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## Are We Keeping Godly Habits, After Seminary?



### A Note from the Principal

Rev Dr Tie King Tai  
Principal

**T**heological school is supposed to be a training ground for all aspects of life to prepare our future church ministers or leaders. We train in at least four aspects: intellectual, physical, spiritual and social (Luke 2:52). The idea is to train them to live a balanced and healthy lifestyle, a lifestyle of practicing godly habits.

The challenge is how we could maintain this lifestyle, after graduation, for years to come as a minister or leader? Are we keeping our godly habits?

As you know, in the area of prayer, MTS has tried to train in daily Morning Prayer (5:15 am) and in fasting and prayer (on Friday in breakfast and lunch). I am not sure how many alumni are practicing this lifestyle of prayer after they leave MTS. I hope many are. If

not, at least you would do some kind of early morning prayer and weekly fasting. After all, these are means of grace emphasized by John Wesley as he had set a good example for us to follow.

In the area of evangelism, MTS has also been training students in weekly evangelism. I wonder how many alumni are intentionally keeping this weekly practice of reaching out. Unless we make evangelism a spiritual habit, we would not be reaching out to unbelievers with the Gospel of love. The problem with many church ministers and leaders is we can be very busy to do 101 things but neglect to share the Gospel. Even in our pulpits, we also need to remember to proclaim the cross constantly and habitually.

How about in the areas of studying, reading, exercising, fellowshiping,

giving, caring, etc.? Are we keeping these habits as well?

We should be setting a good example for our church members to follow and to form good Christian habits in the power of the Holy Spirit. We should not just practice these godly habits in theological school, or in training camp, or in retreat. But we should keep these habits after we leave school or camp or retreat as we enter into the real world.

“For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.” (1 Timothy 4:8)

# MISSIONS AWARENESS WEEK (17-23/2/2014)

MTS conducted our annual Missions Awareness Week from 17th to 23rd February this year. Rev Martyn Atkins, the General Secretary of the Methodist Church of England was one of the speakers for the seminar before the community left for missions work. The theme for this year was "Spirit Empowered, Christ Glorified". From February 20th to 23rd, all lecturers and students went to 12 different places and churches for short-term missions exposure according to their family groups.



Rev. Thomas Lau Sie Ngiu's Family Group:  
Hwai Ang Methodist Church, Sibü North District

Rev. Dr. Ling Tung Kiing's Family Group:  
Sing Kwong & Jing Ang Methodist Church,  
Bintangor District



Rev. Hoo Sing Hang and Rev. Lee Ai Sing's Family Group:

Hong Ang & Teo Guan Methodist Church, Sibü West District

Rev. Paul Ting Huat Ung's Family Group: En Tao MC, Sibü West District

Miss Irene Lai's Family Group: Yuan Nan & Tien Ang MC, Sibü West District

Rev. Dr. Angela Ting Siew King: Ching Nguan & Zheng Guang MC, Bintangor District

Rev. Dr. Tie King Tai's Family Group: Tien Sik Methodist Church, Sibü West District

Rev. Dr. Lu Chen Tiong's Family Group: Cheng Uong Methodist Church, Sibü West District

Rev. Dr. Khoo Ho Peng's Family Group: Zion Methodist Church, Sibü North District

Miss Cecilia Ting's Family Group: Shuan En Methodist Church, Sibü North District

Rev. Dr. Francis Wong King Sing's Family Group: Xin Fu Yuan Methodist Church, Sibü South District

**Rev. Bonnie Sedau and Rev. Elizabeth Enjut's Family Groups:**

Dalam mission trip ini, kami pergi ke kalangan orang Iban di kawasan Kanowit, iaitu Nanga Dap, Ngemah dan Ngungun. Di ketiga-tiga tempat ini, kami pergi ke rumah-rumah panjang. Kali ini, dalam missions trip boleh dikatakan mencabar di mana kami harus mengguna perahu untuk pergi ke sesuatu tempat. Apa yang menjadi pelajaran kami adalah erti bekerjasama dan bagaimana kami boleh memahami antara satu sama lain. Berterima kasih kepada Tuhan kerana melalui missions trip ini kami boleh melihat keperluan jemaat-jemaat di kawasan ini malah bukan sekadar di tempat ini, di seluruh dunia juga masih mencari kebenaran. Memerlukan kita sebagai penginjil membawa firman Tuhan kepada mereka.



