



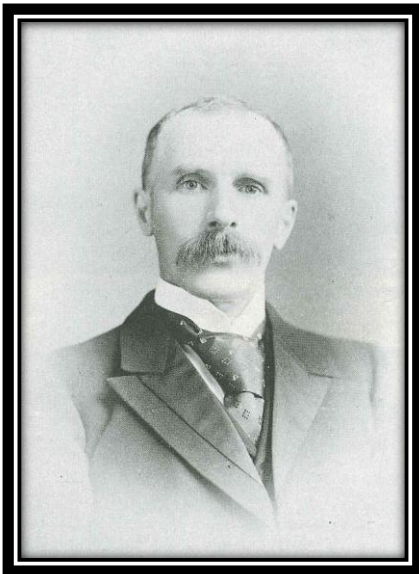
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Remembering Our

FOUNDER

Sir William

Alexander Smith



1854 – 1914

William was born on 27 October 1854 in Pennyland House, Thurso. At the age of nearly 15, he moved to Glasgow to work in his uncle's soft goods business, Fraser & Co. During his teens he joined the Lanarkshire Rifle Volunteers and became a Lance Corporal by the time he was 19. During that period William also joined the Free Church College.



Pennyland House

By 1883 William had become a Lieutenant and was a teacher in the Sabbath School, held in a mission hall in

North Woodside Road. It was at this point he realised that the methods and discipline used at the Rifle Volunteers could be more effective and appropriate when dealing with the children. Especially with the older boys, who seemed restless and bored during the Sunday School classes.

It was a combination of these activities and experiences that inspired William to create The Boys' Brigade. On 4 October 1883 William and two of his close friends, brothers James R. Hill and John B. Hill, invited the boys of North Woodside Mission Sabbath School to join The Boys' Brigade.

More than fifty boys joined straight away, but the rigid military discipline and strict obedience meant that by the end of the first season numbers had dropped quite dramatically.



*William and his two sons,
Stanley & Douglas*

By the end of the year 1883, the 1st Glasgow Company of the Boys' Brigade was well established; two sergeants, two corporals and two lance-corporals were appointed and the Company was divided into six squads. Not long after that The Boys' Brigade uniform was introduced – cap, belt and a haversack - and in 1886

the 1st Glasgow Company had its first summer camp held at Tighnabraich.

William Smith married Amelia Pearson Sutherland in March 1884 and had two sons, Stanley and Douglas. Sadly, Amelia died in 1898 while her sons were still young. It was only 8 years later, William married Hannah.

Soon The Boys' Brigade movement spread over the United Kingdom. By 1887 Companies from London, Newport, Manchester and Armitage Bridge had joined The Boys' Brigade. Not long after the movement could claim another Company founded in the United States, followed by others in Canada, Cape Town, West Indies and New Zealand, amongst others.

William took a leading role in the new organisation and accepted a post as the first brigade Secretary in 1887, giving up his business job to devote himself to the work of the Brigade. At this point, William turned his attention to supplying a guide and manual on how to form and conduct a Company, known as "the little red book". He also founded and edited The Boys Gazette, which has since been the Brigade's official monthly paper.

In 1909 Mr Smith received the honour of knighthood from His Majesty, King Edward VII, for his service to boys.

Sir William Alexander Smith died on Sunday 10th of May 1914. He was buried in the Western Necropolis in Glasgow where thousands followed the funeral procession.



*The Procession of our Founder's
funeral in 1914*

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Underneath The Banner

Underneath the banner
of the Cross arrayed
Lord, we ask Thy blessing
On The Boys' Brigade
Thou art our Commander,
and Thy soldiers, we
And Christian warfare,
we would honour Thee
Underneath the banner
of the Cross arrayed
Lord, we ask Thy blessing
On The Boys' Brigade.

In each lowly service as in drill parade
"Duty" be the watchword
of The Boys' Brigade
Make us ever loyal
small or great the foe
Lead us, Saviour, lead us
everywhere we go
Underneath the banner
of the Cross arrayed
Lord, we ask Thy blessing
On The Boys' Brigade.

We will fight for laurels
that will never fade
For the Holy City
March The Boys' brigade
What we find unholy in our daily life
We will try to conquer,
help us in the strife.
Underneath the banner
of the Cross arrayed
Lord, we ask Thy blessing
On The Boys' Brigade.

**BB started on
4th October 1883
127 years this month
Wishing all BB
members a very
blessed BB Month!**

Our heartiest Congratulations



MR ALLAN POON
Chairperson
Executive Committee
BB Hong Kong



**MRS SONGSRI
TANGTRAGULPAIAN**
Brigade President
BB Thailand

BB Asia wishes both Mr Poon and Mrs Songsri God's blessings upon their leadership and may He use them mightily to grow the BB ministry in their respective country.

