“War or NO war?!”
"战争？争战！"
Principal’s Message

I hate war. So many people have died and suffered because of war. I pray for true and lasting peace in the world constantly. However, as Christians, unavoidably, we are engaging in spiritual warfare daily. This is especially so when our main goal is to bless and rescue people out of the bondage of sin by the gospel of Christ Jesus. In this spiritual warfare, our enemies are never human beings no matter how antagonistic they are toward us. “For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against...the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places (Eph.6:12).” The main goal of this spiritual warfare is to bless people with the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Eph.6:19,20).

The mission and purpose of the seminary is to equip God’s people to be effective and fruitful in the “business” or ministry of being God’s vessels, fit for Him to use to deliver people out of darkness and be transferred into His light (1 Pet.2:9). The seminary’s role, therefore, is the “spiritual academy” that trains those who are specially called into “full-time” pastoral ministry. These soldiers of Christ will be involved in the ministry as, humbly speaking, the commander-in-chiefs on local “battle fields” (local churches in the local communities) respectively in the universal spiritual warfare.

To succeed in the purpose and mission mentioned, we need to be aware of such warfare, and then proceed with our training, learning and growing based on the principles of spiritual warfare as revealed in God’s Word. It is my prayer that, by God’s grace, we will be “like a good soldier of Christ Jesus” (2 Tim.2:3) and “fight the good fight of faith” (1 Tim.6:12), and at the end we will be able to say we “have fought the good fight (2 Tim.4:7a).”

Vacancies (Immediate Recruitment)

1. Office Administrator
   
   **Requirements**
   - Aged 40s
   - Possess degree qualification
   - Skilled in Word, Excel, Access and the internet
   - Proficient in spoken and written English

   **Responsibilities**
   - To assist the Manager in STM’s overall day to day operation and reservation of campus

   - Knowledge in up keeping and maintaining property is an added advantage
   - Must be able to work under pressure and on the days when campers are around

2. Communications Officer
   
   **Requirements**
   - At least diploma qualification
   - Must be computer literate and internet savvy
   - Proficient in spoken and written Chinese as well as English
   - Skilled in Word, Access, Publisher, Adobe Illustrator and experience in publications are added advantages
   - Must be able to work under pressure

   **Responsibilities**
   - To handle quarterly newsletters, publications and distributions
   - To connect with donors and alumni regularly
   - To maintain and update records of donations, donors and alumni
   - To update handbooks and Standard Operating Procedures

Those interested, please email to vernie@stm2.edu.my
Student Mission Trip to Miri

Thirteen students from STM participated in a Mission Trip to Miri from 15-21 May 2015. Rohindra Rao (4th Year) led the group under the supervision of Rev Dr Joseph Komar. Our STM alumni, Rev Andrew S. Labo and his wife Pastor Litad welcomed us. Mr Billy Quick (1st Year) was a great help to the whole team in making the necessary arrangements from STM before the holidays began.

Our Ministry
We arrived in Miri and spent two days in Lusut. On Saturday night, we joined and ministered in the Rajawali Ministry at the SIB Church in Miri. We presented a drama on the Parable of Lost Son. On Monday, we went to Sungai Bok. There we spent two days and two nights. We stayed in two long houses. One was in Kampung Seputh and the other in Kampung Sebatang. We ministered to the congregation through songs of praises, drama on the Parable Of Lost Son and some of us also preached in the services.

Our Experience
Our mission trip was a great blessing for each of us. We learned many things about mission work in Sarawak, the challenges and how they are handled. We met many beautiful people of God and encouraged them to continue doing all they can in ministering to the people there.

We also encouraged them to study in STM so that they can be better equipped to face the challenges. Some of us became very close and we were invited to go there again not just for mission but also for a holiday. Besides ministering to the people, we also had fun going around Miri town. We tried out some local delicacies and went fishing in a small river. Our six days in Sarawak went by so quickly and we experienced God in a new way. We would like to take this opportunity to thank God and all who helped make this mission trip possible.

