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Greetings

from the President

Greetings in the name of our Lord !!!

Believe it or not 8 months have gone by. Can you recall what you have done?? Before you know it, we will be getting ready for Christmas and then, with a wink of an eye, we will be into 2013 !! So, time waits for no one and all of us must make the best use of our time. If possible, to be able to leave a legacy behind or to reach out to those who needs our assistance. There is just so much to do and time is just so very short. Before you can finish one project, another one will be waiting for you. Hence, there will never be a "finish line" for you and me, for this is our God's calling to persevere and not be weary or be demoralised. So, "plough on" and all will be "OK" when God calls you !!!

And to "plough on", some new faces were elected into the Council during our 17th Annual General Meeting which was held on 31st March, 2012 and it is still being headed by yours truly. So, the calling continues for another two years as the elected office bearers will serve from 2012 to 2014. Then in April 2012, we invited applications for our annual Stedfast Scholarships and we continue to grant the necessary monetary support for current Boys' Brigade members who are pursuing tertiary education in the country.

By the time you get to read this newsletter, we would have returned from our Family Camp @ Lumut but we still have followed closely with our 15th Stedfast Golf Tournament on September 7th, and not forgetting our Annual Stedfast-BB Games on September 17th hosted by 4th Kuala Lumpur Boys' Brigade Company.

You may also want to know that Penang Stedfast has got a new President and he is Brother Harry Goh Eng Wan. Next year 2013, will be another BIG year because Penang Stedfast will be hosting the 4th Stedfast Regional Games which we initiated way back in 2007. Since then, Singapore and Kuching Stedfast Associations have hosted this regional event.

Last but not least, all these programmes have been planned for you and we want to urge all of you to come and have fun as well as to participate. Please do bring your families. So, take care and God's richest blessings to all of you. Shalom !!

*The Stedfast Association of
Kuala Lumpur*

17th Annual General Meeting

March 31, 2012

*The following were elected to serve as
the Executive Committee for the term
of 2012-2014.*

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Programmes 2012

September 7 (Friday)

*15th Stedfast Golf Tournament
Templer Park Country Club*

September 17 (Monday)

*4th Stedfast-BB
Fellowship Games*

November 12- 14

Exco Planning Retreat



An Interview

with a founding member of Stedfast Kuala Lumpur

- SAKL** : What inspired you to join the Boys' Brigade many years ago?
CSY : Band & Badges (BB)
- SAKL** : How did the Boys' Brigade had an impact in your life?
CSY : BB introduced Christ to me and shape me into who I am today.
- SAKL** : What inspired you to be part of the pro-tem committee 17 years ago when SAKL was initiated by Lt. Col. (PA) Michael Yei ?
CSY : Wanting former members to continue to support BB at large (not just their own local company).
- SAKL** : What was your "vision" when Stedfast Kuala Lumpur was formed?
CSY : It is for Stedfast KL to play a meaningful role in supporting the BB companies in the Klang valley.
- SAKL** : What do hope to see Stedfast Kuala Lumpur in the near future?
CSY : To continue supporting the ministry of BB in whatever capacity possible.
- SAKL** : Tell us about yourself
CSY : I operate my own business in corporate gifts. Married to Wendy and have 3 children, Sarah (15), Aileen (13) & Samuel (4). I have been in the Boys' Brigade since 1974 and I am presently serving as a Hon. Captain in 1st Kuala Lumpur BB Company.

This interview was conducted by the SAKL Secretary with Mr. Cheong Sing Yuen (CSY)



Personal Testimony by our Previous Scholarship Recipient Lo Kuan Chee shares

I joined 1st KL Company year of 1988 and rose through rank and file to become an officer in 1998 and remained in service until 2010. BB played an important part of my life and I am proud to say that through the BB ministry I have come to know Jesus Christ as my Saviour. BB had also trained me to be resourceful and punctual in keeping to time, both of these traits have been very useful in my career now. Since 2010 I have taken leave from 1st KL Company due to family commitments and also to further my studies on part time basis. I am still committed to the BB ministry and look forward to be in service again upon completion of my part time course.

As a recipient of Stedfast KL's inaugural scholarship I salute the good work done by the Association and its supporters. The scholarship I obtained from the Association had definitely helped to partly finance my accountancy course in Tunku Abdul Rahman College. As a Chartered Accountant, I am currently in the field of financial audit with an audit firm, Moore Stephens AC. My job also requires me to be involved in corporate restructuring exercises, initial public offerings, financial due diligence and other corporate finance work.