News from CAMBODIA



**CHAK
MUN**
**joins BBLC
FULL TIME**

Kong Chak Mun or "Chak" affectionately known by his peers has been with The Boys' Brigade since 1990 as a 13 year old Boy in 28th Singapore Company. He is also the Captain of 28th Singapore Company.

His stint at The Boys' Brigade Learning Centre (BBLC) started in 2003 when he was among the first participants of the Youth Expedition Project (YEP) group to help build the BBLC. Since then between 2004 and 2008 he regularly led groups from YMCA on their YEP trips to Cambodia and the BBLC.

In January this year, Chak took a leap of faith to work full time at the BBLC. His current scope of work includes teaching and overseeing the centre's operation.

In his free time, Chak enjoys reading with a good cup of coffee besides him. He also likes to travel and he hopes to visit Israel before he is 45 years old.



Chak with the BBLC staff and Boys from 48th Singapore Company

Editor's Note: BBLC stands for Boys' Brigade Learning Centre. It was started in Cambodia by BB Singapore.

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**LAWRENCE
TAY**
reports on

BB Asia's 1st Full Time Workers Conference

For the first time, a conference was organised for the full-time workers of our member countries. It held in Malaysia on 18-22 August 2010 at Wisma Methodist in Kuala Lumpur on 18/8 and Methodist Bungalow on Fraser's Hill on 19-22/8.

The objective was to develop a better understanding of BB Asia roles thus bringing about renewed vigour and opportunities for collaboration among countries to overcome various challenges posed by local and global environment.

Twelve persons from Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore took part in this conference. Mr Eric Woodburn and Mr Timothy Tan were our resource persons. Also present was our President, Mr Michael Moorthy.

Six workshops were conducted.

- BB Asia Introduction
(Mr Lawrence Tay)
- Governance Issues & Volunteer Management
(Mr Eric Woodburn)
- Public Relations
(Mr Li Chi Fai & Ms Julia Ong)
- Fund Raising
(Ms Emily Chan & Ms Julia Ong)
- Resource Sharing & Best Practices
(Mr Francis Chiong)
- BB Asia International Voluntary Service
(Mr Francis Chiong)



Workshop Presentation



Group Discussion

Two training sessions were conducted by Mr Timothy Tan.

- Strategic Planning
- Stay The Course...To Success



Jeriau Falls outing



A time for fellowship

At the end of the workshop, all agreed that it is worth to organise this conference once in every two years.

HU WEI UNG from BB Malaysia sums up the conference very appropriately...

"It is an opportunity for me to meet full time workers from other countries and learn about their operation system, funding and public relations method. I am encouraged by Mr. Timothy Tan to "Stay the course...to success". It reminds me to persevere and be passionate about God's ministry. Here friendship is gained and partnership is forged. I love the prayer time where we can pray for each other especially coming from different lands. So let's continue to work for the glory of God!"



A Group Photo

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**FRANCIS
CHIONG**
Reports

Progress on BB Work in the Philippines

Two more visitation trips were done after the reported April 2010 trips in the Across Asia May-June 2010 Newsletter.

The last two visits on July 7-12, 2010 and September 1-8, 2010 respectively have been most encouraging.



Group Photo of BOTC Trainees



BOTC Trainees in discussion

After having five (5) road shows promoting BB and two (2) Basic Officers Training Courses (BOTC) conducted over a period of 9 months (January – September 2010) we finally saw three (3) new BB companies incorporated in July 2010. Another three (3) confirmed BB companies would be incorporated officially between October and November

2010. All the new BB companies are located in Manila with one in Baguio.

The 5th BB Orientation was conducted on the September 2, 2010 at the International Foundational Learning Convention at CCF, Alabang, Manila. 1000 teachers, pastors and principals attended the session.

Francis was also invited to conduct 2 sessions of workshop on topic "A Teacher is a Disciplinarian".



About 1000 educators at the IFL Convention.



Francis giving a 30-minute talk on BB ministry at IFL Convention

I am most grateful to Mr Hu Wei Ung, Field Officer for Sarawak State, Malaysia, for accompanying me on the most recent trip. He conducted some of the sessions for BOTC and Leadership Development Course (LDC).

We wish to thank Grace Christian College (Quezon City) and MGC Newlife Christian Academy (Fort Bonifacio) for

providing all the facilities, manpower and logistics support in promoting the BB ministry in the Philippines.



LDC Trainees from GCC

Our sincere thanks to

- Mrs Helen V, Principal of MGC Newlife Christian Academy
- Dr James Tan, President of the Grace Christian College
- And all their teachers for the support.

