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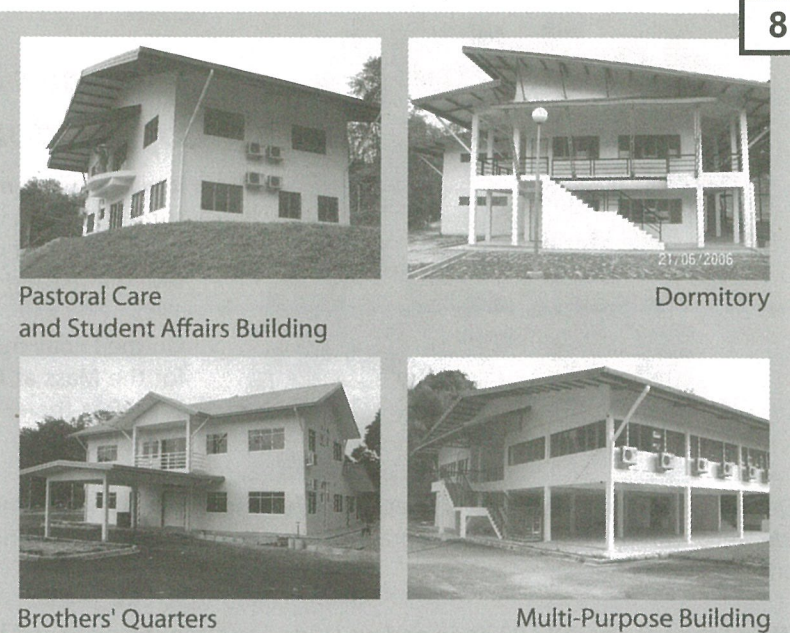
Kinarut:- Tue, 7 Nov 2006, The Residential Sector of the New Campus of MYTC is in the final stage. The buildings are already completed except the Chapel. The connection for electricity is done. As on the date of this report, the connection for water is not yet done. The application for water meter has not been approved. Upon inquiry to the Water Department, the spokesperson said that the application is under process. He also said that the department will do its best to expedite the approval for the water meter.

MYTC has already made some plans to move in as soon as there is pipe water running. This is due to the buildings were already installed with electrical fittings. One of the Air-conditionings compressors and ceiling fans were already stolen. The centre is worried that vandalism may take place if the premise is left vacant for sometime.

Practical handing over for the buildings will take place soon. The infrastructure's handing over will be done when there is running water to all the buildings.

To date, a group of students, the Director and the Student Affairs Officer used to going to the premise almost every evening to do cleaning works. Some fruit trees have been planted.

The premise is almost ready for occupancy. ~mytcnews.



Pastoral Care and Student Affairs Building

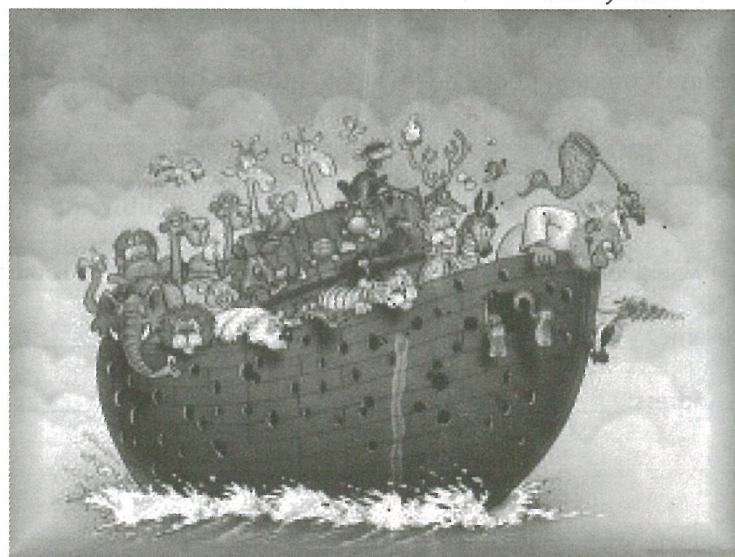
Dormitory

Brothers' Quarters

Multi-Purpose Building

**Everything
I need to know
about life,
I learned from
Noah's Ark.**

~ Anonymous ~



1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Remember that we are all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
4. Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
5. Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
8. Speed isn't always an advantage.
The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
9. When you're stressed, float a while.
10. Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs;
the Titanic by professionals.
11. No matter the storm, when you are with God,
there's always a rainbow waiting.

