



INSPIRES

Every life *matters,*
Every city *counts.*

Alpha Malaysia Ministry Highlights Report
July 2023 – June 2024



OUR VISION

Alpha Malaysia exist to equip churches and team with tools to...

Help People discover Jesus



Revitalise the Church



Transform Society



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NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

“Our message in Alpha does not simply require intellectual assent to a series of propositions; rather, it calls people into a love relationship with Jesus Christ.”

– Nicky Gumbel

When we reflect on our lives, we are always operating from a place of either fear or love – fear of what others think of us, fear of losing our job, fear of losing our relationship, or fear of losing control.

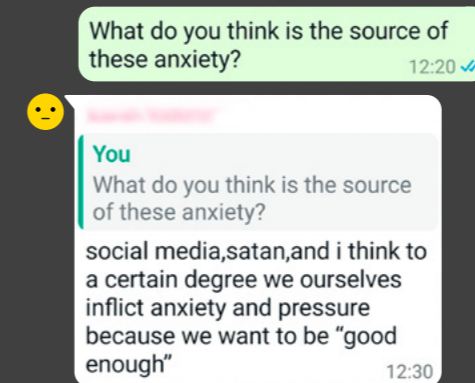
Jonathan Haidt refers to today's youth as “The Anxious Generation.” His research reveals that something shifted dramatically for young people born after 1995. Around the early 2010s, their mental health deteriorated, with anxiety and depression rates soaring. Alarmingly, self-harm among younger teen girls rose by 150%, and suicide rates increased by 50%.

Haidt outlines over a dozen ways this “great rewiring of childhood” has impacted young people's social and neurological development, citing issues like sleep deprivation, attention fragmentation, addiction, loneliness, social contagion, and the pressures of comparison and perfectionism.

Concerned by these trends, I conducted a survey among the youth in my church.



Upon further enquiry, I found that Gen Z's source of anxiety is similar to that of other generations: the overwhelming desire to feel “good enough.”



The truth is, without Jesus, we will never truly feel good enough. We may chase job security, relational security, or financial stability, but these pursuits alone cannot fill the void.

Archie Coates aptly put it: “The most secure people in the world are not the most beautiful, talented, or successful. They are not the ones with the most promising prospects, the most comfortable lifestyle, or the most friends. The most secure people are those who know they are deeply loved.”

Romans 8:38 reminds us of this profound truth: “There is nothing in this whole world that could ever separate you from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus.”

I witnessed this kind of transformative love firsthand during an Alpha Weekend Away in Port Dickson. My friend Z was going through personal struggles—he felt anxious, and uncertain about his career, and was facing relationship challenges. He decided to join us for the Alpha Weekend Away. During one of the prayer sessions, he unexpectedly left the hall. Concerned, I followed him and found him sitting outside, cigarette in hand, with tears streaming down his face. When I asked what was wrong, he sobbed, ‘I’ve never felt this way before... I feel loved.’ At that moment, the love of Christ poured into him, breaking through his defences and meeting him right where he was.

Pope John Paul II once said, “Evangelisation must touch people's minds and hearts, stir their consciences, and engage all their energies.” This is precisely what Alpha aims to do. Nicky Gumbel emphasises “Our message in Alpha does not simply require intellectual assent to a series of propositions; rather, it calls people into a love relationship with Jesus Christ”

We are incredibly grateful for amazing individuals like you who make Alpha accessible to others. Your love for people and desire to help them encounter God's love is the very reason Alpha exists.

We invite you to explore the following pages, where we celebrate the past year's impact and share exciting new initiatives for 2025 as we Seek Cities, Seek Youth, and Seek Families. Thank you for your partnership, prayers, and support. Together, we look forward to a year of remarkable growth and life-changing encounters with God's love.

In Christ alone,

Paul Kong
National Director,
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OUR TEAMS

Alpha Malaysia's team
that offers services through the Alpha
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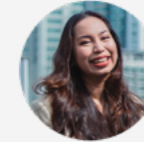
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ALPHA TRAINING REPORTS

656 CHURCHES AND ORGANISATIONS RAN ALPHA FROM JANUARY - DECEMBER 2023

Visit bit.ly/alphatrainingreport23 to view the full report.

Or scan the QR code



JANUARY - JUNE 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

24,106* guests have heard the gospel through Alpha

709

Alpha Courses registered

546

churches and organisations running Alpha

318

churches and organisations trained and equipped to run Alpha

240

churches and organisations introduced to Alpha

*estimation based on average guests per context from Alpha Journey Email Survey 2023

THEME

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NEXT 3 YEARS 2023–2025



Theme & Focus

SEEK

**Every life matters,
Every city counts.**

We believe that every individual life holds immense value and that every city has unique potential for transformation.



SEEK — Cities

We *SEEK* to empower local churches as activators to **Help people discover Jesus** within their cities.

Each city in Malaysia has its own unique spiritual and sociological profile. We aim to support local churches by equipping them with exceptional resources so they can confidently engage unchurched guests in their cities. Our focus on innovation allows us to continually improve and meet the evolving needs of the Church in Malaysia.

Your gifts will enable us to understand the needs within our cities, serve the churches across Malaysia and continue training churches. Recently, we launched the following:

- Work Inspired:by Purpose (WIP) Conference
- Work Inspired:by Purpose (WIP) Series
- The Malaysian Workplace: A Battleground or Breakthrough?

SEEK — Youth

We *SEEK* to empower and partner with the youths of this nation to **Revitalise the Church**.

Gen-Zs and the next generations desire to participate actively in the community and the church to witness an authentic transformation. Now is our time to partner with the churches to empower the youth, serving the communities in and outside the church through the ministries by creating space for collaboration and constant learning.

The initiatives for youths includes:

- Seperti Yesus — Konferensi Kepimpinan Muda Mudi (Youth Leadership Conference)
- Alpha Youth Festival
- The New Alpha Youth Series Launch

"Malaysian teens (including teens of other faiths or no faith) want to see churches build relationships with people affected by injustice and deepen their understanding of what the Christian faith teaches about justice."

Barna Group, The Open Generation (Malaysia), 2023



SEEK — CITIES, YOUTH, FAMILIES

SEEK — Families

We *SEEK* to strengthen families to **Transform Society**.

Strong families are the foundation of flourishing societies. The support families receive from their community is vital. And the church plays a pivotal role in this. We aim to equip church and ministry leaders with tools to help strengthen marriages and families.

