

# Bringing you BB News **across** ASIA



THE BOYS' BRIGADE  
ASIA

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## An Office

for BB Asia Secretariat



Wisma Methodist building

After receiving a very good offer from the President of the Chinese Annual Conference of The Methodist Church in Malaysia, BB Asia signed the tenancy agreement for an office space with the management of Wisma Methodist in Kuala Lumpur.

For almost 3 years since appointed as Executive Secretary, I have been working from my home. And now finally we have a proper address to call it our BB Asia office.



Signage at the Entrance

It was on Thursday, 15 July 2010, Francis and I together with our newly purchased furniture moved into Room 202 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Praise God, today, our office is almost fully equipped.



Sitting Lounge for Visitors



Staff Working Area

So when you are in Kuala Lumpur, please make time to visit us. We will be delighted to have you.

## BB Asia Secretariat Dedication Service

At the suggestion our General Secretary, we decided to hold a dedication service in conjunction with the opening worship of our 1<sup>st</sup> Full Time Workers Conference on Wednesday, 18 August 2010 at 6.30pm.



President chatting with Mr Eric Woodburn

The service, although simple, was a meaningful one and attended by 20 persons including Mr Michael Moorthy,

Mr Eric Woodburn (former Executive Secretary of The World Conference), 12 staff members from Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore. Rev David Boey was the officiating minister and accompanied by his wife, Julia.



Thanks, Rev David Boey



A photo to remember

For all the wonderful blessings bestowed on our BB ministry, to God be all glory and Praise!

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*Full time staff*  
for **BB Indonesia**

After much prayer and deliberation for almost a year, the Executive of BB Indonesia, at their Annual General Meeting in July this year, for the first time, officially engaged not one but two full time staff.



*Denny (left) and Saud (right)*

### MR SAUD TANAMASSA

is appointed as Executive Director of BB Indonesia and will be based in Jakarta. He is the first full time staff of BB Indonesia. Saud's original hometown is in Pematang Siantar, North Sumatra. Prior to his appointment he was the Vice-Principal of Pelangi Kasih Christian School in Jakarta where 1st Jakarta Company was formed and Saud was the first captain.

Saud is married to Evangelist Merry Ong and has one son, Samuel Theopilus.

### MR DENNY WU

is still fresh from school but his yearning to serve in BB full time in BB cannot be denied. Denny has been employed as Administrative Assistant and is based in Medan. His responsibility is to coordinate the BB Shop and assist in the development work of BB in Sumatra.

*Welcome*  
*On Board!*

### Executive Director for BB Thailand



*Kien Ann & his wife, Kid.*

### MR LAM KIEN ANN

is no stranger to BB Thailand. His first involvement with BB Thailand was when he led his Boys from the 12th(I) Singapore Company for a short-term mission trip to the 4<sup>th</sup> Thailand Company in Khon Kaen. Subsequently, he felt led by the Lord to serve as a full-time staff with BB Thailand headquarters which he did so for three and a half years.

It was during this period that he met his wife, Kid, who was a colleague in the headquarters. In the year 2005, they left BB Thailand so that Kien Ann can pursue his post-graduate studies at Trinity Theology College in Singapore. Upon graduation, he served in Faith Methodist Church, Singapore for a period of two years prior to returning to Thailand to serve at the BB Thailand headquarters.

Kien Ann is also a graduate of the Nanyang Technology University of Singapore.

### BE PARTNERS in The BB Ministry

We believe that the BB ministry is worthwhile and God-inspired for our young people in Asia. Let's be a blessing to them and make a **difference** to their lives **TODAY!**

Therefore we would like to appeal to the generosity of each and every one of you reading this newsletter to

**support** our cause by...

...**making** a personal pledge or contribution.

...**encouraging** as many friends as possible to support.

...**speaking** to your church leadership to consider BB as one of their mission pledges.

...**introducing** corporate or commercial companies who might give regularly as part of their social commitment.

For more details, please visit our website at [www.bbasia.org](http://www.bbasia.org) or contact the BB Asia Secretariat. We will be most happy to hear from you.

*Therefore, as we have  
opportunity, let us do good  
to all people, especially to  
those who belong to the  
family of believers*

Galatians 6:10

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The first two days of Pesta was focused on the National Competitions comprised of singing, band and footdrill competitions with the introduction of the dance category this Pesta. All teams performed well and gave their very best.