It is my sincere hope that the current members of the Brigade will be inspired to serve as officer/helper even after graduation to allow more people to be able to experience this great ministry. One way to remain in touch with the ministry is none other than to join the Stedfast Association!



Lt. Col. (PA) Michael Yei & wife, Ray Lewis and Loh Kwai Nam



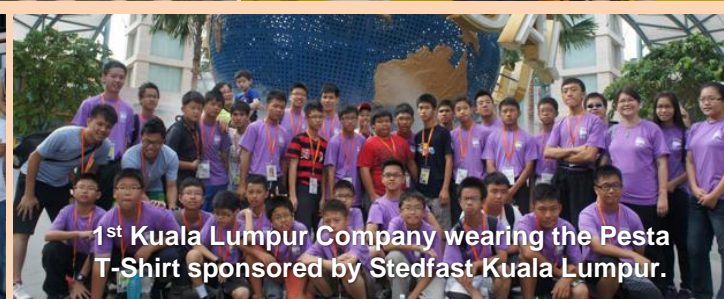
THE PRESIDENTS
Mr. Michael Moorthy (BBM President)
together with
Lt. Col. (PA) Michael Yei & wife



RAY LEWIS from
London Stedfast.



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1st Kuala Lumpur Company wearing the Pesta
T-Shirt sponsored by Stedfast Kuala Lumpur.

Personal Testimony by our Previous Scholarship Recipient

The road less taken by Alvern Ho



With "a blink of an eye", it has already been almost a decade since my direct involvement with 1st Kuala Lumpur BB Company ended having served a few years in the Junior Section as a Warrant Officer to pursue my career. As with most people, my post-BB years in my 20s were focused on building a career for myself and am now plying my trade in an international financial institution in Singapore, managing the tax risk of a business segment with the size of approximately USD2b. With God's blessings, it has been fulfilling.

Looking back in the context of Stedfast, I can still remember me sitting in front of then Mr. Yong Chee Seng and the rest of the then Stedfast Exco in the interview for financial assistance offered by the association. I was told that the assistance would not be much. Indeed, it wasn't a lot. But, what was considered limited in the quantum, is priceless in value.

It paid for a semester during my pre-university programme, an element in the history of my education that forms the foundation of my career today - an element in history that will be irreplaceable. Of course, I will be lying if I said that I only benefited from the financial assistance from Stedfast. One can never rule out the values that one has downloaded from those BB years. The training that I have gone through has helped me tremendously in my life thus far, training that needs no further elaboration.

It is akin to an evergreen software that continues to run in whatever operating environment, so ever compatible to which ever system that it is thrown into. As "being cool" is fast becoming the culture of youth today and with the word "macho" disappearing from the English vocabulary, it would seem that BB is quick losing relevance in the society today.

But having been through those macho but considered as "un-cool" days, and talking to people who have lived a more glamorous formative years -- I can confidently conclude that going through days standing under the sun, doing push-ups on a hot tarmac, camping in the jungle, getting dirty and all in the BB brotherhood... is an experience that those who have spent their Saturdays chilling at Coffee Bean would want to exchange for. Unfortunately for them but fortunately for most us, those days are gone. And I am certainly glad that an association like Stedfast is around to keep those to have gone down the road less taken together.



Personal Testimony by our Previous Scholarship Recipient An Interview with Veronica Foong ...



SAKL
VF

What are you currently doing?
I am currently working as a Talent Acquisition Specialist.

SAKL
VF

Where are you now? What Company?
In Penang and currently working in Nokia

SAKL
VF

How is life after BB?
In 2005, after I graduated from TAR College, Kuala Lumpur, I came back to my hometown Penang and continued to serve an officer at 16th Penang. Besides, I am also serving in Youth CG. I enjoyed serving the BB & CG on every Saturday & Sunday. I personally find that it is very important to spend time with the youth – build a strong relationship with them and share my personal experience with them. It is very important to give them a positive influence - as a friend, "elder sister", "mother" and spiritual leader. It is my joy to see them overcome each obstacles and challenges in their life with God's help. I often experience God's grace & blessing when I am serving the youth and walking with Christ. Only God can transform a person - if you are willing to let go and let God in, everything become possible.