Your gifts will help us build strong families by:

- Running of Marriage and Parenting Course Training in Other Cities
- Translating resources of The Marriage Course and The Pre-Marriage Course into Bahasa Malaysia

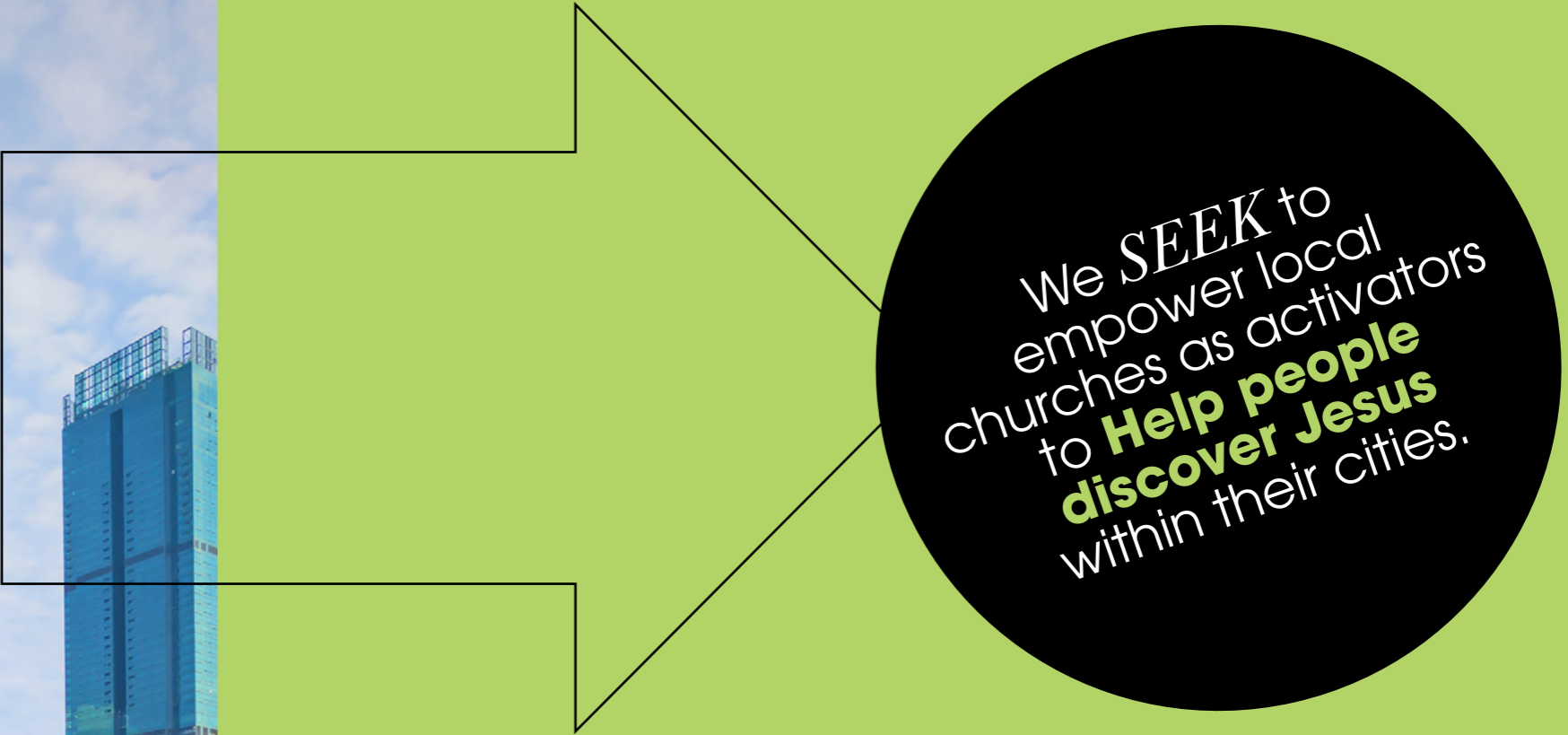
"Children are like sponges. They absorb our attitudes and the ways we live out our beliefs and values. They are attracted by a spirituality that brings a sense of freedom, love and security"

Nicky and Sila Lee

FOCUS

Theme & Focus

SEEK -



CITIES

Finding Purpose in the WORKPLACE



Work Inspired: by Purpose Conference 2024

The Work Inspired: by Purpose (WIP) Conference 2024 was held on August 23-24 at the Alpha Hub, Lot 10 Rooftop, Bukit Bintang, Kuala Lumpur.

The conference focused on how faith can help Christian professionals discover purpose and success in the modern workplace through engaging forums, interactive sessions, and thought-provoking talks. Attendees explored these themes:

- **Seeking My Purpose:** Refining one's understanding of their unique professional role.
- **Seeking God's Purpose:** Aligning personal ambitions with God's divine plan for one's career.
- **Seeking to Live Out Purpose:** Translating faith into practical actions that transform the workplace.

More than 700 delegates from 112 organisations attended the two-day event. Ranging from entrepreneurs, working professionals, influencers, and marketplace leaders.

Key speakers include YB Yeo Bee Yin, Member of Parliament; Pr. Dr. Phillip Lyn, Medical Doctor and Senior Pastor of Skyline SIB; Dato' Kathleen Chew, Chair of Alpha Malaysia; Loi Tuan Ee, Founder and CEO of Farm Fresh; and Rev. Dr. Miles Toulmin, Global CEO of Alpha International and Vicar of Holy Trinity Bukit Bintang, among many others.



ALPHA



Renewed Purpose and Career Transformation

The WIP Conference aimed to equip attendees with practical tools and inspiration to integrate their faith with their professional lives. Participants hoped to return to their workplaces with a revitalised sense of purpose and potentially transformed career trajectories.

Key Highlights

- **Launch of WIP Series:** A three-episode Pre-Alpha series designed for meaningful workplace conversations during the weekday lunch hour.
- **Publishing of The Malaysian Workplace: A Battleground or Breakthrough? Decoding Malaysian Attitudes Toward Careers and Work.** A study exploring the challenges of work and the relationship between faith, profession, and achievement.
- **<wrkplcExpo>:** More than 30 vendors showcased their products and services.



Work Inspired:by Purpose Series

WIP Series: A Pre-Alpha Journey

The WIP Series is a three-part course exploring common workplace challenges. It discusses insights and perspectives on struggles, success and standing out. The series aims to create a safe space for conversations about the Christian faith and its role in inspiring purposeful work. It also serves as a precursor to future Alpha courses.

Each episode is designed for a lunch break and features real-life testimonies from Ryan Ng (co-founder of DriveFunnels, now with Alpha Malaysia), Bryan Chin (founder of SneakerLAH) and Suzanne Ling (co-founder of PichaEats). Additionally, each episode offers lessons from thought leaders—Alvin Ung (Author), Pr Dr Philip Lyn (Medical Doctor and Senior Pastor of Skyline SIB) and Sheela Ratnam (Chief of Staff, CircularCommerce).

The first episode of the WIP Series was premiered on August 23, 2024, at the Work Inspired:by Purpose Conference.

On the website, you'll find a field guide to help you apply these findings in your church or ministry. The resources aim to provide clarity on supporting people across generations in their workplace journeys. For more information, head to malaysia.alpha.org/wipseries or scan the QR code.



KICKSTART YOUR FAITH JOURNEY AT WORK

BEYOND THE GRIND: Decoding Malaysian Attitudes Towards Work

The Malaysian Workplace: A Battleground or Breakthrough?