## NEWS FROM MTS

### 2013 EVENTS

**30<sup>th</sup> August:**

8<sup>th</sup> STMS College Graduation Service at Wesley Church. 20 graduates.



**3<sup>rd</sup> October:**

Miss Wong Song Jing, Worship & Music program final year student, held her graduation recital at MTS Chapel.

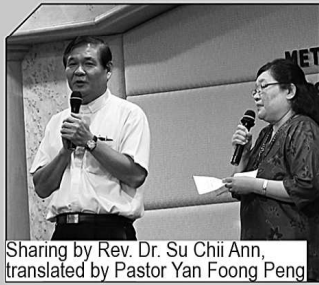
**30<sup>th</sup> September:**

Worship and Music students held their junior recital at MTS Chapel.



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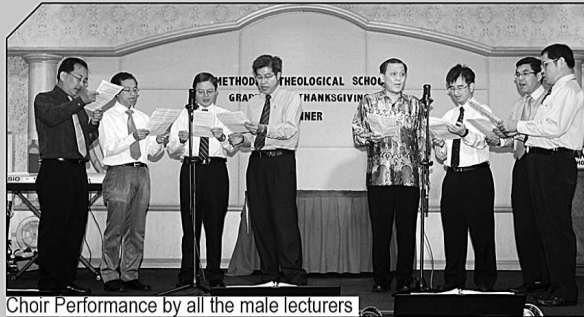
## 2013 EVENTS



### Graduation Thanksgiving Dinner

We had our graduation thanksgiving dinner at Paramount Hotel on 25th October 2013.

Sharing by Rev. Dr. Su Chii Ann, translated by Pastor Yan Foong Peng



Choir Performance by all the male lecturers



Hand bell performance by students

### Paramount Hotel Thanksgiving Service

Paramount Hotel held its Thanksgiving Service on 5th November 2013. The whole MTS community, including lecturers & their family members, students and staff again were invited to attend and to conduct the service.



The board's representatives hand over the donation to MTS

### 15th Graduation Service (since the reopening of Degree Courses)

Date: 26th October 2013

Venue: Wei Kuok Hall, SibU



Group photo of the board members, faculty and graduates (16 graduates)



R: Bishop Dr. On Hwai Teik (Speaker),  
L: Rev. Thomas Lau (Translator)



# 2014 Events

## 2014 First Semester Opening Service

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2014

Venue: Wesley Methodist Church, Sibü

Theme: Spirit Empowered, Christ Glorified



(R) Rev. Dr. Hii Kong Hock (Speaker),  
(L) Rev. Thomas Lau (Translator)



First year students (Chinese & Iban) – 17

## Chinese New Year Celebration

Brothers and sisters from Cheng Uong Methodist Church invited the whole MTS community to celebrate Chinese New Year at Paramount Hotel on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2014. Besides treating us to have lunch together, they also gave us ang paus. We would like to express our deepest gratitude to them for their loving care.



STMS English students performed a CNY song



Ang Paus were given to all the senior students

## 9<sup>th</sup> Batch STMS English Graduation Service

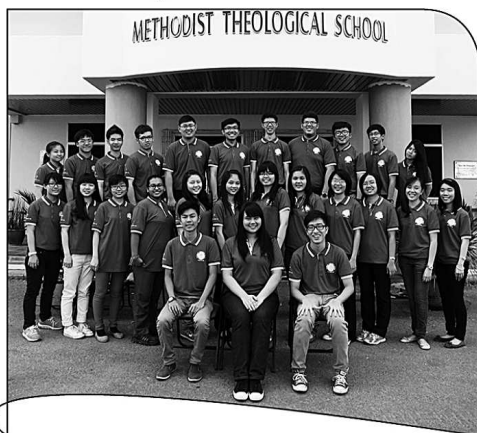
Date: 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014

Venue: Wesley Methodist Church, Sibü



(L) Speaker:  
Rev. Pau Kiew Chung

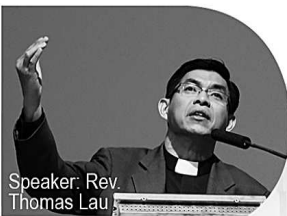
26 STMS English students graduated.



