

Will You Join the Harvest?



Message From the Principal | Rev. Dr. Khoo Ha Peng

“Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest.’” — Matthew 9:37-38 (ESV)

1. A Time of Celebration and Calling: On 16th May 2025, we rejoiced as 93 students graduated from our Short-Term Missions School, with no less than 30 responding to God’s call for full-time ministry. This is a direct answer to the prayers of many who have pleaded, “Lord, send workers!” Just as Jesus saw the crowds with compassion (Matt. 9:36), we too recognize that the harvest remains vast—and these young men and women who responded to God’s calling are a sign of God’s faithfulness.

2. The Urgent Need for Mentorship and Long-Term Discipleship: Yet, Jesus’ words also bring a sobering challenge: workers are still few. While we celebrate these new callings, we must now disciple and mentor these graduates so that, after their tertiary education, they return for deeper training. The fields need not just willing hearts,

but equipped and steadfast servants (2 Tim. 2:2). In the recent years, many young people who come to MTS Short-term Missions School heard and responded to God’s calling. Yet after a few years, few continue to hold on to the calling and eventually serve full time.

3. A Looming Crisis in Ministry Manpower: The past few years have seen declining and unstable intakes at MTS. With retirements, missionaries sent overseas, and pastors transitioning to other roles, our Annual Conferences face a pressing shortage of pastoral leaders. If we do not act now, who will shepherd the next generation?

4. Our Response: Pray, Equip, and Send: Jesus modelled a twofold solution:

- 1. Prayer**
– We must “pray earnestly” for God to raise up more workers. It is God himself who call people to serve in His harvest field.
- 2. Proactive**

sending – Prayer must lead to action. We must invest in training, funding, and supporting those called to the harvest. One of the most challenging situation now is how we can stay connected to those whom God has called may return to our homeland for training and to serve in their respective Annual Conferences.

5. A Glimpse of Hope: God’s Provision: Even as we wait for Sarawak Planning Authority (SPA) approval for our extension project, we rejoice that 1/3 of the needed funds have already been provided. This is a reminder that the Lord of the harvest is still at work, supplying what we need for His mission.

Will You Join the Harvest? The call of Matthew 9:37-38 is as urgent today as it was 2,000 years ago. Will we pray? Will we go? Will we send? Will we give? Let us not grow weary in doing good, for in due season, we will reap—if we do not give up (Gal. 6:9).

“Therefore, pray. Therefore, act!”



On the morning of January 2, theological students and new students returned to campus to complete registration and, in the afternoon, participated in orientation activities. The next day (January 3), the MTS held its opening service at 9:00 a.m. in MTS chapel.

NEW ACADEMIC YEAR OF 2025

This year, MTS welcomed five new students: Daniel (Pre-Theology, from Indonesia), Wong Sheau Ling (Bachelor of Theology), Jasmine Tang Ying Ying (Master of Divinity), Blessmen Syaw Zhu En (Bachelor of Worship and Music), and Jane Tie Sing Yu (Master of Worship and Music). In addition, two returning students, Ngu Kwong Chik and Ting Kang Hwang, also rejoined the MTS this year.

Moreover, MTS also welcomed a new lecturer, Rev. Jonathan Lau Puong Fuang, who officially joined the MTS Faculty team.



13th Jan 2025: A group of brothers and sisters from Cheng Uong Methodist Church treated MTS Community to a dinner in celebration of Chinese New Year together.



17th Feb 2025: MTS Short-term Mission School (STMS) officially began its three-month study, with a total of 96 students enrolled. The cohort includes 64 in STMS Chinese, 16 in STMS Music, 12 in STMS BM, and 4 in STMS Iban.



MTS
Events

MTS NIGHT AND SAC THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION SUNDAY OUTREACH



On March 8, 2025, MTS held the MTS Dedication Camp and MTS Night, sharing reflections on the challenges and joys of serving in ministry and reaffirming participants' commitment to God's calling.

In conjunction with SAC Theological Education Sunday, the MTS faculty team also visited various churches across Sabah to share messages, strengthen partnerships, and promote theological education.





22nd March 2025:
Blood Donation



14th May 2025:
The MTS community came together to celebrate the Gawai Festival, Teacher's Day, and birthday celebrations in a joyful gathering.



17th May 2025:
The 3rd Wesleyan Online Theological BM Forum: "Ajaran Wesley Tentang Saluran Anugerah", with Rev. Dr. Thomas Lau Sie Ngiu as the speaker and Rev. Susanty presiding.



16th May 2025: MTS Short-term Missions School Graduation Service, with Rev. James Lau Puong Bin as the speaker, and translation into BM by Rev. Ling Tiong Cheng.

Rev. James Lau Puong Bin's Message: “I CAN DO IT!”



AT the graduation service of the short-term missions school, Rev. James delivered an inspiring message titled “I Can Do It!”, based on 1 Timothy 4:12:

“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.”

He encouraged the graduates to be resolute in their faith journey and to live a life that sets an example for others.

Introduction: You Are Deciding “What Kind of Person I Want to Become”

Rev. James began by pointing out that many short-term mission students are at a crossroads in life, facing significant decisions regarding further studies, career paths, or even a calling to full-time ministry.

He reminded everyone: “The decisions you make today will shape who you become tomorrow.” This is not just about choosing a course of study or a job, but about answering the deeper question: “What kind of person do I want to become?”