The Malaysian workplace is undergoing rapid change. A new study by Alpha Malaysia explores the diverse experiences and challenges faced by employees, along with the support they need. The research asks: How can churches and communities provide ongoing help throughout workers' journeys?

Titled "The Malaysian Workplace: A Battleground or Breakthrough? Decoding Malaysian Attitudes Towards Careers and Work", the study examines these key phases in the lives of Malaysian workers. It also explores how churches and Christian leaders can connect with them to make a positive societal impact, offer pastoral care, and guide them in their faith.

The report includes:

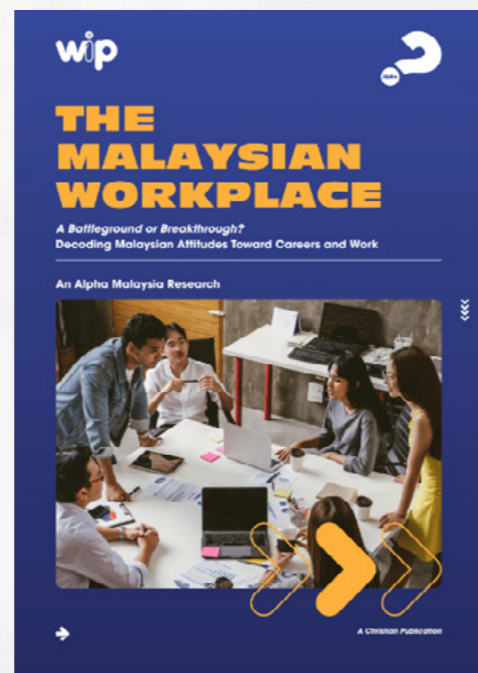
- Data summaries and snapshots on the behaviour of Christian and non-Christian employees.
- Q&A with thought leaders offering insights into the study's implications for Christians in the workplace and their churches.
- Infographics, charts, and other data visualisations.

This research resource complements the "Workplace Inspired:by Purpose" episode series and was released on August 23, 2024, at the 2024 Work Inspired:by Purpose Conference. Head to malaysia.alpha.org/the-malaysian-workplace or scan the QR code to download the full report.



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FINDING HOPE: My Journey from Despair to Redemption

"These changes were not of my doing but through the grace of God. I'm forever grateful for the new life I've been given."

Shanice (third from left in photo), an Alpha guest, said she grew up as an only child with a single parent and faced constant parental conflict, which led to their eventual divorce when she was very young. She was bullied and insecure about her appearance, causing her development of anger issues and a lack of self-love.

Shanice said she fell in with the wrong crowd, turned to smoking, and became addicted. She experienced nightmares and had suicidal thoughts, which was a wake-up call for her to search for answers.

Raised in a religious environment, Shanice tried prayers and rituals but to no avail, as she continued to struggle. She explored other beliefs, including visiting temples, consulting fortune tellers, and delving into horoscopes, but still found no relief.

Disillusioned with traditional faiths, Shanice gave up on concepts of heaven, hell, and divine existence and continued to live a destructive lifestyle.

Everything changed when a client at work introduced her to Jesus during Malaysia's lockdown in mid-2021. Despite initial scepticism, personal revelations from the client about Shanice's past, known only to her, sparked a profound shift.

Three months later, through a fated phone call, Shanice felt an inexplicable warmth during the conversation and embraced Jesus as her Savior. Since then, Shanice's life has transformed dramatically. She began experiencing joy, clarity, and self-love. Her nightmares have ceased, and she succeeded in quitting smoking.

Shanice said she believes these changes are a miracle and are not of her own doing. She is grateful for the new life she has been given.

Shanice
Alpha Guest



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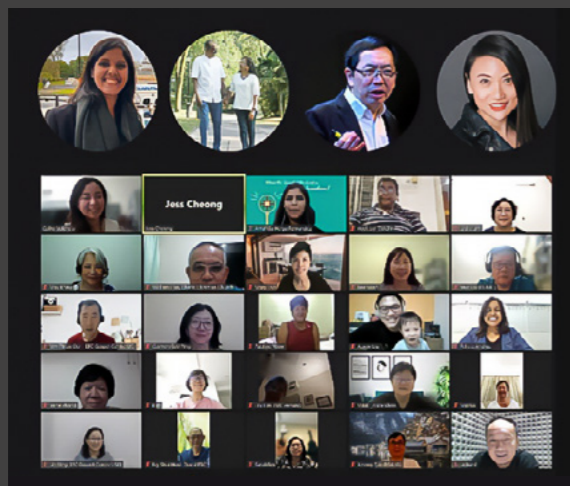
Alpha City Circle KL/Selangor

At the Alpha City Circle event on April 6, we had a gathering of 69 participants, including Alpha Course leaders and their apprentices, representing 23 churches. The primary focus of the event revolved around two key topics: fostering a heart for the city and cultivating a culture of invitation. It was an encouraging event where Alpha leaders exchanged ideas and contacts to support each other in this year's Alpha run!



Benih Cohort 2024

As a follow-up event from Alpha City Circle KL/Selangor, the Benih Cohort was started as an initiative to grow churches' Alpha to the next level. Seventeen churches participated in the Benih Cohort conducted over four weeks, diving deeper into the topics of the Culture of Feedback, the Culture of Prayer, the Culture of Listening, and the Culture of Growth.



Alpha **LEADS** **TO FAITH** *in Jesus*

*“Don’t follow your dreams;
follow Jesus!”*

Before becoming a Christian, Kenny Cheong explored different beliefs as he struggled to find a clear direction in life. His sister introduced him to the Alpha course at First Baptist Church (FBC) in Kuching, which opened his eyes to the Christian faith.

Cheong was drawn to Christianity because of the Bible’s power to bring peace and the concept of grace. He explained how he learned that grace is a gift, freely given by God, and that mercy is when God protects us from the consequences we deserve. Blessings are the overflow of both grace and mercy.

He learned that contrary to other religions, Christianity is about what Jesus did for us by sacrificing Himself for our sins. By believing in Him, we are freely saved as God’s children and do good works because of His love and forgiveness.

Cheong continues to learn about Jesus and encourages others to do the same through Bible studies and resources like FBC’s online Bible Journey.

Kenny Cheong

*Alpha Guest
First Baptist Church (FBC),
Kuching*



ALPHA REVIVES

Small Groups at Wesley Methodist Church Kuantan

“Many experienced the Holy Spirit, even without individual prayer from the ministry team.”

After the pandemic, there was a steep decline in small-group participation at Wesley Methodist Church, Kuantan. As an effort to revitalise their community, the leaders decided to experiment and utilise the Alpha course.

Alpha was impactful for them, they saw around 70 people each week with participants reporting a strong sense of community. During the Alpha Weekend Away, everyone felt a powerful presence of the Holy Spirit. Leading many to recommit their faith, and some pre-believers to accept Jesus. As a result of running Alpha, nine small groups were revitalised.

The church continues to incorporate Alpha elements into its small group.