## BB Malaysia's



On 11-15 June 2010 over 1600 BB members from all over Malaysia and BB Asia Member Countries, namely Hong Kong, Indonesia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand, came together in Georgetown, Penang for the 19<sup>th</sup> National Pesta organized by The Boys' Brigade in Malaysia.



Group Singing Competition



Group Outing

The fourth day was fun and relaxing as well as participants can decide which part of the Penang they would like to visit from its shopping malls, to butterfly farms, to a ferry "cruise" to Butterworth and back and even a buffet with the King of Fruits.



Dance Competition



Opening Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony was conducted at the Penang City Stadium with Dato' Sri Ong Tee Keat, the former Transport Minister, as the Guest of Honour.



Marching Band Competition

1<sup>st</sup> Johor Bahru Company was declared the overall champion for this Pesta.



Route March along Penang Street

The 19<sup>th</sup> National Pesta was officially closed at the KOMTAR Dome where it was announced that the 1<sup>st</sup> Johor Bahru Company will host the next Pesta in 2012.



BB Hong Kong at their souvenir stall

After two days of competitions, on the third day all participants roamed the streets of Penang in their various squads for a treasure hunt which brought them through Georgetown itself, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Penang was the first Territory in Malaysia to be colonized by the British, making the area rich in colonial architecture.

*Editor's Note:* Kenny Voon works as a BB Malaysia's full time staff in charge of Training & Extension. He is also an officer of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Kuala Lumpur Company.

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1<sup>st</sup> Puchong & 4<sup>th</sup> Petaling Jaya  
Companies represented  
Malaysia at the recent



## YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

*Here are their reports....*



The Youth Leadership Conference from was held on 18 to 20 June 2010 at the National University of Singapore. The objective was to develop a better understanding of issues which our world faces today.

Although I deliberated on attending as I would be away from home for the first time but I finally decided to join because I knew that it was the right decision.



*Registering for the workshops*

This conference benefitted me in a great way because not only I learnt a lot but I also had the opportunity to meet and interact with many members from other BB companies.



*In front of NUS*

Being assigned to the group named World Wild Fund, I've learnt to appreciate the beauty of nature and the importance of preserving the environment & beautiful nature which God gave to us.

There I also learnt the leadership values & strategies which rely on leadership courage that will mould me to be a good leader in the future with full initiative and integrity.



This first Youth Leadership Conference was organized in conjunction with the Centre for Social Entrepreneurship & Philanthropy and NUS Business School.



*Clay-craft with a purpose*

With today's advancement in new media, advocating causes and promoting campaigns can be done in a way which our forefathers could only dream. During this conference, we want to tell the world about our belief and passion through a click of a mouse.

This conference taught me plenty of new things such as creating a video, a blog, a sound bite and even just a fan site would be able to make a world impact. Like a forest fire, the best way to spread messages is to go viral. So if someone makes a video or just comment something that's good enough for people to pass on, it will grow naturally by itself and change hearts, minds and lives along its way.



*Group Exercise*

Robert Greenleaf, founder of the modern Servant Leadership movement once said, "Good leaders must first become good servants". To me this sentence is very meaningful because it teaches me that to be a leader I must first learn the right way to do things.

What I enjoyed most during the conference was making new friends. It was also quite challenging to complete a project with BB members from Singapore, Hong Kong and Brunei whom I have just met.

Personally, I hope that when I grow up, I would be able to make a difference and help save the animals from extinction.

*Editor's Note:* My sincere thanks to Ms Sheah Lai Yee (Hon Captain of 1<sup>st</sup> Puchong) for the photographs and Mr Richard Lee (Captain of 4<sup>th</sup> PJ) for the reports.



**PRAYER  
 POINTS**

**Pray for BB Asia  
 that God will bless**

- the office-bearers 2009-2010 with wisdom as they stir the entire ministry to a greater height.
- the success of their 3-year development plan of the BB Asia.
- the coming 6<sup>th</sup> General Council meeting to be held on 27 November 2010 in Singapore. It will be the election year.
- continue to unite and strengthen the bond of the Member Countries.
- our ministry with generous financial contribution to support work that being done.
- their endeavors to raise funds to support the ministry for the next three years.
- the work of the Secretariat in fulfilling its responsibilities.
- for the travels of the staff with protection, good health and fruitful effort.

**Thank God for**

- the BB Asia new office.
- the success of the Full Time Workers Conference held on 18-22 August 2010.

