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*Begin on a
new milestone*

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CEF Singapore News

An Interview with the New National Director

Rachel, welcome to the CEF Family. Can you tell us a little about yourself and your family?

I am born in a Christian family and I received Christ as my personal saviour at the age of twelve.

I am trained in Children Education for my profession. I have been serving in the children ministry since I was sixteen years old. I decided to stop working a few years back and went into Trinity Theological College, to better equip myself in God's words and learn how to apply it in my teaching to children and adults in ministries that I am involved in.

How and when did you get connected to CEF Singapore?

As a requirement of my studies in Trinity Theological College, I needed to do an internship. It is always my passion to work with children, so I wrote to CEF, Singapore and did my internship with CEF, Singapore.

What made you come on board CEF Singapore as the National Director and how do you feel?

When I was about to finish my theological training, I prayed for God's direction. The door to serve full time in CEF, Singapore was then opened to me. Joyfully, I accepted it.



Family Group of Trinity Theological College

What are your responsibilities as the National Director?

As the National Director, I plan and coordinate the total CEF program and personnel in the country, working in cooperation with the overseas regional director and vice president of CEF Inc. International Ministries

What word of advice or suggestions would you give to church leaders with regards to serving in the 4 - 14 window?

Studies show 80% to 85% of the believers received Jesus Christ as Savior when they were in between the ages of 4 to 14.

Charles Spurgeon once said, "Minds in their early days are plastic. The first seven years of our being often shape all the rest. At any rate give to godly teaching the first twelve years of any child and it will be difficult to erase the writing."

We should prepare for tomorrow and the church of tomorrow by reaching children now with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.



CEF Board, Staff and Supporting Churches

Training at Ang Mo Kio Presbyterian Church



After completing TCE Level 2, the Lord gave me the burden to invite CEF to conduct training for our Sunday School teachers. By the grace of God, my church leaders agreed with the proposal and we began with a 9 weeks training programme conducted by CEF in our church.

My fellow Sunday school teachers enjoyed and benefited from the different training sessions. They learnt about the different characteristics of children, the different ways to

disciple children and the different ways to lead children to meditate on the Word of God and to pray.

CEF also taught in our Sunday School for two weeks. During these two weeks, our Sunday School teachers picked up different methods of teaching God's word to children.

We have already engaged CEF to conduct training programmes in our church for the year to come so that we can continue to equip ourselves in teaching the Word of God to children more effectively.

Let us make a difference in the lives of children in Singapore and in the world with the Word of God.

Shermaine



Training at East Asia School of Theology

"How do we bring the children to God?" If that is your question, look for CEF, Singapore. CEF provides a creative way of bringing the gospel in a fun and interesting way to the children. Without the Christian lingos and bombastic words, it is easy for children with no Christian background to understand the message of salvation

Agnes Lim (Partners-in-ministry faculty)

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Teaching Children Effectively 1

It has been really exciting to be better equipped to teach both the unsaved and the saved children Bible stories. I am now more aware of how to link points from the story to the salvation facts. It still takes a lot of hard work to fully become very adept at it.

Now, I am even more conscious of the great opportunities I have for outreach and am more expectant in waiting on the Lord to be of use in the lives of those I come into contact with during church activities. Even though a child may come from a Christian home does not mean he or she is saved. I am really happy to be of better use to the Lord in the area of using

the Wordless book more confidently and effectively. I had many opportunities to share with pre-believers and even came back to CEF to top up on my store of tracts for the unsaved and saved children.

It has been of greatest encouragement to see many faithful servants of the Lord, both instructors and my fellow learners at TCE 1, faithfully serving the Lord with joy in their hearts to reach out to the younger generation. We had been constantly reminded of our need to drink deeply from our Master before going forth to serve and teach others. I am praying that all of us will be found faithful and

will continue to draw our strength and help from Him to share the gospel in word and through our lives, to our younger generation, to leave a legacy for them to follow.

May we press on, looking to our Author and Finisher of our faith!

Jia Yin



Teaching Children effectively 1

Being a new Sunday School teacher, TCE1 has been an eye opener for me. From Bible lesson preparations to wordless book exercises, the practicums were relevant to my interactions with the children. The instructors held a high standard to ensure that we are able to deliver and comprehend the various evangelistic components when teaching children.

In fact, tools such as the wordless book are not merely for children! It is great in creating a platform and a structure to broach the topic of salvation and the need for Christ. This helps in situations when I had to think on the spot, and the wordless book can be adapted to make conversations about salvation more intentional and concise. It is good to be equipped with such tools for the labour of the Lord, as we do not know when we will be pressed into such service, children or not!

