



## Greetings from the ... Kuala Lumpur State Council of the Boys' Brigade in Malaysia.

First of all, on behalf of the KL State BB, we would like to congratulate Mr. Michael Yei for being elected as the new President of the Kuala Lumpur Stedfast Association. We believe that under the leadership of Mr. Michael Yei and his team of dynamic EXCO members, Stedfast KL will continue to be an effective platform for former BB members to gather and provide support to the work of the Boys' Brigade.

It will be an eventful year for KL State BB as we are in the midst of preparing for the upcoming national event of which KL State will play host to. The event is The Boys' Brigade 17th National Pesta which will be held from 3rd to 7th June 2006 at University Malaya, Kuala Lumpur. A total of 1940 participants have signed up for the event and among the highlights of the camp will be the Band Competition, Singing Competition, Drill Competition, outing to Sunway Lagoon and a Gospel Concert that will feature some of the top gospel singers of our country namely Juwita Suwito, Patrick Leong, Altered Frequency, 1AM band and Good Shepherd Band. A lot of efforts has been put in for the preparations and our hope that this upcoming Pesta will be a memorable one for all the participants. We also would like to extend our invitation to the Stedfast Members to attend some of the activities that will be carried out during the Pesta.

For the last 2 years, KL State BB has also been experiencing a good membership growth with many companies having achieved good recruitment intakes. Up till now, the KL State BB membership stands approximately at 540 members and we also have 1 new company operating on trial period at this moment. Besides hosting the upcoming National Pesta, the KL State BB has also planned some events which will be carried out during the 2nd half of the year namely, The Basic NCO Training School, The KL State Juniors' Camp, Visit to the Doulos' Ship, the Founder's Day Parade and The KL State Officers' Retreat.

In closing, we would like to say a big THANK YOU to the members of KL Stedfast Association for your support to the work of the Boys' Brigade and we to look forward to your continuous support as well as working together for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom.

**Mah Chan Keat**  
State Commissioner  
Kuala Lumpur State Council  
The Boys' Brigade in Malaysia



*Thank you, Danny*



**A word of thanks .....**  
**OOPS! many, many thanks**  
**to Mr. Danny Cheah for his**  
**contributions towards the**  
**growth of KL Stedfast for**  
**the past seven years.**



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*Message from our  
Newly Elected President ....*

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Greetings and welcome to yet another edition of our Stedfast KL Newsletter.

With the completion of our first decade since our formation in 1995, there is an air of achievement and a sense of satisfaction of what have been achieved so far. It is also co-incidental that the start of another decade is being led by a new team which was elected in the recent Annual General Meeting. It would not surprise me if you thought there was a mistake on the photo for this message because Mr. Danny Cheah had served the Association diligently over the last seven years.



Mr. Danny Cheah, our outgoing dynamic President has done so much to raise the standards of KL Stedfast and be recognized by all the Stedfast Associations worldwide. It would nevertheless be difficult for a new person to take over from him but fortunately, I have the privilege to have worked with him in some of the big projects. He will also not be leaving us completely as there will always be a seat for him as the Immediate Past President. Thank you very much Mr. Danny Cheah and God's richest blessings to you and your family. We also want to thank Mrs. Claire Cheah for her tremendous supportive role during Danny's term of presidency. A word of thanks must also be recorded to all our out-going committee members.

With the new team in place we already have a head start because all of them comes with a long history of Boys' Brigade involvement, but still, we need to count on all of you for your support and participation in all our activities and programmes.

Last but not least, we seek your constant prayers as we move forward to be "Sure and Stedfast" in this God's Ministry called Stedfast Association Kuala Lumpur. We will strive to continue to provide for past, present and future Stedfast members in the best possible way and also to be in partnership with KL State Boys' Brigade. Here's to another 10 years, with God Our Father as our Captain!

To God be the Glory and Praise.

*Michael Yei*

# Stedfast at the threshold of change

by Rev. Tan Jin Huat, Chaplain



Life has many growth transitions for every individual. So it is with many organizations, of which Stedfast KL is no different.

In the last Stedfast AGM, there was a smooth leadership transition from Mr. Danny Cheah to Mr. Michael Yei as President of Stedfast KL. Accompanying this change is the election of a younger set of leaders. In every organization, there is a need for a handing-over process to younger leaders, who could meet the on-going challenges of the times. Such a change is a natural development.