**Pray for our BB Asia  
 Member Countries.**

**Brunei**

- **PRAY** for sustenance and continuing support from their church because of the political structure, they are only allowed to form one company.
- **PRAY** for more adult leadership.

**Singapore**

- **PRAY** that God will continue to bless the BB work and that He will grant them strength as they face many challenges ahead.
- **PRAY** for their 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and its preparations that all their plans will run smoothly.

**Hong Kong**

- **PRAY** for their target to reach 10,000 BB members .

**Indonesia**

- **PRAY** for the success of the registration of BB Indonesia as an organisation which is now in the final stages.
- **PRAY** for Saud & Denny, two newly appointed staff for their national headquarters.
- **PRAY** for their fund-raising dinner on 6 November 2011 in Medan. That they will meet their target.

**Macau**

- **PRAY** that God will continue to bless the BB work and for their new leadership.

**Malaysia**

- **PRAY** that God will continue to bless the BB work carried out by the national & district executives and the local companies. That there will be cooperation and team spirit.

**Philippines** *(not a member country yet.)*

- **PRAY** for the protem committee led by Mr Paul Tiu that God will reveal His plans for them and direct them accordingly.
- **PRAY** for their Introductory Seminar and promotion in Manila and Bulacan this July.
- **PRAY** for the four companies that will officially form this July

in Manila and Bagiuo as they are totally new to the BB ministry.

**Thailand**

- **PRAY** for the Officers who have come forward to lead in the various committees that through them the BB programme will be more effective and meaningful.
- **PRAY** also for their plans to raise funds to be more self-sufficient and also for their own building.
- **PRAY** that God will continue to grant the National Executive wisdom and guidance as they take steps to develop the ministry and to improve relationships.
- **PRAY** for every company that they will produce capable leaders with the right heart and spirit to lead the company. Also that they will continue to work well with other companies and with the national executive.
- **PRAY** for Kien Ann in his new responsibility as Executive Director.

**Cambodia** *(not a member country yet.)*

- **PRAY** for our full-time team at the BB Learning Centre in Siem Reap. They will be using part of their land for an agriculture project
- **PRAY** for the BB company started in the Methodist School in Phnom Penh. They will be having their first enrolment service at the end of this year. 97<sup>th</sup> Singapore has volunteered to assist them.



*...pray for each other...  
 (James 5:16)*



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**ATTENTION, PLEASE!**

**Camp Temasek V  
 is back!**



**Twelve hundred Youths  
 Five Countries  
 Five Days  
 One Camp  
 One Experience**

In the 5 days, participants will experience the delicate nature of mangrove swamps such as Sungei Buloh, fostering camaraderie through the beat of the dragonboat drum. Feel the sense of vertigo while rappelling down a tall building and the graceful flight of the arrow during archery. All activities are designed to captivate the participants while educating them the importance of going green.

**Camp Details**

Date: **3-7 December 2010**

Venue: **Pasir Laba Camp**

Registration Fees:

**\$150.00** for camper

**\$100.00** for officer/helper

All BB members aged 12 to 17 are welcomed to sign up for the camp. Each country is allocated 10 vacancies. Countries who wish to send more than 10 campers, will be placed on a waiting list and will be considered after all countries have indicated their interest. For every 10 Boys registered, each country must provide 2 accompany officers.

For registration form, please contact BB Asia Secretariat

**Deadline**

**15 October 2010.**

**BB INDONESIA**

**Fund Raising Dinner**

Venue

Duck King Restaurant, Medan, Indonesia

Date

6 November 2010 (Saturday)

Objectives

To raise funds for their Full-time Staff & Headquarters and Extension Work.

Entry by invitation only.

Contributions are always welcomed!

**BB ASIA**

**6th GENERAL Council Meeting**

Venue

BBS Campus, Singapore

Date

27 November 2010 (Saturday)

(Only opened to selected delegates of BB Asia Member Countries.)

**International Camps**

**2011**

**BB AUSTRALIA - 6-15 January**

**17th Pan Australian Camp**

**"Catch The Spirit" - Tasmania**

For more details visit

<http://:boys.brigadeaustralia.org>.

**3RD BB ASIA Academy**

It is proposed that the academy to be held end December 2011. This academy is opened to all BB members and officers 18 years and above.

**BB INDONESIA**

**Camp Bersama**

This camp is held in celebration of BBI's 25th Anniversary in 2011.

Date: **June 2011**

Venue: **Medan, Sumatra**

("Bersama" means *together*.)

