28th to March 3rd, all lecturers and students went to different places and churches for short-term missions exposure according to their family groups.



(Please refer to the Chinese Methodist Message for the report of the below family groups.)

- 1) Rev. Dr. Tie King Tai's Family Group: Eng Hui Methodist Church, Marudi
- 2) Rev. Dr. Ling Tung Kiing's Family Group: Shi En MC, Sri Aman
- 3) Rev. Dr. Khoo Ho Peng & Rev. Ting Huat Ung's Family Group: Bee Eng MC, Sarikei
- 4) Rev. Dr. Angela Ting Siew King: Nyelong Park MC, Sarikei
- 5) Rev. Dr. Lu Chen Tiong's Family Group: Shiuan En MC, Sibul



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- 6) Rev. Hoo Sing Hang's Family Group: Tatau & Sebauh, Bintulu
- 7) Rev. Thomas Lau Sie Ngiu's Family Group: Betong Preaching Centre, Sarikei
- 8) Rev. Francis Wong & Rev. Lee's Family Group: Teo Guan & Hong Ang MC, Sibu
- 9) Miss Cecilia Ting Ik Huong's Family Group: Tien En MC, Sibu
- 10) Miss Irene Lai Dhing Dhing's Family Group: Sang Ik & Jing Ang MC, Bintangor



**Rev. Bonnie Sedau and Rev. Elizabeth Enjut's Family Groups: Bekakong & Sg. Assan**

Kami mengucapkan syukur dan terima kasih kepada Allah Bapa di Syurga kerana telah memberi segala kekuatan, keberanian dan kerjasama kepada setiap kami sepanjang menjalankan misi di sekitar Ulu Layar Betong, walaupun banyak cabaran dan segala macam keadaan yang kami hadapi tetapi ini tidak sesekali melemahkan semangat kami untuk melayani Tuhan. Kami berharap agar benih (Injil) yang kami semai di kalangan penduduk di setiap rumah panjang, akan bertumbuh dalam hati dan jiwa mereka.



### General Fund Donation by Siong Ong Methodist Church

On 7th February 2013, Pastor Sia Pik Hao (middle) and Vice Lay Leader brother Wong (right) from Siong Ong Methodist Church donated a sum for our General Fund. We would like to express our deepest gratitude to them for their loving care.

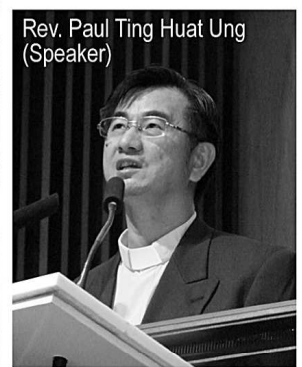


### Volleyball Match

12th March 2013: Some MTS Alumni came back to visit on campus students and organized a volleyball match with the students, while they were attending SCAC Pastors' School in Sibiu.

### MTS Night for Sibiu East District

MTS Night Sibiu was held on March 22, at Xin Fu Yuan Methodist Church, and the theme for the night was "Life Transformed". Rev. Paul Ting Huat Ung was the speaker for the night. He reminded all the Christians to transform their life, and encouraged them to have a good testimony in their daily life. But he mentioned that, most of the Christians did not know how and did not want to do so. So more committed Christians are needed in full time ministry—pastors, missionaries or directors in Worship & Music, to be more focused in serving the Lord and training others.



### Sibu Dedication Camp

23 March 2013 at MTS Chapel

From left to right: Speakers: Rev. Monica Siaw Yu Jinn, Rev. Tang Sin Hie, Miss Lybia Su Hie Chiat (Music Director) and Miss Chan Lan Tien (Missionary).



# 2013

## M.Min. Modular Course

### Rev. Dr. Lu Chen Tiong:

4th – 8th March 2013, taught a M.Min. modular course on "Liturgical Study of the Methodist".



# Visitors

#### 30/08/2012

Rev. James and Barbara Reuteler, MTS Principal in 1975 visited MTS.