The instructors are very caring and encouraging throughout this intensive course. By the great help from the Lord, I am able to grasp the key points of the practicums! I am thankful to the instructors for their labours of love to equip and embolden me to reach out and teach the future generations God's word!

Sean



I have just completed my Teaching Children Effectively level 1 with CEF, Singapore. I enjoyed the morning devotion in every class. I am much comforted with the sharing of God's word from the various instructors. The instructors are committed in training the teacher trainees well.

I learnt from this course that being a teacher of God's word is a calling from God and a great privilege. Being a teacher of God's word, it also comes with great responsibility. I learnt about the importance of preparing and presenting a Bible lesson well, the importance of invitation as an opportunity for children to trust in the Lord. Very importantly, I need to respond to the works of the Holy Spirit.

Bee Hong

This is an excellent and comprehensive course that I would recommend every children bible class teacher to invest time and energy into.

It helps us realise that God also wants children to be saved and taught us a simple and effective way to do it through the Wordless Book. It also taught us how to incorporate the gospel message into every Bible lesson, where possible, by identifying the Problem, the Solution and using Links. I also find the sections on "Developing the Bible Lesson" and "IPEAR method on Memory Verse" very helpful. While the preparation time needed for assignments during the course was intensive, the practicums were necessary in training us.

The instructors are so dedicated and enthusiastic and that made the learning fun too. Please continue to run this program. Many thanks and God bless!

Catherine

I have recently completed the Teaching Children Effectively Level 1 (TCE1) course online, from Children's Ministries Institute (CMI). Like many thousands of people worldwide, I have been equipped to share the Gospel with children one-to-one, through a Good News Club or other ministries.

TCE1 online is a 30 instructional hours course, spread across 10 weeks. Through the video instructions, I learnt to conduct an evangelistic Bible lesson, memory verse and the Wordless book presentations. The practicum requirement made the course practical and effective. It has enhanced my ministry as I am now able to include gospel messages into my Bible lessons. It has also helped me to appreciate the need to conduct the assurance of salvation. This is important as we are working with young children and need to ensure they truly understood the gospel, the decision they had made and help them start out on their Christian walk.

The course requires reflection to be written after each practicum. This had helped me to evaluate and analyse my teaching approach and the children's responses by taking note of what works and does not work. We had a forum where all the students shared their practicum and outreach experiences. The different cultures and settings of students around the world, has broadened my understanding and appreciation of the problems faced by many children ministry workers.

The online course gave me a lot of flexibility with regards to time management and also learning from the comfort of my home is a definite advantage.

Anna



Celebration of Hope

The Celebration of Hope (COH) Children & Families Planning Committee would like to express our gratitude to Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) Singapore for its ardent support and active involvement in the historic nation-wide Celebration of Hope - Children & Families on Saturday 18 May 2019 at the National Stadium.

In particular, we are so thankful that sister Lorita Lim was released to be the main instructor for the free-of-charge Personal Evangelism Training (PET) Workshop (3 hours each) over 5 Saturdays on Sharing the Gospel with Children. These workshops trained a total of 233 individuals from various churches in

using the Wordless Book to effectively share the gospel with children. Although counsellors were not needed during the event itself due to security and physical location issues, these training workshops help to equip more people in our local churches to know how to share the gospel of Jesus with children at any time. These participants were also introduced to other CEF resources to help disciple them in the Christian faith.

In addition, we are so thankful to the CEF (Singapore) Board who provided the funds to cover the printing cost for 40,000 copies of CEF's Meet the King booklet as one of the 3 free children's materials inside the goodie bag for

every participant during the event itself.

Besides these, CEF Singapore also provided "Counsellor-Supervisors" to assist with the hands-on segment during the PET Workshops. As the unity of the Body of Christ was displayed through such a collaboration and partnership to reach the children and families in our nation, God's blessings were evident as many hundreds of children and adults stood up in response to the salvation and rededication call towards the end of the event.

All praise and glory be to our Lord Jesus, whose name brings solid hope in our lives and for our future.

David Leong



*So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.
Matthew 18:14*

Testimonies of CEF Camp Program

As a testimony to the ministry of CEF, my child Faith 4, was still singing the songs and reciting the Bible verse from Ephesians after church camp. She had enjoyed the camp thoroughly and still talks about attending the children's program in Malaysia. Thank you CEF for imparting Bible lessons and truths to our young ones

*Samuel and Marianne
Parents of Faith*



The children's program was the best part of church camp! The whole program was simple enough for all ages to understand, and the devotionals were done such that it was suitable for each age.