SAKL
VF

How has BB played a part in your personal development?
I am not a born-christian. If it's not by God's grace, I am sure I will not become who I am today. I am thankful that God blesses me by giving me a lot of BB & CG leaders who care about how am I doing and guide me to walk towards God's will and encourage me to become a christ-centered person. I have bosses who told me that I am different from my peers who are at my age group - committed, responsible, proactive, persistence, and show ownership in my work. My bosses often give me a good performance rating – I knew it is by God's grace that I have been groomed in BB & CG.

SAKL
VF

What about Stedfast KL financial support? Was it helpful?
I used to work as waitress and promoter to support my personal expenses when I was studying in Penang. Before I moved to KL, I was worried that I might not be able to concentrate on my studies at University and cope up with the new environment - KL. I am glad that Stedfast KL has given me the financial support which covers my personal expenses and enable me to focus on my studies. Hence I, would like to take this opportunity to thank Stedfast KL who have supported me financially.

SAKL
VF

Any encouragements / advice to the younger members in the Brigade?
Once you have grown up and wanted to be successful in our own career/life and often we have challenges in prioritizing our time. Often, due to BB & CG ministry we might "lose" our time and even friends. You might have friends telling you:" I do not want to ask you out anymore! Every time I ask you out, you will tell me you are not available!!" However, I would like to assure you that if you put God in the first place and continue to serve in BB and CG ministry. God will bless you in your career and you will not loose any of your friends! Now, all my friends knows I am not available during BB and CG services and they will "date" me before/after BB instead. Without our leaders - we will not become who we are today. I would strongly encourage the younger members in the Brigade to continue in serving BB as a helper, instructor or officer. If you could serve in full time then it would be great! If you can't, you may still contribute as a part-timer or on project basis. Each and everyone of us should play a part to contribute in this ministry so that we can play a part in the advancement of Christ's Kingdom.

This interview was conducted by the SAKL Secretary with Veronica Foong (VF)

STEDFAST ASSOCIATION OF KUALA LUMPUR FAMILY CAMP

04th - 06th AUGUST 2012
BEST WESTERN MARINA ISLAND RESORT
PANGKOR





Personal Testimony by our Previous Scholarship Recipient Jeremy Ong shares

Hello everyone! Its a great honour to be given the opportunity to write and share with you some thoughts and experiences since leaving BB after serving 11 years in 2000 to pursue my studies and thereafter my career. Overall I can trace much of what has helped me in the workplace and challenges growing up to my BB experiences which I actually still share among friends and to when in dire financial times post the 1997 financial crisis to the timely assistance from the Stedfast scholarship to give me a head-start in a very difficult time for my family and myself else I could have ended up in the streets. Truth the matter ultimately though ... is when a great man like Mr. Michael Yei (of whom I still address as sir) drops you a note to pen something down, how do you say no to someone whom you respect so much?

Today I work for the General Electric Co. a ~135 year old company started in 1876, around the same time as 1st Glasgow in 1883. Its an American company that traces its origin to Thomas Edison credited as the creator of the incandescent light bulb. Currently I have been given responsibility over 18 countries and 33 corporate legal entities in the Asia Pacific region of GE Global Business Services (GBS), as the Chief Financial Officer, with over 65 employees in my organization, taking care of controllership & financial management of the broader GBS operations in Asia Pacific.

Since graduating from The University of Queensland in Brisbane (Australia), I joined GE's Financial Management Program (FMP) in '02 with assignments in GE Aviation Malaysia, Singapore, US and China. Thereafter I joined GE Aviation Asia Pacific as Financial Planning & Analysis / Commercial Risk manager based in Shanghai, China. In '06 I moved to GE's Corporate Audit Staff (CAS) and led multiple financial and compliance audits in GE Water, E Energy, GE Industrial, GE Money, GE Enterprise Solutions and GE Corporate in North America, Europe & Asia before joining GE Oil & Gas in Singapore as the Finance Leader for Supply Chain Asia taking care of 3 manufacturing facilities in Shanghai, Batam and Singapore.

I've been fortunate too in my career as I believe I found a company that focuses as much on skill set & leadership development as BB had, and I found a natural fit into the learning and developing culture. In hindsight when I put things into perspective, being a manager today is just like when I was a squad leader. Management meetings are like NCO council meetings with action items and next steps to do and going for training was like the NCO training course less all the push-ups and LESS a lot of weight that I have gained.

So really there are a lot of correlations to what I feel comfortable being relevant in the corporate world to what we are used to growing up in the BB world albeit the differences in context. The trick is the hard work and patience to develop skill sets to convince management of our abilities and then I believe we will have a better chance to prove ourselves given heavier responsibilities to manage which does not come naturally to a lot of the smartest people that I have met all over the world. After awhile, I believe I actually had some form of advantage as I was maybe a little better at people management, conflict and issue resolution, directing, driving vision etc.