May the favour of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us—
yes, establish the work of our hands.

~Psalm 90:17 (NIV)~

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Message From Brother Francis Chua (SG), Director of MYTC

Dear Friends,



When we dare dream Dreams, they will come true one day. The idea of having this Newsletter was in my mind for a long time. I am glad to see that is being realized to serve as an avenue for communication and dissemination of information to link and update our Montfortian community, those present, past and future Students; Friends and Benefactors of Montfort Youth Training Centre (MYTC).

I would like to congratulate Mr. Richard Teo and his team for publishing this in-house Newsletter for the benefit of everyone. As we launch this first issue, may it be sustained for generations to come.

Six years of rich experience have gone by since our inception in 1999. Not to have published some of the events of this Centre seems a waste. However, it is not too late to capture those precious "MOMENTS" for history. If we let these "MOMENTS" slip by, they are lost forever.

The two pioneers; Bro. Edward Rayappan and Bro. Francis Xavier Gasper together with four staff members, namely; Adrian Lee, Carol Kunghi, Vincent Wong and Madam Elizabeth Lo, who came and set up MYTC had contributed much. Their time and efforts must be treasured and remembered. We too are continuing to do our best in contributing to this mission and the greatest challenge is, of course, the construction of the new campus at Kinarut.

Above all we need to praise and thank God for the success of the work of our hands. He is our main supporter. We are the instruments!

I wish you all an enriching reading.

From Editor's Desk, Mr. Richard Teo

First and foremost, I would like to express my deep appreciation and gratitude to the Editorial Committee for making MYTC News a success in its maiden circulation and also to all those involved in creating, contributing and publishing the Bulletin.

All success starts with a dream. This applies to everyone, including myself. So what are my dreams as the Editor of MYTC News?

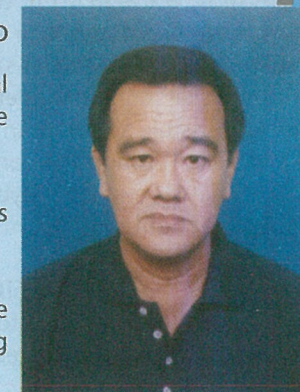
My dream is that every one of us will be successful in whatever goal we set for ourselves for the coming year. In MYTC, those goals could include achieving our first successful challenges of being honoured as a distinguished staff.

Whether your dream is one of personal or the Institution achievement, reach for your dreams and they will reach for you!

My final dream is that MYTC's move to its new campus in Kinarut will be sooner than expected so that we could admit more of the needy students to our Institute, thus enabling them to realize their potentials and fulfill their dreams. This is the reason for the Institute's very existence.

Will I achieve my dreams? That depends on all of us working together, helping, motivating and inspiring each other. My encouragement to you is a quotation from the Scripture:

'Remember the Lord in everything you do, and he will show you the right way.' (Proverbs 3:6)



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IGNORANCE ABOUT MYTC

Prior to 2004, I hardly knew anything about MYTC except that it was a vocational school for slow learners and a missionary arm of the Catholic Church. I never dreamt that one day I could become a part of the Montfortian family.

THE LORD'S CALL TO MISSION

My involvement in MYTC officially began on 1st July 2004 but it all started as early as 2003 when I suddenly became uneasy signing audit reports, a job that I had been doing for nearly two decades. Then, I first became conscious that the reports I signed might not speak the truth, knowing the true colour of most businessmen. That feeling made me detest my job as an auditor. I believed it was the Lord's silent invitation to me to get involved in His mission. After much praying and soul-searching, I was convinced that I must make a choice without further delay: to continue my practice as a public accountant, or to quit the job and be in the service of the Lord. The first choice would guarantee me high income and a luxurious life style, but might not see me "living the life of truth as we were commanded by the Father" (2 John: 4). The second choice would mean saying goodbye to a life of luxury, but living with a clear conscience, depending only on the little I have and on Divine Providence. I took the second choice. Once the decision was made, I moved ahead of God and approached the office of the Diocese of Kota Kinabalu in mid-2003, indicating to the Executive Officer my willingness to serve the Diocese for free. For over one year, there was no response from the Diocesan Office; surely, the Lord had a better idea. On 1 January 2004 I sold my practice. Some time later, I surrendered my practising certificates to the two institutes of accountants of which I am a member, and chose not to renew my audit licence. All these were done in response to the words of the Lord Jesus: "Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62). Some time in June 2004, I received a surprised telephone call from Puan Helena Kwan, asking me if I could offer my service to MYTC. I said, "Yes!" and I became a volunteer worker in MYTC since, taking charge of the Accounts Department.