## MTS Night (Chinese) for Sibü District

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> March 2014

Venue: Sing Ang Tong Methodist Church, Sibü



Speaker: Rev. Thomas Lau



Choir & dance presentation by STMS & Theological students

# 2014 Events

## Dedication Camp

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2014

Venue: Wesley Methodist Church, Sibü



Speakers (from L to R): Rev. Wong Koi Fo, Rev. Winnie Lau and Mdm. Belle Ting (Missionary).

## Offering Handover

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> April 2014



The representatives from the Sunday School of Maong MC, Kuching West District, led by Rev. Kong Pang Kee, visited us and handed over their offering.

## 3 in 1 Celebration (Birthday, Teachers' Day & Gawai)

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2014



Sharing by Mdm. Winnie Chan



Gawai Celebration



Blessing each other

## The 22<sup>nd</sup> Batch of STMS Chinese, the 9<sup>th</sup> Batch of STMS Iban and the 5<sup>th</sup> Batch of STMS Music Graduation Service

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Venue: Wei Kuok Hall, Sibü



The 22<sup>nd</sup> Batch of STMS Chinese students – Class of Aaron (27 graduated)



The 9<sup>th</sup> Batch of Iban STMS students (9 graduated)



Speaker: Rev. Chieng Leh Hii, Sibü West District Superintendent



The 22<sup>nd</sup> Batch of STMS Chinese students – Class of Moses (37 graduated)



The 5<sup>th</sup> Batch of STMS Music students (20 graduated)

## VISITING LECTURERS + INVITED SPEAKERS

### **Rev. Law Hui Seng:**

9-13/09/2013 ~ taught an Iban intensive course on "Cross-Cultural Pastoral Care"

### **Dr. Thomas Leung In-sing:**

24-28/02/2014 ~ taught a M.Min. intensive course on "Chinese Culture and Pastoral Ministry". Besides that, we also invited him to be the speaker on "Spiritual Realm Exploration Talk" (at Xin Fu Yuan Methodist Church) and an evangelism rally with the topic "Mystery of the Spiritual Realm" (at Sibu Civic Centre).

### **Rev. Dr. Yeh Kao Fang:**

10-14/03/2014 ~ taught an intensive course on "Church Development & Family Ministry" for the Family and Counseling program.

## INTERACTION FORUMS ON CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

Organized by Wesley Centre of Research  
and Practical Theology of MTS

Wesley Centre takes up the challenge to organize interaction forums on contemporary issues from time to time, in order for the church to play a prophetic and missional role in the society. Below were the interaction forums that the Centre had organized:

**August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013:** "Do Apostles and Prophets Still Exist in This Age?"

Theme Speaker: Rev. Thomas Lau Sie Ngiu

**September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013:** "Anti-Corruption: Mission Impossible?"

Theme Speaker: Dr. Mark Lovatt

**February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014:** "Homosexuals are born that way?"

Theme Speaker: Rev. Paul Ting Huat Ung

**March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014:** "Iban Spiritual Warfare"

Theme Speakers: Rev. Elizabeth Enjut & Brother Janing

**The Centre is going to hold another two interaction forums in 2014:**

**1. 7/8/14:** Theme "Anti-corruption: Mission Impossible?"

Venue: Masland Methodist Church, Sibu.

Time: 7:15pm

Speaker: Mr. Tam Wah Fiong (Thumbprints Utd. Sdn. Bhd., Ethical Business Excellence Award 2010/2011)

**2. 2/10/14:** Theme "Mental illness and / or demon possession"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Khoo Ho Peng