Every leader has his era of service, to which he has a special contribution and after which the next leader has the opportunity to take the work a step further. In the case of Moses and Joshua in the Bible, Moses had the task of leading the people of God out of Egypt, the land of bondage, but it was Joshua who led them into the Promised Land. Moses had an important task to do, without which Joshua could not have done what he did. Moses

laid the foundation to the work of Joshua. This principle also holds true for Stedfast KL. Danny has been a dynamic and dedicated leader, who has brought many positive changes to Stedfast. Michael is no less energetic as a leader, whose dedication is undoubted.

Let us pray that the new set of leaders under Michael Yei will be enabled by God to take the work of Stedfast one step higher for the glory of God.

**Tan Jin Huat**  
Chaplain  
Stedfast KL

## A Testimony by..... Dr. Gerard Francis Lopez

In life, one is never alone. There is always someone willing to help or to accompany - if only we ask..... In 1999 after I had finished my Form 6 exams, I had to decide what I wanted to do in life. Undecided as I was offered a place to study medicine at the local U. I was told that I had hit a jackpot!!!! Little did I know that this 'jackpot' came with a price. A price that my mum, my family found a bit steep. A solution was needed and it came in a form of an Association. And the solution came almost immediately! It was the Stedfast Kuala Lumpur Scholarship Fund. A Foundation I came to know when I was still actively serving in the Boys' Brigade. The amount sponsored was the single largest check handed to an individual for 5 years running!

I have never met an Association that was so willing to hang out cheques. They would call me every 6 months just find out if the money was enough for books and fees. The money was never short even after getting those expensive medical books.

Now looking back, 7 years have past since the Stedfast Association of Kuala Lumpur took me and started to take care of me as a member and as a son. I now realized that truly man is never alone - there is always an organisation behind him - the church, the family and of course Stedfast Kuala Lumpur.

When God leads you to a cliff and asks you to jump!!! 2 things happen ..... He'll catch you or He'll teach you how to fly. But only if you jump!

Thank you very much Stedfast KL for your tremendous support during those difficult years.

To God be Glory and Praise



# Anniversary Dinner

# 10th



In celebrating our 10th Anniversary, a Chinese sit-down dinner was held at the Subang Golf Club on 8th October, 2005. We were also privileged to have the Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister Department, YB Datuk Dr. M Kayveas who was also a former member of 4th Kuala Lumpur Boys' Brigade Company to grace the occasion.

To celebrate the 10 glorious years, about 350 members, families and friends not only gathered for this Anniversary dinner but also to observe our Boys' Brigade Founder's Day which was jointly organized by Mr. Cheong Sing Yuen (Vice President SA KL) and Mr. Tan Geok Soon (EXCO Member).

Highlights for the evening were a presentation by the 1st Kuala Lumpur Boys' Brigade Band, testimony by Dr. Gerard Francis Lopez who was one of our many Stedfast Scholarship recipients, a Stedfast LCD presentation by Mr. Kenny Lim, speeches by Mr. Danny Cheah (President SA KL) and YB Datuk Dr. M Kayveas, re-launch of SA KL website, appreciation awards to the Founding Members, cake cutting and a special concert presentation by "the Impressions".

With the many programmes planned, it was indeed a night to remember. Our sincere appreciation and thanks to the Organising Committee and also the master of ceremony, Mr. Wong Giok Leigh for ensuring a smooth flow of programmes on this joyous and auspicious occasion. Last but not least, we must thank our Almighty God for his abundance grace and blessings for making it possible for us to achieve the 10 years, and we will continue to look up to HIM to the years ahead as we continue to reach out and bring glory to His name. Praise, Glory and Honour be to GOD.

# Our Newly Elected President serving the nation in National Service



Lessons and reflections of first children commander!

**Mr Michael Yei, Camp Director of Kuala Kuba Bharu, said:** "The important point to note is that the set up of "Khidmat Negara" is not to train children to be soldiers. What we try to achieve is to integrate the races, to learn leadership skills and to learn new things. I am sure to some children it will be a cultural shock, because at home when they sleep, they switch on air-con, they only get fan here. And when they shower, they only get cold water because there is no water heater. At the end of it all, it will truly be an experience of a life time."