Steven Kong

Alpha Host
Wesley Methodist Church,
Kuantan



《跨越》 KUAYUE

跨过世代，越过鸿沟 Bridges Generational Gaps



《跨越》

《跨越》(KUAYUE)旨在华人教会的不同世代中筑起连接的桥梁，这次的活动聚集了来自不同宗派背景、年龄和不同职分的基督徒，透过一系列的互动和交流来促进同理、连接与合一。

来自13间中文教会的86名参与者出席了此次活动，活动的目标是跨越世代的隔阂，寻求彼此间的同理，最后寻得合一。《跨越》的节目丰富，透过讲员们的分享，小组活动和游戏，来探讨教会中不同年龄层如何在上帝的国度里齐心前行。

“《跨越》让我深刻体会在教会中合而为一的重要性，并学习如何努力与其他年龄层的人合作以及建立联系。”来自甲洞卫理公会的教会领袖分享道。

“出席人数让我惊喜！”《跨越》的主讲人邱传道表示，“通常人们对这类活动的兴趣度较低。但我很感恩Alpha提供了这个平台，能够在华人教会中提高对世代课题的觉醒。”

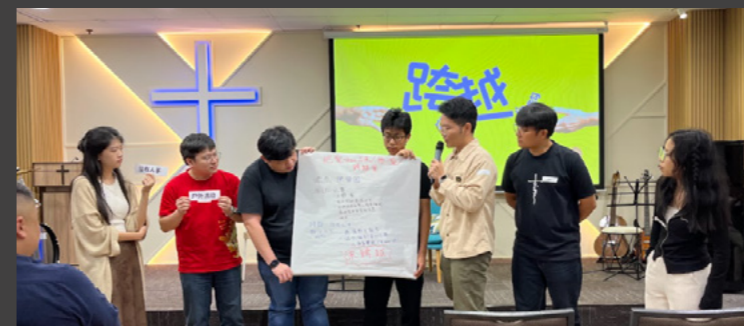
KUAYUE

KUAYUE was created to bridge generational gaps among Chinese churches. This event brought together Christians from different denominations, ages, and leadership roles to foster empathy, connection, and unity through a series of interactive sessions.

The event brought together 86 participants from 13 churches which aimed to bridge generational gaps, and seek empathy and unity. Through panel sessions, games, breakout room discussion and fellowship, participants discussed how church members, young and old, can contribute to the community of God.

“Through KUAYUE, I learned the importance of being ONE in church, making an effort to work with and reach out to other generations beyond my group,” said a church leader from Kepong CMC.

“I was surprised to see the turnout,” said Pastor Yew, the main speaker at KUAYUE. “It’s often that we see low interest in events like these. I’m thankful for this platform created by Alpha to raise awareness of generational issues within the Chinese church.”



长老会原道堂福音分享会

Logos Presbyterian Church Gospel Sharing Session

《原道堂福音分享会》于2024年3月23日在原道堂的其中一间堂所，既原道堂巴生路教会进行。大约70多名来自11间原道堂分堂的会友们响应这个邀请，踊跃的参与此次分享会。聚会的内容包括破冰、各教会的福音见证、还有原道堂长执会主席江志海牧师的勉励，以及介绍福音工具的工作坊。而《启发联结》就是其中之一个工作坊。

此次分享会的主要目的就是鼓励原道堂的各个堂所积极参与福音事工。而马来西亚启发开办的工作坊《启发联结》则为强调启发成功的要素，也帮助教会解决对启发的一些迷思，例如为什么在启发开始的前面几周不鼓励谢饭祷告？启发既是传福音，为什么不是用护教的方式？为什么启发用11周来进行？等等。这为原道堂属下开办启发的教会带来许多的省思，也帮助他们从误解中跳出来，真正认识启发。

此次聚会最大的收获除了发掘很多对福音非常热心的人之外，就是聚会后正式成立了《原道堂启发联结Whatsapp群组》，让原道堂的众教会得以在往后的日子中，透过这个群组获取关于启发的消息和资源，让大家在传福音的路上一起同心同行。

The Logos Presbyterian Church Gospel Sharing Session was held on March 23, 2024, bringing together 11 Logos Presbyterian Churches and more than 70 participants at the Logos Presbyterian Church in Old Klang Road. The event included icebreaker activities, a sharing session by Elder Board Chairman Pastor Jiang Zhihai, gospel testimonies from various churches, and a workshop.

The main objective was to encourage and mobilise the Logos Presbyterian Churches for evangelism. Alpha Malaysia conducted a workshop called Alpha Connect to promote Alpha's Best Practices. At this workshop, we addressed questions such as why prayer before meals is not encouraged in the early weeks of Alpha, why Alpha is evangelistic but not apologetic, and why Alpha is run over 11 sessions. This prompted significant reflection among the Logos Presbyterian Churches that host Alpha courses, helping them break free from misconceptions and gain a true understanding of Alpha.

One of the greatest outcomes of this gathering, aside from discovering many individuals passionate about evangelism, was the formal establishment of the "Logos Presbyterian Alpha Connect WhatsApp Group." This group allows the churches under Logos Presbyterian to receive updates and resources related to Alpha, enabling them to unite in unity on the path of evangelism.



《启发联结 2.0》

Alpha Connect 2.0

《启发联结2.0》于2024年6月29日在原道堂八打灵新市教会举行。来自5间中文教会的34名参与者出席了此次活动。

此聚会主要分享关于如何有效地带领启发小组，营造一个安全又舒适的氛围让来宾们能够敞开心扉分享他们的想法。

此次活动开放给开办过启发的教会来参加，参与者来自长老会和卫理公会，他们都是在青年团体、教会群体、乐龄以及参与戒毒所事工的服事者。一些已多次开办过启发的教会反应非常热烈，他们表示以前被忽视的小细节透过此聚会再次被提醒，以后能用更好的方式来带领启发小组。

The Alpha Connect gathering was held on June 29, 2024, at the Logos Presbyterian Church in PJ New Town. The event brought together five churches and 34 youth and church members.

The main emphasis was on how to lead Alpha small groups and create a safe and free space—creating an atmosphere where people feel comfortable, secure, and open to sharing.

This event was also open to churches of other denominations organising Alpha in various contexts. Participants included members from Presbyterian churches, Methodist churches, youth groups, church communities, seniors, and groups serving in rehabilitation centres. The feedback from this gathering was overwhelmingly positive, with some churches that had organised Alpha multiple times expressing how small details, previously overlooked, could have such a heartwarming impact.



沙巴卫理公会年议会的《认识启发》

Experiencing Alpha and Training for the Sabah Annual Conference

马来西亚启发配合沙巴卫理公会年议会的中文部于2024年3月17日，在沙巴卫理大厦为亚庇区的中文教会举办《认识启发》。透过介绍，体验和训练来帮助教会更加掌握启发的运用。

《认识启发》带来正面的果效，当中抱有疑问者参与这次的培训过后，不但解除了一直以来对启发的迷思，在经历了体验环节过后，更是成了启发的支持者。

随后，启发中文组在2024年3月20日也到沙巴斗湖举办另一场的体验和培训。来自沙巴卫理公会东教区的5间教会，一共30余人参与了在斗湖卫理公会圣恩堂的培训。

林好萍牧师表示她原来对启发存有保留的心态，可是当她观赏《华人启发》过后，她被这个纯中文的启发系列深深吸引了。林牧师在教会中大力推荐，也鼓励其他人积极参与。经过培训过后，教会都纷纷开始了《华人启发》。

Alpha Malaysia partnered with the Chinese Department of Sabah Annual Conference to introduce Alpha to the Chinese Methodist churches in Sabah. Under this partnership, Alpha Malaysia conducted an Experiencing Alpha session and training hosted by the Kota Kinabalu Chinese Methodist Church on March 17, 2024.