GOD'S LOVING TOUCH ON MYTC

In MYTC, I have many first-hand experiences of God's loving touch on the mission. The first experience was on finance. When I had a first look at the financial statements of MYTC, I said, "Oh dear, MYTC is insolvent!" But God is always the Provider. Donations came pouring in to the rescue at the right time. Another experience happened recently when there was not sufficient fund to pay the contractor for the residential development of the new campus at Kinarut. This time, the Lord provided in a big way through a Charity Dinner held in September 2006. We received a net proceed of over RM1 million, sufficient to pay for all remaining expenditure for the residential development of the new campus. The Chairperson of the Organising Committee said that it was a miracle God has worked. And who can deny that!

God is most active in MYTC through the Brothers. I can see His loving touch in action every day. The Brothers, out of their love for Christ, have laid down their lives for the youth neglected by society. Through their great love for the youth manifested in their tireless effort and their self-sacrifice, these otherwise hopeless youth are able to receive valuable character formation and useful industrial skill training that ensure them gainful employment after graduation. To a great extent, the Brothers have also removed a lot of possible social ills in Sabah at their roots. MYTC is the only place in Sabah I know of that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is visibly alive. Through the commitment and hard work of the Brothers, 'Montfort Boys' has now become a trade mark in the job market that shrewd employers are looking for when they have vacancies for mechanics, carpenters or welders. What impresses employers about most 'Montfort Boys' is their behaviour as honest, responsible and reliable employees.

Members of the staff in MYTC are not neglected either. They receive formation that has empowered them to play an active and important role as collaborators with the Brothers in the mission. I for one have benefited tremendously. I think I have become a better person with a stronger faith than ever.

Last but not the least, God works through MYTC's benefactors, too. They play a key role in the mission by pouring in donations to finance the programmes of MYTC. Without their generous financial assistance as prompted by the Holy Spirit, MYTC can hardly move ahead.

MYTC, A HOME DEAR FOR THE NEGLECTED YOUTH

My heart is always filled with joy when I see so many youths becoming useful citizens of the country. Had not for the Brothers of St. Gabriel who, moved by grace, faithfully walk in the foot steps of their founder, St. Louis Marie de Montfort, these youths would remain possible nuisances to society.

MYTC is without doubt a home truly dear for those whom the world neglects. Thanks be to God!

Editor's Note:

Mr. Stephen Lee is serving Montfort Youth Training Centre in the capacity of Accounts Manager and Member of the Management Committee. He is contributing all his skills voluntarily for the betterment of the Centre.



Memoirs of Kuala Penyu Camping Trip by Wisdom Villa



It was a sweet memory for me that I can't forget them in my life. I was surprised when we were told MYTC and Wisdom Villa would be going to Kuala Penyu for camping. My heart jumped for joy because I have always love the sea and also since it will be a time to feel the Lord's creation.

On the Friday morning we, woke up at about 5.00 o'clock, and got ready for the Mass at MYTC before we left for Kuala Penyu, we had Mass and breakfast there. We left from MYTC at about 9.15 am, we were behind schedule.

During our journey, we were very happy. We felt eager to reach Kuala Penyu. Nearing Kuala Penyu the sky suddenly became dark. We were scared, Sister asked us to pray and we prayed". Without realizing it, we lost our way. Finally, we found our way to Captain Lui's camp.

We reached at about 12.00 noon and we started to clean the place and build our camp. There was team work among us. Some of us went to clean the chalet others went to collect bamboo while some others went to collect firewood and water. Agnes and Saini started with the lunch. Priscillica, Florina, Lily and Cecelia prepared the table to put our provision. Bianah and Viola prepared tea for the tired Wisdom Villa Girls.

It started drizzling but that did not dampen our spirit. We went to the sea and had a good time as planned. Then it was games time. We enjoyed watching the boys climbing the greased pole. We cheered and laughed a lot. After dinner and evening prayer, we went to catch crabs. It was exciting.

The next morning, we got up early and prepared breakfast. About 10.00am we had treasure hunt. The boys and girls were running around the campsite looking for alphabets. Wisdom Villa Girls were the winners. The next game on completing the Montfort Motto was won by Paul House. While Bianah and Viola were preparing lunch, the rest of us went swimming with Brother Francis, Miss Cornelia and the boys.