Not forgetting also the Protem Committee members of Brigade Philippines for the foundational work that they have put.

- Mr Paul Tiu (Chairman)
- Dr Jacobb (Vice Chairman)
- Ms Josephine Tan (Secretary)

Check us out on
Facebook
"BB Asia Circle"





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THANK GOD for 127 years of the BB ministry in reaching out to thousands of young people and children throughout the world for the advancement of His kingdom. May this ministry continue to grow under His guiding hand.

BB Asia

PRAY that God will bless

- the coming 6th 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

PRAY for Secretariat

- the work of the Secretariat in fulfilling its responsibilities.
- the travels of the staff with protection, good health and fruitful effort.

Our Member Countries

PRAY for Brunei

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

PRAY for Hong Kong

- the "Sharity 2010-2011" programme which 800 members has enrolled and it will last for 10 months until Jun 2011.
- the development of BB Ministry in Mainland China and their 12-member official visit to Guangdong Provincial Christian in October.

PRAY for Indonesia

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

PRAY for Macau

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

PRAY for Malaysia

- 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.

PRAY for Singapore

- the smooth running of their 80th Anniversary Thanksgiving Dinner which will be held on 13 Oct 2010 and Camp Temasek V from 3 to 7 December 2010 and for wisdom and strength for the volunteers and staff working tirelessly to organize them so that our Boys and Officers will have a wonderful and memorable time.
- their Share-a-Gift project to be held from 25 November to 21 December 2010. More sponsorship is still being sought to defray operational costs. Pray for God's providence and also for the volunteers and staff behind this massive project.

PRAY for Thailand

- God's anointing on the new leadership team for the BB ministry in Thailand.

- God's wisdom and guidance as BB Thailand makes preparation for its two training courses in October. Pray also that God will use the trainers to accomplish His purposes in the participants through the trainings.
- God's provision for an additional staff for the BB ministry in Thailand. Pray that that person would indeed be someone called by God to serve in the BB ministry.
- for the HQ staff - Kien Ann in his new responsibility as Executive Director and May as the Executive Staff.

Our Current Projects

PRAY for Cambodia

- the full-time team led by Chak Mun at the BB Learning Centre in Siem Reap.
- 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. 9th Singapore has volunteered to assist them.

PRAY for Philippines

- Registration for National BB Philippines with the government in October 2010
- Newly set-up companies in Christian Schools & Churches in Manila & Baguio.
- Financial provision for the Baptist churches in Quezon City and Bulacan so that the BB ministry can reach out to the poor children and youth in their areas.
- We thank the Lord that five orientation seminars and two basic Officers training courses conducted so far.



...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.

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 or contact the BB Asia Secretariat. We will be most happy to hear from you.

READ all about it

- >The Story of BB in China
- >Recollections of 75th Anniversary Camp in New Zealand
- >Eton Camp 1954

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Run With Horses

"If you have run with the footmen, and they have wearied you, then how can you contend with horses?"

Jeremiah 12:5

In the Olympics Games, the greatest runners of the world compete for gold medals and laurel wreaths. Long before the final race, competitions are held in countries throughout the world to weed out those who are not fast enough to compete. At the Games, the fastest of the fast qualify for the final competition.

The prophet Jeremiah was also involved in a fierce competition – but it was with idolaters and wicked priests. He was responding to the Lord's call to condemn Judah and to predict her downfall. He became so discouraged that he asked the Lord, "Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why are (they) happy?" (12:1)

That's when God said the Jeremiah, in essence, "The competition has just begun. So far you've been dealing with minor issues (running with footmen). How will handle it when the really tough stuff comes (contending with horses)?"

Perhaps you've run into some difficulties recently: your boss, an illness, conflict in your church. You've pleaded with the Lord for relief. But He may have said in response, "Toughen up. Dig in. It may get worse." When He asks you to "run with horses," He will be with you to strengthen and sustain you. That's what God does.

I press toward the goal for the prize of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:14

(Taken from Our Daily Bread, August 2006.)

Executive Secretaries' DIARY

September 2010

1-7 – Manila, Philippines (FC)

- BOTC & BB Promotion

October 2010

9-13 – Bangkok, Thailand (LT)

- Development Work & 3rd BB Asia Academy preliminaries.

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 6th General Council Meeting

CONTACT US

If you wish to receive or send Across Asia to a friend or friends, just drop us an email stating the individual's name and email address.

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

Kindly note that BB Asia reserves the right to edit or not to publish any contribution deemed unsuitable.

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 needs arising out of the conditions in which young people live and work
- to develop sympathy, understanding, and cooperation among all its members.

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