A few attendees who had reservations about Alpha arrived at the training. After participating, they not only resolved their doubts but also became advocates for the Alpha Course.

Subsequently, Alpha Malaysia conducted another Experiencing Alpha event in Tawau, Sabah on March 20, 2024, where over 30 people from five East Sabah Methodist District churches participated.

Despite initial reservations, Rev Ling Yee Ping was captivated by the Chinese Alpha Film Series (CAFS). She subsequently promoted it enthusiastically in her church, urging others to give it a try.

After attending the Experiencing Alpha training, these churches launched Alpha courses within their congregations.



FORWARD LOOKING

点燃复兴之火 Ignite the Spark

《复兴 2025 — 全球华人启发大会》 点燃全球华人基督徒的属灵复兴浪潮

REVIVAL 2025 Aims for Global Chinese Revival



《复兴 2025 — 全球华人启发大会》将于2025年3月18日至19日假吉隆坡金河广场的 Mega Star Arena 举行。大会从上午9:00开始至傍晚9:30结束。

《复兴 2025》的目标是要点燃全球华人基督徒新一波的属灵复兴浪潮。作为拥有15亿人口的世界最大民族，华人群众在全球福音传播中扮演着至关重要的角色。我们的盼望是借着这场大会激发一场神圣的复兴运动，响应先知以西结的话（以西结书 47:8-12），让信仰转变为能够活化生命的一条流动之河。这生命之水不仅会转化我们的心，还会更新我们全球各地的教会和群体，在圣灵的带领下传扬耶稣基督的福音。

启发的异像是向万民传福音、振兴教会和转化社会。过去三十多年来，有三千万人透过启发有机会听到耶稣基督的福音，然而，未得之民尚多。

邀请您参加《复兴 2025》成为福音运动的一份子，点燃全球华人复兴之火，建立洲际的联系，并互相激励，完成从东至西的大使命。

更多大会详情和报名链接，请浏览 asiapacific.alpha.org/gcac2025-sc/ 或扫描二维码。



REVIVAL 2025 — Global Chinese Alpha Conference (GCAC), will be held on March 18-19, 2025 at the Mega Star Arena in Sungei Wang Plaza, Jalan Sultan Ismail from 9:00 AM to 9:30 PM.

REVIVAL 2025 aims to ignite a new wave of spiritual revival among Chinese Christians worldwide. As the world's largest ethnic group, the Chinese community plays a crucial role in global evangelism. This conference seeks to spark a divine reawakening movement, echoing the prophet Ezekiel's words (Ezekiel 47:8-12) about transforming stagnant faith into a flowing river of fresh life. This life-giving water will renew hearts, churches, and communities across the globe, in a fresh move of the Holy Spirit to spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

Alpha's vision is to contribute to the evangelisation of the nations, revitalisation of the church, and transformation of society. Over the past 30 years, Alpha has helped 30 million people hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. However, much remains to be done.

Join REVIVAL 2025 and be part of this transformative movement to ignite a global Chinese revival, build connections across continents, and empower each other to fulfil the Great Commission from East to West. For registration and more information, visit asiapacific.alpha.org/gcac2025-en or scan the QR code.



Experiencing Alpha Program: A CATALYST FOR COMMUNITY GROWTH

Experiencing Alpha Sandakan

As part of our Seek Cities initiative, Alpha Malaysia partnered with three churches in Sandakan (St. Michael All Angels Church, Christian Fellowship Sandakan, and House of Blessing Sandakan) to organise Experiencing Alpha Sandakan. It was an impactful event where 130 participants from 14 churches were envisioned and trained to run Alpha in Bahasa Malaysia in both church and youth contexts.

The event demonstrated how Alpha can foster stronger connections among individuals. Previously shy participants have become more outgoing and engaged in conversations. In traditional church settings, congregants often come and go without much interaction, especially with those they don't know. Alpha, however, provides a unique opportunity for individuals from diverse denominational backgrounds to communicate effectively.

Sebagai sebahagian daripada inisiatif Seek Cities, Alpha Malaysia bekerjasama dengan tiga gereja di Sandakan (Gereja St. Michael All Angels, Christian Fellowship Sandakan, dan House of Blessing Sandakan) untuk menganjurkan program Experiencing Alpha Sandakan. Acara ini memberi kesan mendalam, di mana 130 peserta dari 14 gereja diberi visi dan dilatih untuk menjalankan Alpha dalam Bahasa Malaysia di dalam konteks gereja dan belia.

Acara ini menunjukkan bagaimana Alpha boleh mengeratkan hubungan antara individu. Peserta yang sebelum ini pemalu kini menjadi lebih mesra dan terlibat dalam perbualan. Dalam suasana gereja tradisional, ahli jemaah sering datang dan pergi tanpa banyak interaksi, terutama dengan mereka yang tidak dikenali. Namun, Alpha memberikan peluang unik kepada individu daripada latar belakang denominasi yang berbeza untuk berkomunikasi dengan berkesan.



DISCOVERING FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP

Through Alpha Youth Series

*“What I’ve valued from the Alpha Youth Series sessions have been the **opportunity and space** to ask my questions about faith, life, and God.”*

Alissia Nia, an Alpha Host at St. Simon’s Church, expressed her gratitude for the Alpha Youth Series. She found the sessions invaluable for asking questions about faith, life, and God. Nia particularly appreciated hearing the personal stories of other group members and sharing their diverse backgrounds, experiences, and journeys. These stories provided encouragement and a sense of connection, especially when she could relate to their challenges or triumphs. Nia also expressed her appreciation for the friendships formed through Alpha, connecting with people she had never spoken to before and working together with other Christians to run the program.

Alissia Nia

Alpha Host
St. Simon’s Church





Alpha Malaysia and BEM Partner for SARAWAK YOUTH EVANGELISM

Memorandum of Understanding Signing between Alpha Malaysia and BEM Sarawak

Alpha Malaysia and Borneo Evangelical Mission (BEM) Sarawak signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on October 17, 2023, to collaborate in the areas of youth evangelism, leadership, and family life. Paul Kong, National Director of Alpha Malaysia, and Reverend Bina Agong, President of BEM Sarawak, signed the agreement.