## VISITORS

- 30/07/2013: Rev. Simon Goh and family (Pastor Florence Tieu and daughter Charlize Goh) from Christ church Chinese Methodist Church, New Zealand.
- 05/08/2013: Sunday school teachers and children from Roban Methodist Preaching Centre, Sarikei, led by Rev. Wong Siew Ping.
- 07/08/2013: The Dean of Chinese Department of Malaysia Bible Seminary – Rev. Dr. Lee Mee Onn and his wife.
- 13/08/2013: Rev. Ann Low, the National Prayer Facilitator of Malaysia National Prayer Network, and Mr. Stephen Cheah, the Assistant International Director and Regional Director East Asia of Freedom in Christ.
- 02/09/2013: Associate Professor Yamamoto Shin from University of Tsukuba and Associate Professor Miura Tetsuya from Ikuei Junior College, Japan.
- 18/09/2013: Acer Regional Manager of Sarawak Region, Mr. Ting Meng Hung.
- 18/09/2013: Associate Professor and Department Head of Intercultural Studies, Alliance Bible Seminary.
- 10/10/2013: Mr. Norman Lo K. W., General Secretary of the Methodist Centre, Hong Kong and other visitors.
- 16/10/2013: Two Sia brothers coming back from overseas.
- 17/10/2013: A group of gospel singers from Taiwan: Danny, Jonathan, Isaac, Jill, Esther, Ai Ching, Nathan and Anson.
- 15/11/2013: Dr. Lee Chul Woo, Dean of Asia Gateway Training, and Rev. Mark L. S. Lim, Program Director of Asia Gateway Training.
- 21/11/2013: Brothers and sisters from Senior Citizen Fellowship of Tampin Methodist Church.
- 22/11/2013: Dr. Terrill & Mrs. Roselyn Nelson from SIM USA, and Dr. Stanley Ling, the Regional Director of SIM East Asia Ltd. Dr. Terrill & Mrs. Roselyn Nelson are currently serving in Sabah Theological Seminary.
- 26/11/2013: Brothers and sisters from a Presbyterian Church in Hua Lien, Taiwan.
- 26/02/2014: Brothers and sisters from Pentecost Methodist Church, Singapore.
- 24/03/2014: Some visitors from Fuzhou, China.
- 17/04/2014: Brothers and sisters from China.
- 29/05/2014: The Christian Choir of the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

# MTS LATEST NEWS + PRAYER ITEMS

## 1. MTS General Fund

The monthly expenses for MTS is about RM150 thousands, including salary and allowances for full time and part time lecturers & staff, utilities, books purchase for library, maintenance fee and others. Currently we don't have regular donors for MTS General fund. That is why we are facing deficits sometimes. 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.

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

## 2. M.Min. Modular course for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester

**Date:** 07-11/07/2014

**Subject:** Advanced Preaching

**Lecturer:** Rev. Dr. Tie King Tai

**Date:** 07-11/07/2014

**Subject:** Liturgical Study of  
the Methodist Church

**Lecturer:** Rev. Dr. Lu Chen Tiong

- 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.

## 3. MTS Night at Kuching

**Theme:** The Fields Are Ready  
For Harvest

**Speaker:** Rev. Dr. Khoo Ho Peng

**Date:** 28<sup>th</sup> June 2014 (Saturday)

**Time:** 7:15pm

**Venue:** Ching Daw MC, Kuching

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

## 4. MTS 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving Celebration

We give thanks to God for His grace and mercy, Methodist Theological School is now entering the sixtieth year. The theme for the 60th Anniversary Celebration is "Carrying on—from strength to strength". We would like to thank God for His guidance and provisions in the past, present and future. We also want to take this opportunity to thank all pastors, LCEC members, brothers and sisters in Christ, for your supports throughout the years.

Therefore, some celebration activities will be held this year, and we

hope that you will continue to support us in participation and prayer:

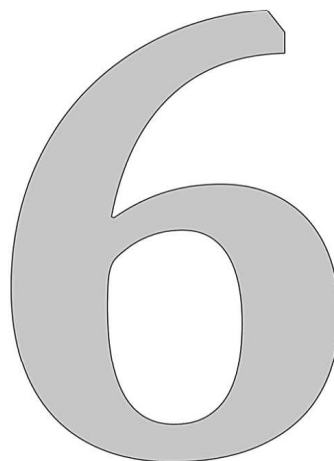
**1. September 2 – 5:** 8th Wesleyan Seminar. Theme: "The Theology and Ministry of Spiritual Warfare from the Wesleyan Perspective", with Dr. Stephen Seamands (Professor of Christian Doctrine at Asbury Theological Seminary) as the speaker.

**2. October 6:** Worship & Music Students' Graduation Recital

**3. November 1, 9am:** 16th Batch Graduation Service at Kingwood Hotel, Sibu

**4. November 1, 12noon:** 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration cum Graduation Thanksgiving Lunch (with ticket; tickets to be purchased from MTS) at Kingwood Hotel, Sibu

**5. November 7 – 8:** MTS Choir Tour to Bintulu (Eng Kwang Methodist Church) and Miri (Mei Ann Methodist Church)



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