**For more information of the above, kindly email to BB Asia Secretariat at [bb.secretariat@bbasia.org](mailto:bb.secretariat@bbasia.org).**

**Titles and Responsibilities**

*"If I then your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet."*

*John 13:14*

Research conducted by a leading compensation technology firm found that among employees planning to leave their companies, a majority felt they were underpaid. Fewer than 20 percent of them, however, were receiving less than the industry standard for their duties.

Bill Coleman, of Salary.com, believes that many unhappy workers are overtitled rather than underpaid. Some companies give employees lofty titles even though their job responsibilities have not increased. In time, employees feel they deserve more money than their actual duties merit. "When it comes to salary," Coleman says, "it's what you do, not what you're called, that counts."

It's interesting how Jesus dealt with the issue of titles and responsibilities. During the Last Supper, He performed the task of a lowly servant by washing His disciples' feet, setting the stage for His astonishing statement of humility: "You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet" (John 13:13-14).

Christ the Lord set the example for all who would follow Him, confirming that it's not what we're called, but what we do that counts.

*When Jesus took a servant's towel*

*His honor set aside*

*He humbly showed how to serve,*

*And how to conquer pride.*

**The more we serve  
 Christ, the less we will  
 serve self.**

*(Taken from Our Daily Bread, September 2008.)*



## Executive Secretaries' DIARY



### July 2010

#### 26-2/7 – Medan, Indonesia (FC)

- Leadership Training Course
- Basic Officers' Training Course

#### 28-6/7 – Medan, Indonesia (LT)

- Basic Officers' Training Course
- BBI General Council Meeting & Officers Retreat

#### 14-20 – Manila, Philippines (FC)

- BB Orientation & Promotion

### August 2010

#### 18-22 – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (FC & LT)

- BB Asia Full Time Workers Conference

### September 2010

#### 1-7 – Manila, Philippines (FC)

- BOTC & BB Promotion

### October 2010

#### 25-31 – Surabaya, Indonesia (LT)

- BOTC & BB Promotion

### November 2010

#### 4-7 – Medan, Indonesia (LT)

- BBI's Fund-raising Dinner

#### 5-16 – Manila, Philippines (FC)

- BB Orientation & Promotion

#### 10-17 – Jakarta, Indonesia (LT)

- BOTC & BB Promotion

#### 25-29 – Singapore (FC & LT)

- BB Asia 6<sup>th</sup> General Council Meeting

## BB ASIA

### Purpose

BB Asia has been formed out of a desire to maintain the unity, purpose and specific character of The Boys' Brigade everywhere. It came into being to give The Boys' Brigade an international organisation which would advance its growth, interest and cause.

### Objects

The objects of BB Asia are:

- to promote the development and extension of The Boys' Brigade to new fields and territories.
- to strengthen the work of The Boys' Brigade internationally and within each member country
- to help its members to develop and adapt their respective programmes to the conditions in which young people live and work
- to develop sympathy, understanding, and cooperation among all its members.

## BB Asia Executive Committee 2009-2010

### President

**Mr Michael Moorthy**

### Vice-Presidents

**Mr Sunny Wu**

**Mr Tan Kok Heng**

### General Secretary

**Mr Lim K Tham**

### Asst. General Secretary

**Mr Albert Ching**

### Treasurer

**Mr Tye Yew Meng**

### Executive Members

**Ms Eva Kong**

**Ms Resien Chiu**

**Mr Ong Teong Hoon**

### Chaplain

**Rev Dr Li Ping-Kwong**

### Associate Chaplain

**Rev Richard Tok**

## BB Asia Secretariat

### Executive Secretaries

**Mr Francis Chiong**

**Mr Lawrence Tay**

## In our next issue...

Report on BB Asia's  
*1<sup>st</sup> Full Time Workers  
Conference*

Update on  
*Development work in  
Cambodia & Philippines.*

An archives page has been  
added to our website.

Please visit us at  
**www.bbasia.org**

## Reminder

*4<sup>th</sup> October 1883*

The day The Boys' Brigade was  
founded in Glasgow, Scotland

*27<sup>th</sup> October 1854*

Our Founder, Sir William  
Alexander Smith was born in  
Thurso, Scotland

### CONTACT US

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We gladly welcome comments, news, announcements, prayer items, articles, photographs etc.

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Kindly note that we reserve the right to edit or not to publish any contribution deemed unsuitable.