Alpha Malaysia dan Borneo Evangelical Mission (BEM) Sarawak menandatangani Memorandum Perjanjian (MoU) pada 17 Oktober 2023 untuk bekerjasama dalam evangelisasi belia, kepimpinan, dan kehidupan keluarga. Paul Kong, Pengarah Nasional Alpha Malaysia, dan Reverend Bina Agong, Presiden BEM Sarawak, menandatangani perjanjian tersebut.

The partnership has led to several initiatives. One is a Sarawak-wide research project, "Catalyzing Change: Understanding the Vision of Sarawak Youth for Leadership and Community." The survey seeks to provide Sarawakian churches with insights into youth identity, leadership, and community.

Kerjasama ini telah membawa kepada beberapa inisiatif. Salah satunya ialah projek penyelidikan seluruh Sarawak, "Catalyzing Change: Understanding the Vision of Sarawak Youth for Leadership and Community." Kajian ini bertujuan untuk memberikan gereja-gereja Sarawak dengan pandangan tentang identiti belia, kepimpinan, dan komuniti.

In addition, the Alpha Youth and Campus team has trained more than 250 youth pastors and leaders from 26 BEM churches in Miri, Sibul, Kuching, and Bintulu, focusing on evangelism through Alpha. The Executive Leadership of BEM attended the Alpha Regional Gathering together with leaders from all over Asia—exploring the future of youth, leadership and evangelism. Representatives from Pelayanan Pemuda Pemudi (PPP) BEM Sarawak joined the Circle and Spaces cohort, collaborating on reimagining and planning the future of youth ministry.

Selain itu, pasukan Alpha Youth and Campus telah melatih lebih daripada 250 pastor belia dan pemimpin dari 26 gereja BEM di Miri, Sibul, Kuching, dan Bintulu, dengan fokus kepada evangelisasi melalui Alpha. Kepimpinan BEM juga telah mengambil bahagian dalam Perhimpunan Wilayah Alpha, meneroka masa depan belia, kepimpinan, dan Asia. Wakil-wakil dari Pelayanan Pemuda Pemudi (PPP) BEM Sarawak menyertai kohort Circle and Spaces, bekerjasama dalam mencipta semula dan merancang masa depan pelayanan belia.



ALPHA TRAININGS



▲ BEM Alpha Trainings in Sibul



▲ BEM Alpha Trainings in Miri



▲ BEM Alpha Trainings in Bintulu



▲ BEM Alpha Trainings in Kuching

BEM @ ARG24



BEM @ CIRCLE & SPACES



Unexpected Connections: Alpha Course Brings Participant **CLOSER TO GOD AND HOME**

*“While I was away from home,
Alpha fostered a sense of belonging.
It connected me with others, creating a warm
and comforting atmosphere.”*

Marcella Wong, a participant in the Alpha Course at Blessed Sacrament Church in Kuching, said she experienced a mix of emotions when she joined an Alpha group. However, while nervous, she was also excited about the opportunity.

Wong said the course helped her learn more about God and grow closer to him. She appreciated the diverse group of people participating and the sense of belonging it created, especially since her host and co-host were from her hometown.

Although some questions about faith remained unanswered, Wong said the strong presence of God helped her feel at peace. She expressed gratitude to the volunteers who organised the Alpha Course and encouraged others to consider participating if they were interested in exploring their faith and building new friendships.

Marcella Wong

*Alpha Guest
Blessed Sacrament Church,
Kuching*



FROM SKEPTIC TO FACILITATOR: *Alpha Transforms Faith*

*“The simple format and open discussions
fostered a **comfortable space** for
sharing and asking questions.”*

Simon Siah, an Alpha host at Sacred Heart Church in Kota Sentosa, said he was initially sceptical about the program when he first encountered it during his studies in England in 2007.

Siah said he found the video-based approach of Alpha different from the traditional cell group discussions he was used to. However, when he volunteered as a facilitator during the recent MCO, he found the content familiar but not as challenging to consume.

In 2022, Siah and his wife, Caroline, co-facilitated an Alpha course in Chinese. Despite language barriers and a significant age gap between them and their participants, who were mostly non-Christians in their 50s. Siah said he was concerned about leading meaningful discussions considering the differences in their age.

However, Siah said God had a plan. The group had perfect attendance each week, and the simple format and open discussions created a comfortable space for sharing and asking questions.

Siah said the Holy Spirit Weekend was a highlight. He said he was nervous about leading prayers, but he trusted God’s guidance. Witnessing the work of the Holy Spirit was a powerful experience for both him and the group.

Siah said he and his wife experienced personal spiritual growth through their involvement in Alpha. They volunteered again in 2023 and saw more evidence of God’s work.

As a result of their involvement in Alpha, three guests are now in Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) classes, and a family of four is choosing Catholicism. Siah said Alpha has become a transformative part of his life and is more than just a course; it is a community that fosters connection and a deeper understanding of God.

Simon Siah

*Alpha Host
Sacred Heart Church,
Kota Sentosa*

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We *SEEK* to empower and partner with the youths of this nation to **Revitalise the Church.**

YOUTH

SMALL STEPS, BIG FAITH: *A 14-Year-Old's Alpha Journey*

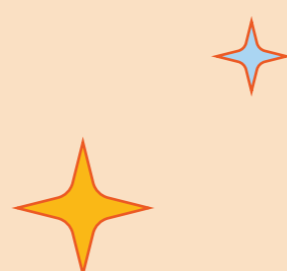
*"It's been **incredible to see** the small steps they've taken towards faith, and I pray they continue on this path."*

Rania, a 14-year-old student from Malaysia was nervous about inviting her friends and even her teacher to Alpha. She told her friends that Alpha was about talks on life, hoping to pique their interest.

She was surprised that her friends were excited to join Alpha. Two of her friends, who were not Christian, attended Alpha with her. One friend, who has been struggling with exams, prayed for help and later excelled in her exams.

During Alpha Weekend, two of Rania's non-Christian friends began to pray and accepted Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. According to Rania, it has been incredible to see the small steps they have taken towards faith, and she prays they continue on this path.

Rania
Alpha Leader
Wesley Methodist Church, Kuantan



IMPACT

*Alpha for Youth
and Campus*

Youth Conference Connects **FAITH AND SOCIAL IMPACT**



The Open Generation Conference

Last year, on October 7, Alpha Malaysia and World Vision Malaysia co-hosted The Open Generation Conference at the Dream Center of the Damansara Utama Methodist Church. The conference aimed to connect youth leaders with research on Gen Z's views on faith and social justice.

Titled "The Open Generation," the research was conducted two years earlier. A unique feature of the conference was the inclusion of Gen Z representatives in on-stage discussions. The event attracted more than 500 delegates from over 50 churches.



IMPACT

Alpha for Youth and Campus

Igniting a New Generation of YOUTH LEADERS

Alpha Regional Gathering 2024

Alpha Regional Gathering 2024 (ARG24), a significant gathering of more than 900 youth workers, pastors, and ministry leaders from 19 nations, focused on reimagining youth, leadership and evangelism in Asia. Over three days of sessions, workshops, and united worship, attendees addressed the challenges and opportunities of reaching younger generations.