Kate from Hope Presbyterian Church

I really enjoyed the craft! I insisted on bringing all my craftwork home, even though I had to carry it in a big bag as I cleared the customs.

Beth from Hope Presbyterian Church

The children enjoyed the lessons very much. They also like the games and fun with other children.

Chee Hong from Toong Chai Presbyterian Church

I would like to say thank you to teachers from CEF for their good teachings. After the camp, Estacia is no longer afraid of going upstairs alone. She said that she is no longer afraid of going alone upstairs because she can say no to the devil.

Esmel, mum of Estacia from Shekinah Assembly of God

Thanks to CEF for the children camp. Gareth has only good things to say about the teachers and the lessons.

I've personally heard a story on Jesus dying on the cross and felt that the teacher from CEF was engaging, communicates well and most importantly, she shared with a deep passion for God.

Tze, mother of Gareth from Shekinah Assembly of God



Testimonies of CEF Camp Program

26 young children came for camp. 26 young warriors for Christ departed. We praise the Lord for the good work He had done in the hearts of the little ones during camp.

As a church, we organized our bi-annual church camp during the June holidays to allow families to come together as a family nucleus. Parents came excited, for they knew the CEF program will help their children grow in the Lord, and also afford them time and space to grow individually themselves. Children came pumped, knowing what a children's camp entails.

The theme for CEF Camp this year was "Be Strong" on the Armor of God. By the end of camp, the young ones bounced and ran around in their paper armor that they carefully constructed across the entire week. They looked adorable as they brandished their swords and bore their helmets. Yet we take comfort, as it will be the spiritual armor that the children learnt through camp that will continue to shield their hearts and guard their minds as they returned back home. In this age, where distractions and untruths plague all of us and particularly the young ones, the theme of Armor of God was extremely apt and poignant.

A focus of camp this year was on the Family Altar, where parents attended a workshop by the church's Family Ministry and had the chance to practice it at night. CEF supported this by creating revision notes for parents, so that the parents could review the CEF lessons with their children when they returned back at night. This was particularly impactful, with many parents sharing positive experiences of how tender it was to disciple their children and reiterate what was taught during the day.

Camp might last for just 5 days, but it serves as a platform for the Lord to ignite the spark within His children.

Our hearts are full of gratitude towards CEF for their help during the camp: for teaching the young ones about the Armor of God (to put on in their daily lives), and also equipping the parents with the heart and materials to keep disciplining their children (through the family devotions book).

May the Lord who began a good work in us carry it through to completion until the day our King returns.

Gabriel, on behalf of the Camp Committee, Glory Presbyterian Church



I helped out with the children program as a facilitator without having been to any previous camps, so I did not quite know what to expect.

Through the camp, I got to know 26 lovely children – each with their own personality and energy. God let me see the passion of the CEF teachers rub off on the children as they learnt about the Armour of God through songs, craft, and Bible study lessons.

By the end of the camp, the children were well-equipped with the knowledge of the Armour and filled with conviction to resist sin. I saw this through their singing and engagement in the activities and was encouraged by their enthusiasm. Seeing the children try to remember and ultimately reciting the camp theme verse in unison (without aid!) led me to reminisce about my Sunday School days.

Despite not being a camper at the receiving end of the camp, I was reminded that as a facilitator, I too was at a receiving end as it was God's camp. The 5 days spent was a reminder to put on the whole Armour of God to stand firm against the devil's schemes, to remember the importance of Scripture, and to draw inspiration from the children's convictions. We are all still children of God.

Grace, Glory Presbyterian Church

Many thanks to CEF for the wonderful children program with the theme "Be Strong". Our children all became well-equipped spiritually and physically. Through Rachel's sharing, all the campers knew more about CEF, and were reminded of the importance of children ministry. We thank God for CEF. We are looking forward to seeing you in our next church camp in 2021!

Xue Bo, Chairman of Church Camp Committee, St John's St Margaret's Church (Chinese Congregation)



Helping Children Find their Identity in Christ

Can you remember a time when you questioned who you are or what you're doing on this Earth? Maybe this question plagued you many years ago or as recently as last week or yesterday. Children struggle with this question too. As we teach them, we have the privilege of helping them discover their true identity in Christ, so that as they grow and the questions intensify, they can fall back on God's Word to find out whose they truly are.

Paul uses an interesting pattern in his epistles—often he spends the first few chapters reminding his audience of what Christ has done for them and what impact that makes on their lives. Then, the last few chapters are occupied with what to DO with that knowledge—it's the outgrowth of what happens when one's identity is rooted in Christ! The next time you read an epistle, look for this pattern—don't just skip to the "here's what you do" but soak in the, "Here's what Jesus did, so here is who you ARE!"