**National Service Special**

## The calling

**Michael Yei, the first civilian commandant of the Kuala Kuba Bharu Camp in the pioneer year of National Service, reflects on what the programme means to him and why he continues to stay in touch.**

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\*an article taken from Sunday Star - 5 March 2006\*

## A History of "Will Your Anchor Hold"

The Founder of The Boys' Brigade, Sir William Alexander Smith chose a good emblem and a good motto.

"Will your anchor hold in the storms of life, when the clouds unfold their wings of strife? When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain, will your anchor drift or firm remain? We have an anchor that keeps the soul, Stedfast and Sure while the billows roll, Fastened to the rock which cannot move, grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!"

This rousing hymn by Priscilla Owens (1829-1899) is the official hymn of The Boys' Brigade. Priscilla Owen was born in Baltimore, but came from Scottish and Welsh descent. For more than fifty years she was active in Sunday School work in her home town, and most of her hymns and songs were written for Sunday School children.

Miss Owen was not the first to compare Christian faith to an anchor. In Chapter 6 Verse 19 of his Epistle to the Hebrews, St Paul wrote "We have this hope as an anchor for our lives, it is safe and sure through the curtain of the heavenly temple into the inner sanctuary".



As the verses of the hymn unfold, they pass through the storms of life, and finally into the promise of a new dawn for followers of Jesus - our anchor.

The tune to which the hymn is sung, Will Your Anchor Hold? was written by William J. Kirkpatrick (1838-1921). A carpenter from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he became much involved in church work and composed many Gospel songs. Altogether he compiled eighty seven books of such songs, the sales of which ran into millions. He is best remembered for his tune 'Cradle Song' which is universally used for the Christmas carol 'Away in a Manger'.

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## ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

Annual subscription will be a problem if members do not do the needful and we are not in the business of suspending or deleting members from our membership list unless we have no other alternatives. Considerable amount of our income is spent on newsletters, postages and programmes for our members. So, we seek your support and understanding to renew your subscription. Members are encouraged to upgrade their membership to Life. ALL LIFE MEMBERS ARE GIVEN A STEDFAST T-SHIRT. Please request them from the Secretariat if you have not already done so.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY

- 03.06.2006 - 07.06.2006 - BB National Pesta Kuala Lumpur
- 05.08.2006 - Stedfast Member's Nite
- 23.08.2006 - 26.08.2006 - KL State BB Basic NCO Training School
- 22.09.2006 - 9th Stedfast Golf Tournament
- 07.10.2006 - KL State BB Founder's Day Celebration
- 13.10.2006 - 15.10.2006 - Stedfast Family Camp / KL State Officers Retreat
- 25.11.2006 - 27.11.2006 - KL State Junior BB Pesta

## Weekly Stedfast Activities

Every Monday - 7.00pm to 10.00pm Badminton  
 Every Sunday - 5.00pm to 7.00pm Football  
 More weekly activities can be organised if you come forward to tell us.

# Annual General Meeting cum Fellowship Dinner

On this day, Saturday, 22nd April, 2006, our Stedfast KL 11th AGM was held at Wesley Methodist Church, Kuala Lumpur. As soon as the quorum was met, our President, Mr. Danny Cheah called the meeting to order. Greetings were received from our overseas counterpart and they were read by Mr. Michael Yei. Our President, Mr. Danny Cheah, then made his opening address. After which, our Secretary, Mr. Michael Yei presented his report and followed by the Financial Report by our Treasurer, Mr. Loo Leong Swee. This was an important year for KL Stedfast, as this was an election year. The President, Mr. Danny Cheah called the election to order. It was quite a fast and smooth election. This AGM ended with a closing prayer by Our Chaplain, Rev. Tan Jin Huat. However, the AGM did not stop here. We were all invited to a dinner hosted by the Stedfast. .... OOPS !!! Our newly elected, Mr. Michael Yei, also thank the outgoing committee for their support and contributions towards the KL Stedfast Association.