After lunch we had more games. We won the passing of the eggs while the boys won the sack race. We composed a cheering song to give us more spirit.

In the evening, all of us were very busy preparing our food for a competition. At around 7.00 pm, all of us gathered at the Head Quarters. The judges started to judge and after dinner we performed our presentation. It was funny because one of the boys' groups performed a funny drama. At around 9.00 pm, we got the result of the cooking competition and Paul House was the over all winner. After that, we were back at our camp and all the boys had their camp fire for the last night.

On Sunday morning, before we left Captain Lui's camp, we cleaned up the compound and got ready to go back.

I will never forget this good experience because I faced a lot of challenges, I also have learned so many things through the camp although it was tiring, but it doesn't matter to me. I will keep this memory through forever and ever.

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How are you? I am fine just here. I just want to write to thank you and MYTC for your continuous prayers to support me. Knowing this, I can do things in wonderful ways!

Anyhow, I just want to share with you about what I have gone through the past few months. To be honest with you Brother, I am so proud to be a Montfortian. Simply having being appointed by you as a leader, I can now easily mingle around with customers and build up good public relationship (PR) with those around me. In my workplace, I have no problem living and working with my workmates.

Sometimes, I watch the Vocation VCD of the Brothers of Saint Gabriel and find courage to live one day at a time. Lately, I have realized that MYTC has lots to offer, be it spiritual, material, physical or mental health care of which I never experienced or found elsewhere. All these things were so worth experiencing while at Montfort.

The world out here is full of insecurity and no guarantee, but in MYTC there is always surety of things to happen, be it in past, present or future.

Sometimes, I feel ashamed for me to talk to you face to face. I dare not face you or the Brothers because of my own pride and egoism. You and the Brothers have taught me humility, and this, I would like to treasure the most. Thanks also for putting your trust on me while I was in leadership team (being Prefect). I know that many times I did a lot of disobedient things. Thanks to the Brothers and all in MYTC, encouragement and support were always there for me when I got into trouble. I do believe that you continue to pray for us, the Wanderers of the world!

God bless you all.

Paulus Anak Tuan
Graduating Class of 2005
Montfort Youth Training Centre

Letter from an Ex-Student to Brother Francis, Director of MYTC



Editor's note:

Paulus is the current Protem Chairman of MYTC's Alumni Association and is attached to a Motor Mechanics Workshop in Brunei Darul Salam.

Adult Enrichment Class



I am a staff of Montfort since September 2002. In my simple thought, Montfort was solely about teaching religious matters. Not knowing, it was all about enriching one's life.

One of the most valuable lessons that I benefit from Montfort is through the Adult Enrichment Class. This idea was mooted by our former Director. However, it was materialized only after Bro. Francis Chua became the new Director. Bro. Francis is one person who believes in enhancing and deepening our knowledge; be it in our work area, character, religious, to name a few.

Mr. Richard Teo was assigned to look into the Class for the staff, which is held every Friday for one hour. The objectives are to practise the competency and to guide their weaknesses. The responses are very encouraging. All are willing and enthusiastically come out and participate fully during the class. My general knowledge is expanded each time I am in class, as it is not only about the language, rather, it is also about sharing our experience in English. One of my best experiences was, when our facilitator asked me to share what I have read in the media. With confidence, I stepped out and told the class about the late Datin Seri Endon (wife of Prime Minister) who was such a loving and caring mother, who, even during the last breath of her life, made time for her son-in-law. (the article was written by Khairy, the Prime Minister's son-in-law).

I personally feel that, by having this class, it is also one way of having fellowship among the staff through one to one conversation.

by
Lorena Binisol
General Studies Department



News From Sugud: Wisdom Villa Girls turned Public Works Department workers.

Sabah, the Land Below the Wind:- We live in a country rich in natural resources. Since we have an equatorial climate, it rains almost everyday. We need rain, but too much rain creates a lot of problem. This is what happened to us in Kg Sugud because of heavy rain we had difficulty going to our class everyday which is in Donggongon.

The road leading to Kg Sugud was flooded because of a leak in the pipe and no proper drainage. It created a lot of pot holes. Our MYTC van had flat tyres many times. Pedestrians and school children struggle daily to go to and fro. The stagnant water was breeding ground for mosquitoes. We called the authorities and asked them to do something but there was no response from them. We were very sad about the situation and the problems people were facing.