Now that you have completed three months of training, your faith journey is entering a new chapter. At this very moment—are you willing to live out everything

you’ve learned?

1. Timothy’s Example

Rev. James emphasized that Timothy was still a youth, with limited training, weak health, and lack of experience. Yet Paul entrusted him to shepherd the church and stand against false teachings.

Despite his fears, Paul encouraged him: “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young.” This encouragement still speaks to us today: Don’t shrink back because you’re young or feel inadequate. If Timothy could do it, so can you!

2. Let Others Testify on Your Behalf

This verse is not teaching us to “do big things” to prove ourselves, Rev. James said. Rather, it calls us to live a life that sets an example.

Paul urged Timothy to let his life be a testimony of God’s work, so that others would see and testify about it.

3. Be an Example in Five Areas

Paul called Timothy to be an example in five areas: speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity. Rev. James explained each one, encourag-

ing the graduates to live it out:

1. In Speech – Be like Caleb and Joshua, bringing peace and life through your words.
2. In Conduct – Learn from the Thessalonian church, which rejoiced even in trials and became an example to others.
3. In Love – Let others recognize you as a disciple of Jesus through your love.
4. In Faith – Show that your Trust is in the God who holds both the past and the future.
5. In Purity – Stay holy in a dark and chaotic world, becoming a light in the darkness.

Conclusion: I Can Do It!

Perhaps you feel like Timothy—young, weak, uncertain, even afraid. But Paul says: “You can be an example to others.”

You don’t need to do great things to prove yourself, nor argue or please others. All you need to do is honestly live a life that follows Jesus. Rev. James concluded by encouraging every graduate: Starting today, live out your example—whether in church, at home, in school, or in the workplace—and become a vessel for God’s glory. You can do it!

TMS Visitors

27th Feb 2025:
Visitors from Taiwan
CBSI (Chinese Beit
Shalom Institution)



2nd April 2025:
Visitors from
Kuching Sentosa
Methodist
Church Members



TMS Upcoming Events

1. MTS HYMN FESTIVAL

Date: Monday, 14 July 2025

Time: 7:15 PM

Venue: Wei Kuok Hall, Sibul

Organized by: MTS and the SCAC Board of Worship and Music.

Admission: Free



诗巫卫理神学院 主办

MTS DAY

卫神体验营

目的:

- 确认全职牧养的呼召
- 探索未来服侍的渠道
- 考量如何选择神学院
- 亲尝牧者的周末生活

对象: 有志献身者

报名事宜:

- 无年龄限制
- 奉献体验营金额为 RM50.
- 以收到报名和付款才算完成报名, 报名截止 2025年7月7日。
- 营员需在 2025年8月7日, 早上6:45 前抵达学院餐厅, 并参与卫神早餐。
- 在 2025年8月10日 (星期日) 中午自行离开。

若有任何疑问, 欢迎致电 +6014-691 8540 洽询 刘宜讯牧师。

2025 8月

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2. MTS DAY

Date:

7-10 August 2025

Venue:

MTS, Sibul

Language:

Mandarin

Details:

Please refer to
the poster for
more information.

3. WESLEYAN ONLINE COURSES

Date	Class Topic(s)	Lecturer
26 August	"The Historical Context and Lifetime of John Wesley"	Rev. Paul Ting Huat Ung
2 September	"A Systematic Understanding of Wesleyan Theology of G.R.A.C.E."	Rev. Dr. Thomas Lau Sie Ngiu
9 September	"A Systematic Understanding of Wesleyan Theology of Discipleship"	Rev. Dr. Thomas Lau Sie Ngiu
23 September	"Charles Wesley's Hymns and Methodist Liturgy"	Rev. Dr. Lu Chen Tiong
30 September	"John Wesley's Social Ethics"	Rev. Paul Ting Huat Ung

线上课程

卫斯理循道
复兴运动与神学

时间

20:00

21:30

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8月

26 卫斯理生平与处境

导师: 陈发文牧师

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9月

2 卫斯理的救恩神学

导师: 刘世尧牧师博士

9 卫斯理的信徒训练

导师: 刘世尧牧师博士

23 卫理宗圣诗与礼仪

导师: 卢耀长牧师博士

30 卫斯理社会伦理

导师: 陈发文牧师

早鸟价

成人 80 RM

中学/大学生 30 RM

7月15日后

成人 100 RM

中学/大学生 50 RM

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL

报名截止: 2025年8月10日

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扫描报名

Course Details

Time:

8:00 PM – 9:30 PM

Language:

Chinese

Early Bird Price:

RM 80.00 (Adult);

RM 30.00 (Student)

Price After 15 July:

RM 100.00 (Adult);

RM 50.00 (Student)

Due Date:

10th August 2025

The total expenditure of MTS for the year 2025 is estimated to be about RM 2,125,700.00.

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"**.

Our Public Bank Account is **3-1422081-12**.

Please email your bank-in slip to **accountclerk@mtssibu.edu.my**. Thank you.

You may also participate in Friends of MTS (<https://en.mtssibu.edu.my/support-MTS>).

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全诗节



HYMN FESTIVAL

以合唱／小组／手铃等形式呈现多样诗歌风格
PRESENTED IN DIVERSE MUSICAL STYLES THROUGH CHOIR,
ENSEMBLE, HANDBELLS, AND MORE.

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