中文延伸课程公开讲座报道 (Chinese TEE Public Lecture Report)

4月17日吴慧芬讲师在信义楼主讲“变数与生活智慧”，约有30多位出席。讲座尝试带领出席者通过解读《传道书》发现传道者“变数”中的人生智慧。整场讲座中听众不但有机会将《传道书》细读一遍，更有机会对变数的人生有所体会。回应与提问时段，大家对《传道书》中的“变数”和后现代“不确定性”关系颇感兴趣，并展开一段有关《传道书》对后现代人处境所提供的生活智慧之讨论。

报导：Pastor Jimmy Chong 张俊明讲师
New Book

By Rev Dr Lim Kar Yong

"Jesus the Storyteller: Hearing the Parables Afresh Today"

Staff News

Resignation

- Mr Barry Chia has resigned as the Office Administrator.

Resignation

- Ms Esther Chan has resigned as the Academic Secretary.

Retirement

- Mr Peadas Fernando has retired. He has been the STM gardener for the past 22 years.

We thank Barry, Esther and Peadas for their services and contributions to STM.

CONDOLENCES

- to our staff, Ms Lo Yin Teng and family, who's grandmother passed away on 23 May 2015.


CONGRATULATIONS

"We wish to congratulate Rev Dr Daniel See (lecturer from July 1997 to December 1999) for being appointed as the Acting General Secretary of the Bible Society of Malaysia (BSM)"

STM BAHASA MALAYSIA TEE 14-17 April 2015

"I would like to thank STM for offering the TEE BM last year (2014). I enjoyed all of the sessions and feel that I have learned some valuable skills and glad to have been part of this valuable program. Rev Kelvin Jawa's class was great and everyone participated with such enthusiasm and had so many good questions. All in all, it was a great experience. I truly appreciated how organized everything was and the course has deepened my understanding of the Scriptures and my love for God's Word. My study and my own walk with the Lord have been profoundly enriched. Thank you."

Vicky Rasamaningam (STM Staff/BMTEE Student)
Pastor Law Choon Si
14 April: STM Sunday at Senggarang Prebyterian Church.
19 April: STM Sunday at Joy Presbyterian Church.
27 June: STM Sunday at Kuli Chinese Methodist Church.

Dr Peter Lau
25 April: Taught Judges seminar at FECC.
1-3 May: Spoke at SMACC (St Mary’s Anglican Cathedral Contemporary) church camp.
27 May: Preached at World Vision chapel.

Retirement
Rev Dr Tan Jin Huat is due to retire on the 30 June 2015.

WITH DEEP GRATITUDE

"I have been a sojourner, an itinerant teacher, among you for the last three months and I have found a glad welcome here at STM. It has been my pleasure to worship with the community on a weekly basis, to know that the rhythm of your life is wrapped up in the life of the one who gave His life for you.

I am grateful to all who have helped me in so many ways – grocery shopping, shared meals, rides to church and conversations in the stairwells. Your hospitality and welcome are deeply appreciated. I continue to pray that STM will continue the work of mission and service among the community by being a light in the darkness.

Thank you for receiving me so graciously and allowing me to be part of your lives for these last three months."
On May 6, 2015, the Rev. Dr. Philip Siew Tye Yau was installed as the 4th Principal of Seminari Theoloji Malaysia. Although it was a weekday and Study Week at STM, more than 300 people turned up for the installation service, representing various mission organizations, seminaries, denominations, local churches, Friends and Partners of STM, the STM Council and STM community.

"I wish to thank the trust of STM Council for appointing me as the 4th Principal. My appreciation and thanks to all of you for your prayers, and your presence at the Installation Service on 6 May as well as your contributions made to STM."

“谨此谢谢马来西亚神学院董事会的信任，委任我为第四任校长。感谢大家的支持以及出席5月6日的就职礼并给予神学院的贡献。”

Rev Dr Philip Siew Tye Yau

His embracing of our guest preacher, the Rev. Dr. Ngoei Foong Nghian (Principal of Trinity Theological College, Singapore, and Chairperson of the ATESEA Board of Governors), and countless others, demonstrated his exuberance, heart of thankfulness and openness. Dr. Ngoei highlighted the following:

(a) that the seminary is not the leader of the church, but the servant of the church,
(b) our students need role models who can help them integrate their knowledge and spiritual development,
(c) to pray for our new Principal, as he is the captain who helms and guides the ship, and
(d) that STM becomes a place for Christian strategic thinking for the mission of the church. He concluded by saying, “

"Let STM be God’s oasis to bless church and nation.”