The central theme was recognising the differences between generations among Baby Boomers, Millennials, Gen Zs, and Gen Alpha, emphasising discipleship and community-building, with a strong focus on keeping God at the heart of all ministry efforts. Panel sessions and workshops aimed to equip leaders with practical tools and valuable insights to help navigate the ever-changing landscape of youth ministry, aided by Alpha tools to continue their mission effectively.

It was inspiring to witness believers from across the Asia Pacific, including youths, serve the Lord with such dedication. As they worshipped and prayed together, the hall filled with an atmosphere of hunger, passion, and desire for God to move in their nations, cities, and communities. In closing the conference, attendees carried with them a renewed zeal, passion, and commitment to raise a generation devoted to Jesus, eager to apply their newfound insights and make a lasting impact in their communities.



IMPACT

Alpha for Youth and Campus

EQUIPPING YOUTH LEADERS: *Reflecting Christ at Seperti Yesus Conference*

Seperti Yesus — Konferensi Kepimpinan Muda Mudi



The Seperti Yesus conference, held September 6–7, 2024 at First Baptist Church in Kuching, brought together more than 300 young people from 50 churches across Sarawak for a transformative experience.

The event aimed to inspire participants to serve their generation, foster mentorship and intergenerational collaboration, and empower them to share the Gospel in their communities.

Keynote speaker Pr Sam Surendran addressed challenges facing young people today, including identity crises. He emphasised Sarawak’s God-given responsibility to spread the Gospel through unity and relationship-building.

Participants also learned practical strategies to tackle societal issues like economic pressures and mental health challenges. Pr Ivan Ong and Pr Senaida Gira guided attendees in developing action plans tailored to their specific contexts.



A unique aspect of the conference was the opportunity for participants from different generations and churches to connect and learn from one another. Rev Frederick Romzy and Pr Welidi Usat led sessions on intergenerational collaboration and healing from past hurts.

The conference also featured a preview of a Kuching city documentary, highlighting the city’s beauty and challenges. To watch the full documentary and learn more about the city, scan the QR code below.



Scan to view Kuching City Documentary.



The Seperti Yesus conference was a valuable experience for youth ministry leaders seeking to strengthen their own faith and equip young people for impactful service in God’s Kingdom. Through inspiring talks, practical strategies, and access to new resources, attendees gained fresh insight and were equipped with the tools needed to cultivate a thriving youth ministry environment to start running the Alpha course!



LOOKING FORWARD

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ALPHA YOUTH FESTIVAL:

A Gathering of Friends, Faith, and Fun



Alpha Youth Festival

Imagine a place where music, food, and fun can be used to connect with friends and explore faith, life, and meaning. A space where young people can gather, have a great time and engage in honest, sincere conversations about God.

Inspired by these questions, we created the Alpha Youth Festival—a gathering of young people for great food, music, and more. Beyond a festival, it's a vision of young people hearing the Gospel and sharing their thoughts in an open, comfortable, and safe space. It's an opportunity to reach out to the next generation in a language they understand.

The Alpha Youth Festival is just the beginning, sparking continuous conversations about God, purpose, and meaning with those who have yet to know Him.

Join us on Saturday, October 19, at Collective KL. The event is open to everyone! Plus, we'll be getting a first look at the newly minted Alpha Youth Series together. Spread the word and get excited with us!



Scan the QR code to follow Alpha Malaysia Youth Instagram Account for updates.



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NEW ALPHA YOUTH SERIES:

Exploring Faith for a New Generation



Scan to watch the new Alpha Youth Series on Alpha Malaysia's website.

The New Alpha Youth Series

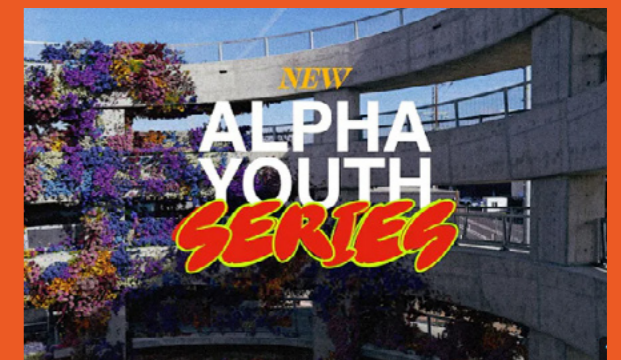
Launching at the end of 2024, Alpha is introducing a fresh approach to faith exploration with the new Alpha Youth Series. Designed specifically for today's generation, this series tackles the real questions young people have about life, faith, and purpose.

The series features 10 shorter, more engaging episodes, each under 20 minutes, making it easy to fit into busy schedules. A team of 8 dynamic Gen Z international hosts: Xenia James, Rocco Pound, Micah Walker, Johnny Brown, Maria Gilroy, Danielle Remulta, Isaac Smith, and Jesse Fellingham, brings their unique perspectives and youthful energy to the series. Our dream is that their relatable personalities will connect with young viewers on a personal level.

New stories, interviews, and insights from experts are featured in the series. Engaging animation and visual styles are used to keep viewers hooked. Recognising the diverse needs of young people around the world, Alpha is making the series accessible in a staggering 55 languages!

The new Alpha Youth Series is a collaboration between Alpha International and Signal Flare, an award-winning production house known for its impactful storytelling. With Steve Chao at the helm as Director, along with a talented team of producers, the series promises high production value and engaging content.

This fresh approach to faith exploration promises to resonate with young people searching for meaning and purpose. With its accessible format, relatable hosts, and engaging content, the new Alpha Youth Series is poised to make a significant impact on young people around the world.



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We *SEEK* to strengthen families to **Transform Society.**

FAMILIES

MARRIAGE AND PARENTING Courses

St. Francis Church, Samarahan

St. Francis Church, Samarahan, completed its round of The Marriage Course (TMC) in Bahasa Malaysia on May 27. The course, which began on April 6, attracted 20 couples.

Four pairs of coaches volunteered to help with the TMC. Richard and Graveita Janggui together with Justin and Rosetina Janggi led the course, their fourth time doing so. One couple shared that the course helped strengthen their connection and marriage. The final session concluded with couples exchanging gifts and love letters. The team felt greatly encouraged after conducting this round of the Marriage Course and hearing how participants had strengthened their own relationships.



Sarawak Blessed Church

Sarawak Blessed Church ran The Parenting Children Course in English and Chinese over five weeks in May, which drew 331 participants, and facilitated by 26 couples. This course was led by Dr Wong Howe Tung and Madam Gan Chuei Lian from Kuching. The amazing attendance for The Parenting Course showed that the need for the Parenting Course is great. Parents are looking for courses such as The Parenting Course in hopes of finding a community where they can share their struggles, wins and stories with each other.

In April 2024, Sarawak Blessed Church held its 10th TMC Party at the Grand Riverine Ballroom. Thirty-five couples attended, many of whom were pre-believing Christians. Four couples shared their testimonies, and many stood up for salvation prayer afterwards.