Sitted from left to right : Alfred Ong (Secretary), Rev. Tan Jin Huat (Chaplain), Danny Cheah (Immediate Past President), Michael Yei (President), Cheong Sing Yuen (Vice President), Loo Leong Siew (Treasurer).  
 Standing from left to right : Lo Kuan Che (Int. Auditor), Looi Kwong Han, Kenny Lim, Philip Yin, Yap Hoy Meng, Tan Yee Meng, Mah Chan Keat (KL State BB Commissioner), Patrick Benjamin (Int. Auditor) - Committee Members unless stated



Applications for Stedfast Kuala Lumpur Scholarships were received by end of April and interviews were conducted on 6th May. The EXCO is in the process of approving the recommendation forwarded by Mr. Yong Chee Seng, Chairman of Stedfast Scholarship.

Our Stedfast Kuala Lumpur Scholarship are only eligible to current members of Boys' Brigade (priority to KL State BB members), Stedfast members and their families. For more information, please check out our website:

[www.stedfastkl.org.my](http://www.stedfastkl.org.my)

# 8th STEDFAST GOLF TOURNAMENT



Friday, 30th September, 2005 was the day for our 8th Stedfast Golf Tournament at the exclusive Templer Park Golf and Country Club. Not only was it a day where 100 golfers gathered to raise funds for our Association, it was also a special day when someone who have been dear and close to us, had agreed to be our guest-of-honour. Hence, we were honoured and privileged to have Bishop Emeritus Datuk Dr. Denis C. Dutton to grace the Tournament.

This is the only annual fund raising project for us and over the years, we have raised about RM150,000.00 through this annual tournament. The main bulk of the money raised will go towards providing financial assistance for needy members of the Boys' Brigade to further their tertiary studies, KL State Boys' Brigade projects, training and development, humanitarian purposes and our own programmes.

In conjunction with the Association's 10th Anniversary, we wanted to do something for the golfers who have been so supportive over the years. Hence, it was decided that all golfers from this tournament will be invited to our 10th Anniversary celebration dinner which was held a week later.



The winner, Jason Koh received a 29 inch flat screen television set for his effort and a challenge trophy was awarded to him during the Anniversary Dinner by YB. Datuk Dr. M Kayveas, Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister Department. However, there were no winners for the hole-in-one to claim the RM15,000 Rolex watch which was on offer.

Again, we want to thank our Almighty God for his presence especially for the fine weather to make our annual tournament a resounding success. Also, a BIG thank you to all those who have assisted in a special way especially Mr. Danny Cheah, all those who have participated and advertised in our souvenir programme, sponsors, donors as well as our very own volunteers and members. Ribuan Terima Kasih!

## MEMBERS' BBQ NIGHT

27th Aug 2005



## STEDFAST FAMILY CAMP



Every year we look forward to this time of the year because this is the time for our annual Stedfast Family Camp. It has always been enjoyable and fun. The fellowship and sharing with members, children and families have always been great.

The majority of us met at KL Wesley to board the bus chartered and sponsored by the Association while the rest drove there. This time the Camp was from 29th to 31st October, 2005 and the organizing committee chose D'Ark Training & Resort which is located approximately 45 kilometers north of Kuala Lumpur and is located at the foothills of the main mountain range in Kampung Janda Baik, Pahang.

It was a perfect gateway from the city for about 65 members, friends and families, where nature and tranquility awaits you in a most unique setting. With primary jungle on the slopes on one side and a crystal clear river bordering the other side, the possibilities for outdoor activities are endless. Believe it or not, we booked-out this 4 acres resort which exudes a uniquely traditional charm and is also equipped with modern facility and amenities to make our stay a pleasant one.

Many programmes like jungle hiking, telematch, treasure hunt, volleyball, football, table tennis were some of the activities which were well participated. Our Annual Golf Closed Tournament was surprisingly not held. Food was in abundance throughout the camp but I am sure we all enjoyed the BBQ dinner and karaoke evening.

Last but not least, we must thank our speaker, Mr. Reuben Chan for his time and effort in preparing and presenting simple, fun, magical gospel sharing. It was unusual to see children looking forward to such sessions. He also conducted an enlightening session on balloon sculpturing. We want to thank God for having people like him for our Camp.

So till we meet again for the next Stedfast Family Camp, we must thank our good Lord for His abundance grace and blessings where friendship are renewed and developed amongst all present. Till we meet again.... to God be the Glory and Praise.