The service itself was filled with elements of heart-stirring worship and solemnity, as experienced during the laying on of hands, installation and commissioning of the new Principal and the Charge to the Congregation. The Rt. Rev. Datuk Ng Moon Hing, together with the Council installed and commissioned the Rev. Dr. Philip Siew Tye Yau as the 4th Principal of Seminari Theoloji Malaysia.

“We are thankful for all the support from everyone, which made this event a meaningful and memorable one.”

Report by: Rev Canon Steven Abbarow
(Vice-Principal of STM)
Engaging Malaysian Society: Be an Agent of Change
走进大马社会：成为改革的原动力

MISSING YOUR TIME IN STM?
Come join your fellow alumni this September 7th-9th to recollect your memories of STM while being inspired by theme talks on 'Engaging Malaysian Society: Be an Agent of Change.' A homecoming retreat not to be missed.

REGISTER TODAY!

CONGRATULATIONS


Christina Choong Sow Hoong (MCS, 2013) and Raymond Mong Lek Keong on their marriage on 9 May 2015.

Rev David Lai Mun Keat (BTh, 2008) and Chen Ai Xin (BTh, 2011) for the birth of their son, Josiah Lai Yi Ren born on 18 March 2015.

Pastor Loo Lik Chang (BD, 2012) and Melwaty Gloria Ganna (BD, 2012) on their marriage on 5 June 2015.
A Picnic Day is usually organized every first semester by STM. This is an occasion for students to put aside their coursework and to encounter nature. It also provides opportunities for students, faculty members and staff to come together for fellowship. This year’s Picnic Day was held on 16 March 2015.

We gathered in front of the Multi-Purpose Hall early in the morning before departing to our first destination of the day – Pantai Bagan Lalong, Selangor. We arrived safely at the beach around 9:00 A.M. All were amazed at the cool weather and beautiful scenery, which caused some to immediately start snapping pictures of the beach.

After breakfast, Rohendra led us in a time of singing. This was followed by a devotional message by Rev. Dr. Sivin Kit, who reminded us not to forget to slow down in life and learn to get close to God through nature. Then Ser Zee Chun (a first-year student) and his team conducted a fun-filled and interesting time of team-building games, during which we had to complete assigned tasks in five different games stations.

The next stop on the journey was Tanjung Sepat, a small town located not too far from the beach. Peter Ling, the Student Body President, brought us to visit a famous “keropok” (crackers) factory. Many were excited about the keropok and bought some, as well as other products. Then we proceeded to the main street of Tanjung Sepat for lunch. We also sampled some famous local delights, such as the homemade “pao” (dumplings) and coffee. Finally, we visited Lovers’ Bridge and some local souvenir stores. We finally departed from Tanjung Sepat at around 3:00 P.M. to return to STM.

郭讲师提醒同学们，在忙碌的生活中，不要忘记停下脚步，走进大自然，亲近上主。接着，第一年的徐智淳同学和他的团队安排了有趣又好玩的团康游戏，要同学们分别到到五个不同的游戏站完成任务。离开海边后，我们去了离海边不远的一个小村子，也就是丹绒士拔。学生会主席林志强弟兄带领我们参观丹绒士拔的一个著名薯片厂。同学们纷纷被那里的薯片和小零食吸引，各自买了一些零食带回家。过后，大伙儿到丹绒士拔的小镇上享用午餐，同时品尝美味的手工包和咖啡。最后，我们也参观了情人桥和土产店。大约下午三时正，大家带着疲惫的身体启程回神学院去。
Public Lecture on Emotional Intelligence Quotient (EQ)

STM hosted a special public lecture on Emotional Intelligence Quotient (EQ) during 2-3 March 2015. The speaker, Mrs Debbie Hwang, is a CEO and lecturer of International Holistic Education Center from North America. Mrs Hwang is actively involved in giving special talks on EQ management, alongside topics like marriage and family as well as parenting. She has also authored books on these related themes. We registered 54 participants from various places. They include church goers of various denominations, pastors, alumni and seminarians from STM. The public lecture received positive feedback especially on dealing with stress, getting along with people and resolving conflicts.

2 - 3 March 2015

Tamil TEE: பிரிக்காலவாலாங்கி

Report by: Pastor வேலவர் சுப்பிரமணியன்
(Glory City Church A/G Kelana Jaya)
STM Budget 2015

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Asset Expenditure: RM 50,000.00
Library Expenditure: RM 75,000.00
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