EMBRACE Penang

The Alpha Malaysia team organised its inaugural Embrace session in Penang on August 17 at City Light Church. The event brought together family life ministry leaders from 14 local churches for a roundtable discussion on marriage and parenting.

Participants, who numbered 73, had the opportunity to share experiences and insights on challenges and best practices in their respective ministries. The session also included an introduction to The Marriage Course, a popular program designed to strengthen marital relationships.

During the roundtable discussion, leaders from both English and Chinese speaking churches discussed issues related to marriage, parenting, and passing on faith to children. Following the discussion, participants were divided into groups to experience the first session of The Marriage Course in their preferred language.

Many attendees expressed surprise at the simplicity and affordability of organising The Marriage Course. The Alpha Malaysia team demonstrated how inexpensive materials could be used to create a welcoming and romantic atmosphere for the event. Overall, the Embrace session was a success, fostering connections among ministry leaders and inspiring new ideas for strengthening family life ministries in Penang.



40 Years of Love, REKINDLED OVER A WEEKEND

“I came out of hesitation, but even at the icebreaker, God shattered my heart.”
– Reverend Jonathan Gobi

The “Theiveega Nitchayam - Divine Engagement” Marriage Course Experience, co-organised by The Free Word Chapel under Pastor Peter Gomez, was held in Johor Bahru. The session attracted 10 couples, including Reverend Jonathan Gobi and Reverend Angeline, who have been married for 40 years.

Initially hesitant, the couple was surprised by the intimate setting designed for the course. During the “Love in Action” session, they became emotional as they wrote love letters to each other. Reverend Jonathan, who had not previously identified any issues in their marriage, realised how he had neglected his wife’s need for love. He testified, “I came out of hesitation, but even at the icebreaker, God shattered my heart.” Reverend Angeline shared her silent suffering and longing for her husband’s affection.

Their heartfelt reconnection inspired other couples. Reverend Jonathan urged younger attendees to prioritise their marriages over work or ministry, saying, “I thought everything was good at home. I took care of the church and my wife of the family. But I did not know that our marriage was slowly getting wrecked. This has opened my eyes. I regret that many years have passed now. I wish I could have changed some things. Those of you who are young, do not make the same mistake.”

The Marriage Course not only facilitated healing for the couple but also served as a powerful reminder to all present of the importance of nurturing their marriages.

Reverend Jonathan & Angeline Gobi

*Marriage Course Guest
Free Word Chapel*



THE POWER OF SMALL GESTURES:

*How Acts of Service Rekindled
the Flame in This Marriage*

**“Faith should be central to everything,
including our relationships and family life”**

Alpha Malaysia’s Marriage and Parenting Course coaches, Richard & Graveita Janggui, and Justin & Rosetina Janggi led a marriage course at St. Francis Church on April 7, 2024. The goal? To empower 20 couples to build stronger, happier marriages.

Richard Janggui emphasised the importance of churches supporting families and marriages. He highlighted that faith should be central to everything, including our relationships and family life. Children learn by observing their parents, so to raise a generation grounded in faith, we need to demonstrate our reliance on God within our marriages.

David and Fiona, a couple who attended the course, found it incredibly beneficial. Married for over two years with a six-month-old son, they previously struggled to find quality time together due to work and childcare. Fiona even worked in a different city for a while, creating further distance. This lack of quality time took a toll on their connection.

The course helped them understand the importance of intentional effort in their marriage. Fiona initially thought “quality time” meant expensive dates or getaways. However, they learned that it’s simply about spending time together, listening actively, offering encouragement, and praying as a couple.

One positive change Fiona noticed is appreciating her husband’s acts of service. She used to decline rides to work or the airport, thinking she was sparing him the trouble. Through the course, she realised these acts were David’s way of showing love and cherishing their limited time together. Now, she happily accepts his rides, even the early morning ones! These shared drives have become a cherished way for them to invest in their relationship.

**Richard & Graveita Janggui,
Justin & Rosetina Janggi**

*Marriage Course Host
St. Francis Church*



The Marriage & Parenting Courses

WELCOME TO THE
GOOD OLD DAYS
WELCOME TO THE



LOOKING FORWARD

Translation Project

The Marriage and Parenting Courses team is working to translate all Indonesian-language materials for the Marriage Course (TMC) and Parenting Course (TPMC) into Bahasa Malaysia. This includes both written materials and videos. The goal is to accommodate Malaysian churches and congregations that prefer resources in Bahasa Malaysia due to language differences between Indonesian and Malaysian. We anticipate having the Bahasa Malaysia course journals in PDF format and videos with Bahasa Malaysia subtitles available by the end of the year.



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A Couple's Journey of FAITH AND SERVICE

*"We often think that when we take on ministry work, we are giving to others. But I believe that **God calls us to ministry to encourage us, mould us, and grow us...**"*

– Dato' Kwang Mi & Datin' Kok Suan

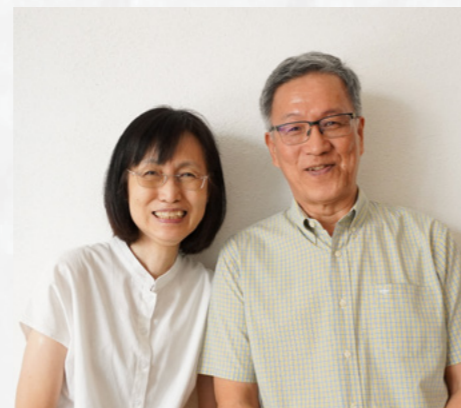
Dato' Kwang Mi served in various ministries in the government, first as an administrative officer and then as the senior private secretary to the minister, while Datin Kok Suan was a chemistry teacher. After retirement, they spend most of their time involved in various activities at Grace Assembly PJ.

Before knowing the Lord, Datin Kok Suan felt overwhelmed by the many challenges that she faced at home and at work, and she questioned the existence of God. One day, the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit came upon her and she was transformed. The change in her was so remarkable that it aroused the curiosity of Dato' Kwang Mi, and he decided to go to church to investigate the reason for her transformation. The Holy Spirit came upon him, and he too became a believer in Christ.

The couple's journey with Alpha began in 2008 when their cell group leader persuaded the members to run the Alpha course at their usual meetings. Today, they have been involved in conducting 26 Alpha courses through their church. Throughout the years, they have been greatly encouraged by how God uses Alpha to transform lives. The online Alphas that were run have enabled them to reach out to their friends and relatives in other states as well as in other countries.

Even though they faced many challenges in the ministry, they have learned to persevere and remain faithful. For them, Alpha brings small groups of pre-believers and believers in the church into close community, and they are thankful that God has always provided the ministry with the resources to carry on.

For Dato' Kwang Mi and Datin Kok Suan, being involved in Alpha is a walk of obedience. They have witnessed the Holy Spirit at work in their lives and the lives of those they serve, and they feel blessed that they can be a part of this ministry.

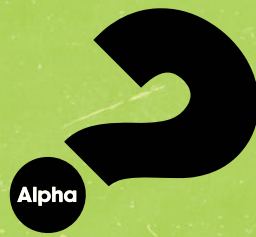


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