Important along my journey was also to find mentors like officers in our BB days and friends I have met to help understand myself and my priorities like checkpoints as there is no one size fits all approach in anything we do. We have to find how we become effective and relevant in different situations.

Self-awareness of values is a critical factor to understand what is important to us, so we make decisions based on that priority because it actually determines what we will or will not sacrifice to achieve our goals. We need to make sure we understand what we are good at and what we need to improve, what we like and don't like else we lose sight of reality if we go after a role or a job which we are not ready to excel and risk setting ourselves up for failure.

Lastly we need to remain humble to realize we are just human after all! Honestly most of my data points are 2nd nature to us during our days in BB, thinking about band formations, how win competitions in Pesta, where are our strengths individually and as a collective company.

A career becomes a journey and we will have so many stories to tell along the way of our experiences. In my case, I have always taken the road less travelled which means taking the tough jobs and trying to make a difference and don't forget to have fun along the way.



Newly Elected President of Stedfast Penang shares

As time flies, and recall as the founding captain of the 8th Penang Company in 1982, its already 30 years ago, I like to thank God for his guidance giving me good health and can still see some of my Boys, grownup, getting married and having their own children and families. You will get surprise and shock when some boys will come towards you and still call you 'captain', and even some officers, still calling me as their 'captain', even after retirement.

I spend more of my time in other church mission work, even some friends did asked me to join the Stedfast Association. I always reject and only started to attend one of their meeting last year. Stedfast Association has long been heard long time ago and has been very low profile to me and only open to a certain group of people as being elected as Vice President last year in charge of activities. I managed to organise a durian party for members to attend and just beginning this year, I pushed myself to organise a Chinese New Year gathering at one of the local restaurant in New World Park and management to call in almost 48 old Boys and officers to join in this dinner to make the function more lively. I also manage to get some lucky draw prizes to light them up. Everyone seems to be very happy and from the face book, they are looking forward to meet together again next year, and only recently, we have our AGM on Sunday, 22nd April, 2012, I was elected to be the President of this Association. The newly elected members are as follows :

President	Mr. Harry Goh Eng Wan
Vice President	Mr. Danny Ooi
Secretary	Mr. Bobby Lee
Asst. Secretary	Ms. Noreen Khoo
Treasurer	Mr. Richard Yee
Committee Members	Mr. Lim Mah Thye
	Mr. Khoo Gim Teik
	Mr. Cheng Keng Tong
	Mr. Lim Seong Hoon
	Mr. Kenny Koay
Auditors	Mr. Ronnie Quah
	Mr. Khoo Cheok Sin
	Mr. Daniel Kung
	Mr. SC Mani

I took up this presidency as I find that BB is still in my blood. I have even during my casual discussion with my Pastor, he knows that BB has been very active in Penang especially in schools and he asked me where are the old Boys. This question is always in my mind. Yes, where are they?

During captainship, we know very well, that our duty is to advance Christ Kingdom among Boys and after they 'retreat' due to their age, where are they? I think it is still our responsibilities to bring them back together and make very sure that they still remember Christ is their Lord and to prevent them from joining any unhealthy societies that makes me take up this challenge. My main duties is to recruit more old Boys / Officers to join us and I am also fully informed that the Regional Games will be in Penang next year.

I will try to put in my effort with my committee and will always pray to God to give me His wisdom and strength for me to carry on this heavy task, I hope very much that we can work together with other Stedfast Associations in other parts of the world to join hand in hand and unite together for a better tomorrow and bring more happiness to the less fortunate people in our community.

For any information, you are always to email me at admin@genesisl.com.my or call me at 012-4305922

My warmest regards,

Goh Eng Wan, Harry
President
Stedfast Association Penang

Stedfast Scholarship 2011 Recipients share ...



Entering college in KL, away from my hometown Penang was not easy, homesickness, monetary issues, sudden change in environment and of course the main problem of Penang students, lack of Penang food. As independent and adaptable as any Boys' Brigade member, I conquered these issues one at a time.

There was just this problem with money which I cannot handle, but luckily with God's grace I was able to find out about the Stedfast Scholarship from my Captain back in Penang. After obtaining the scholarship I am able to focus in everything I do (studies, church, social life) without entering a constant state of worry because of the college fees.