#### 02/10/2012

MTS alumni, Rev. and Mrs. Ling Tung Hui visited us.

#### 01/11/2012

Dr. Ling Tiong H., an acupuncturist from Texas, USA, visited us.

#### 21/11/2012

A group of brothers and sisters from China visited MTS, accompanied by Madam Yii Hie Sing.

#### 11/12/2012

Rev. David Wee CS, a retired pastor from Trinity Annual Conference, Methodist Church of Singapore visited us.

#### 16/03/2013

a group of youths from Nanga Matop Methodist Church, Julau, visited us.

#### 19/03/2013

Mr. and Mrs. Yeoh Hong Yee visited us.

### 1. MTS General Fund

Since October 2012 till February this year, **MTS is facing deficits for about eighty thousands ringgit Malaysia.** We need your prayers urgently. Please pray for God's providence towards "MTS General Fund", pray that more brothers and sisters are willing to give and support MTS ministry financially. For your information, the monthly expenses for MTS is about 150 thousands ringgit Malaysia, including salary and allowances for full time and part time lecturers & staff, utilities, purchasing books for the library, maintenance fees and others.

We welcome brothers and sisters to participate in the work of God. Please specify your offering as "MTS General Fund".

### 2. MTS Building Fund

Total Income received	: RM 7,756,012.12
Total expenses	: RM 7,496,080.96
Balance	: RM 259,931.16

The balance above will be used to pay off the interest charges of the loan we applied from the SCAC, to pay for the library renovation, and reserve as MTS Building Fund for 3rd phase of physical development. We thank God for His guidance and providence over the past few years, and we thank all brothers and sisters in Christ for your supports in terms of finance and prayers. May the Lord bless you and your church.

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## MTS Latest News & Prayer Items

### 3. M. Min. Modular Course for second semester

- Pray for the good health of the lecturers. Pray that God will grant them wisdom in teaching.
- Pray for the students to be in good health to study during the intensive course.

#### **Master of Ministry Program:**

Date: 8-12/7/2013

Subject: Spiritual Formation of Pastor

Lecturer: Dr. Niam Kai Huey

### 5. Recruitment of Pre-Theological Program

#### Purpose:

To prepare the students to become more mature and confident before commencing the vigorous theological training.

#### Subjects:

Bible Knowledge, Self-growth, Introduction to Philosophy, Kingdom of God and the World, Conversational English, Basic Music, Field works

#### Language:

Chinese / Iban Medium

#### Duration:

17th July – 26th October 2013

#### Closing date for application:

**30th April 2013**

Applicants can get the application form from your church pastor or MTS. You may also browse through our website: [www.mtssibu.edu.my](http://www.mtssibu.edu.my) to obtain the form.

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### 4. Recruitment of 8th Batch (2013) of STMS College

Purposes:

- 1) To equip Christians to become Christ's disciples for the advancement of the Gospel.
- 2) To provide in-depth study for young Christians who are involved in various ministries in the church, equipping them to become more effective in their ministries.
- 3) To help Christians who have dedicated their lives to be sure of God's calling.

Language: Chinese Medium

Duration: 7th July – 23rd August 2013

Qualification for Application:

- 1) Born again Christian, baptized & confirmed (actively involved in ministry).
- 2) College students or College graduates.
- 3) Aged 21 and above, physically healthy, psychologically and spiritually sound.
- 4) Having an obedient heart, be consistent throughout the course, willing to love people and work hard.
- 5) Formal recommendation from church pastor.

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**Closing date for application: 15th May 2013**

### 6. MTS Night at Sarikei

Theme: Life Transformed

Speaker: Rev. Paul Ting Huat Ung

Date: 20th July 2013

Time: 7:15pm

Venue: Nyelong Park Methodist Church, Sarikei

- Please pray for the speaker, choir, mime presentation, PA system, weather etc.
- Please pray for the participants. Pray that more brothers and sisters are willing to respond to God's calling.