Since the authorities and the villagers were not doing anything, we at Wisdom Villa took the initiative to do something about it. We wanted the people to use the road happily and freely. So one Saturday we went down to that part of the road with our "parang", "cangkul" and spade. We wanted to study the situation. We discovered that we had to dig a drain from the pot holes to the river which was a few metres away. Without wasting any time and working as a team together with Moses, our neighbour, we started digging, digging and digging. We were very happy to see the water rushing into the river. Finally, the water became less and less. We had achieved something as a group.

The passers-by cheered us but nobody gave us a helping hand. We were happy to solve the problem for all of us.

by Agnes, Bianah, Ceceliamas, Florina, Lily, Priscilica, Saini and Viola



The Headquarters Prefects Speak

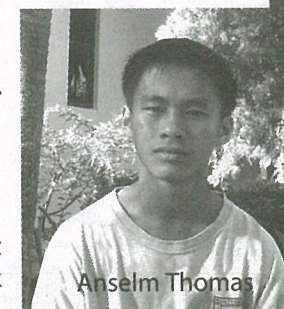
Being Headquarters Prefects (HQ Prefects), there are lots of experiences that we had and still they are to come. We have the highest authority among the prefects and students. We need to show them good examples in planning and organizing; working as a team; discipline and self-control; so on and so forth. We are to work in unity with other prefects. As leaders, we have been taught to be patient, acceptable, fair, concerned, careful, observant, tactful, responsible, active and all other good qualities as leaders expected to be. We are also expected to be effective and efficient in our duties and able to lead the students. As leaders, we need to be bold in executing our duties but not to diminish the dignity of the students. We believe that in respecting others first and in return we gain respect.

From those experiences, we know that they are good and useful for our future. We have the privilege to be accepted to study in Montfort and furthermore, being appointed as HQ Prefects.

Whenever there is Prefect Meeting, all the prefects are expected to be present. This is to have greater bonding, good relationship and understanding among the prefects. It is also to give quality proposals for the betterment of the centre as well as for the students.

We organize and oversee many daily activities such as Morning Exercise, Compound Cleaning and Games. We are always there when other students need us to give them support and guidance.

We have to admit that the prefectorial system in Montfort is different from the one we had in school. It is very challenging and really worthwhile. We thank the Management of this Centre, the Brothers and Teachers for giving us the opportunity and trust to be the leaders among the students. We also thank our fellow students for their cooperation and support, for "Together We Achieve".



and Recreational.

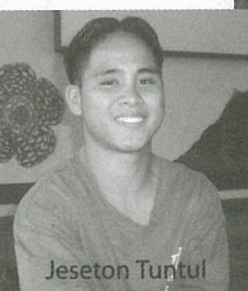
All of them have equal authority towards the students. They are doing their best to serve the students and the centre. MYTCNews wishes them the best in all their undertakings.



Lorenzo Juli

Editor's Note

Each of the Headquarters (HQ) Prefects has been assigned to a



Jeseton Tuntul

specific main duty.

Lorenzo Juli, who hails from Apin-Apin, Keningau; is in-charge of Discipline. He is also the Chairperson for the Prefectorial Board. Jeseton Tuntul is from Sook, Keningau; assigned to look into all Food and Beverage matters. Anselm Thomas is also from Sook, Keningau; heads the Sports

The Council of Religious met at Montfort.

Final Exam for June Semester.

Fire Safety Procedures Talk and Handling Fire Extinguisher demonstration

November

At the end of October, a Procession with the recitation of the Rosary was held to thank Our Lady.

Telematch and Cooking Competition
Carpentry Department won the First Prize for the Cooking Competition.

October

Thanksgiving and Appreciation Night to the Organising Committee in the success of the Charity Dinner.

The Choir sang at Tan Sri Bernard's Daughter's Wedding

September

Staff Annual Retreat at Tinompok, Ranau. Facilitated by Bro. Dominic Yeo-Koh

Mega Charity Dinner at Magellan Hotel. The collection for the Dinner reached RM 1 million. MYTC also celebrated the Head of State's birthday.

Introducing our new staff

Welcome aboard!

Thaddeus and Jonathan joined MYTC in September. Welly reported duty in October.

July

An English Reading Competition was organised by the General Studies Department for the first time. The Winner was Lorenzo Juli. Saini Anam and Almazo Cordova were in second and third place respectively.

Camping at Kuala Penyu. The bad weather did not hamper our spirit. We had lots of fun.

August

Hong Leong Foundation visited MYTC and donated RM 30,000.00

Merdeka Celebration with Talentime in Patriotic Song. Valentino Johnius was the Winner