This scholarship also gave me the motivation to push myself further as I would not want to disappoint the Stedfast Association for investing in my education. With all of this in mind, I moved on and striving to be the best for the BB and for God.

Daryl Tan
20th Penang Boys' Brigade
(Presently Studying in TAR College)



Staff Sergeant Benny Tham Chew Hol
1st Kuala Lumpur Company

I was a student at the Nilai University College, and currently pursuing my studies in the University of Central Oklahoma in the United States. This dream of mine studying abroad might not come true without the help from the Stedfast Association of Kuala Lumpur. I want to thank God for the plan He has for me.

By God's grace, the Stedfast Association of Kuala Lumpur has provided me the Stedfast Scholarship with an amount of RM 3,000.00 to cover up my tuition fees during my studies in the Nilai University College. Because of this scholarship, my parents have lesser burden on paying for my tuition fees. In addition, it also helped my parents to save up a large amount of money that was initially allocated for my studies in the United States.

Here, I would like to sincerely thank the Stedfast Association of Kuala Lumpur for granting me this opportunity to become the Stedfast Scholarship recipient!

Stedfast Scholarship 2011 Recipients share



Hallelujah! My prayer of financial needs has been answered. God led my way to pursue a Diploma in Early Childhood Education at MCKL. With God's blessing, I am grateful to be one of the special scholarship recipients founded by Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) & Stedfast Association of Kuala Lumpur.

I faced numerous financial and academic challenges during my time as a student. These factors have made me realized the value of education. Thank you very much for the financial scholarship. It is truly appreciated. This scholarship has vastly lightened my financial burden and allowed me to focus more on my studies. I am extremely grateful for this scholarship.

This scholarship will continue to help me to concentrate on my education, instead of concentrating on working and studying at the same time, which can be very taxing. It also allows me to pursue my dream to become a teacher; to teach and to lay a good, strong foundation for young children, as well as to give them a quality education.

MCKL engages responsible lecturers to provide high quality education and a peaceful study environment. In addition, the well designed lectures and curriculum of this course is well balanced and constantly shapes me to become tomorrow's star. More importantly, I've met supportive and encouraging classmates who always accompany me, making my journey a much better one. Now, I have reached the 4th semester and I am truly proud to be a MCKLian!

I am glad to have the opportunity to thank you personally for your generosity. I can confidently say that I have no regrets and no worries in doing my Diploma in Early Childhood Education at MCKL. I promise to work hard to ensure that my grades reflect the worthiness of your financial support. Again, thank you for your generosity, it is greatly appreciated.



Thank you God, Stedfast Association, MCKL, BB, my family & friends...

Lim En Hui (19)

Corporal of 3rd Kajang Company

(Presently studying in Methodist College Kuala Lumpur)



I am Sergeant Khong Zhi-Wei from 1st Petaling Jaya Company and I am 19 this year. Joining Boys' Brigade since year 2000. 12 years back have certainly made a great impact in my life. Without Boys' Brigade, I would not be where I am in my life. It has shaped my character over the years, taught me new things, brought maturity to my life and brought me closer to God. I want to thank the Stedfast Association for giving me the chance to study in MCKL. Studying here has really been fruitful and enjoyable. Boys' Brigade taught me leadership and now I am currently a Student Council Member for MCKL. Thank You and God bless.



2012 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Kwong Tjun Yip
Nilai University College
Aircraft Engineering



Joshua Ong
Methodist College
Kuala Lumpur
AUSMAT



Lim Yi Shien
IACT
Graphics Design



Loh Pishon
KDU University College
GCE A-Level



Samuel Depogan Dan
Methodist College
Kuala Lumpur
A-Level

4TH STEDFAST REGIONAL FELLOWSHIP GAMES

Penang | June 14 - 16 | 2013

Hosted by Penang Stedfast Association

down these dates for next year !
SEE YOU IN PENANG !!!

To all Stedfast KL members ... if you would like to represent Stedfast KL at the 4th Stedfast Regional Fellowship Games, please indicate your interest with Lt. Muda Philip Yin (016-2729088) by December 31, 2012. This is to facilitate training sessions for the respective games played.

* Tentative Dates



Our Deepest Condolences to Mr. Ivan Koh & family, Vice President of Singapore Stedfast Association

Mr. Koh Yong Kwang, father of our Brother Ivan was called home to be with the Lord on Saturday, 4 August 2012. May God continue to comfort the family during this time of bereavement.