As you teach children you can point out these truths to them as you're teaching. Remind them first of what Jesus did and who they are and then tell them the practical aspects of what Jesus wants them to do. Knowing Who you belong to will affect your heart and ultimately your actions.

Another way you can help children find their identity in Christ is through an object lesson! If you watched the accompanying video (<https://www.cefonline.com/helping-children-find-their-identity-in-christ/>), you saw a demonstration of this object lesson called "Who Am I?" As a bonus resource for you, we are including the full script and instructions here so you can incorporate this into one of your classes!

"Who Am I?" Object Lesson

Materials:

1. A few labeled containers without lids
2. One labeled container with a lid
3. Two pitchers of water
4. A basin or wash tub to catch excess water

Instructions:

There are many words that describe who I am. (Give some examples; e.g., father/ mother, son/ daughter, nephew/niece, uncle/aunt, teacher, pastor, editor, engineer, etc.) What are some words that describe who you are? (Allow response.) I have some containers here that might describe some of you. (Have containers without lids on a table in front of you. They should be labeled with "identities" that would apply to children you teach; e.g., student, brother/sister, friend, soccer player, musician, etc.) Let's pretend this water is what makes you who you are. Maybe school is really important to you. (Pour some water into the "student" container.) Maybe you are the oldest child in your family and you love to take care of your brothers and sisters. (Pour some water into the "brother/sister" container.) Maybe you love to have fun with your friends. (Pour some water into the "friend" container.) Or maybe you really want to be a professional soccer player when you grow up. (Pour some water into the "soccer player" container.) Maybe you play an instrument or sing and that's really important to you. (Pour some water into the "musician" container.)

None of these things are bad. It's a good thing to like school. God gave us families and friends as gifts. If you are really good at soccer or music, it's because God made you that way. What is wrong is when those are the things that make you feel important or safe. What happens if you don't do well on a test, or suddenly school gets really hard for you and you don't get the grades you want? (Shake the "student" container so water splashes out.) Or what if you get sick and can't take care of your brothers and sisters like you want to? (Shake the "brother/ sister" container so water splashes out.) What if your best friend moves away or decides she doesn't want to be your friend anymore? (Shake "friend" container so water splashes out.) What if you get hurt and are never able to play soccer again? (Shake the "soccer player" container so water splashes out.) What if something happens so you aren't able to make beautiful music like before? (Shake the "musician" container so water splashes out.)

All these are good things, but they are temporary—they don't last forever. If you think these things make you who you really are, then what happens when they go away? When these things don't work the way you want them to, you might wonder if you are important anymore or if anyone loves you. You might feel like you don't belong.

If you have believed on Jesus as your Savior, who you really are is found in Jesus. (Pour a whole pitcher of water into a container labeled "Child of God" and secure a lid on top.) When you have believed on Jesus as your Savior, who you really are is a child of God. (Read 1 John 3:1a.) When you are a child of God, He is with you always—nothing can separate you from Him. (Shake the "Child of God" container vigorously, showing that no water comes out.) Even when your life is turned upside down and you feel like everything is going wrong, you are safe with God because He loves you and you are His child. You are important and loved because God is with you and will never leave you. This week will you remember who you really are? Even as you enjoy your other activities, will you remember that before anything else you are a child of God?

Let's pray and ask God to help us remember who we are in Christ. (Pray with children.)

*Article is written by Ashley Alden
May 23, 2019 Sunday School Solutions*

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SHARING CORNER

From a mum...

We are a family of four. A family richly blessed by God and there are so much to give thanks for. Ten years ago, Chee Seng and I had our first child. I conceived our daughter, Mabel, only after five years of marriage. My resignation from work and some clinical treatments gave us some help. I remembered how delighted we were when we were told of the good news that I was pregnant! I managed to conceive naturally, which seemed quite impossible at that time. Our effort paid off and God had taught us a lesson on trust and obedience. Three years later, Matthew, our son, was born. God has indeed given us another gift of life. He gave us a chance to be parents of these two cute little ones and we embarked on our amazing journey of parenting.

While Chee Seng worked hard to bring home the bacon, I took care of our darlings at home, nurturing them and caring for their needs. It was exciting to see them growing up day by day. Each of their milestones never fail to amaze me.

They are uniquely different and learn at different pace. Nevertheless, they are equally precious to us as our Lord views them as precious too.

Life always has its challenges and our parenting journey has no exception. Chee Seng nearly lost his job – twice. He first faced the danger of losing his rice bowl in a sunset industry. Next, he encountered the collapse of his new found department a few years later and was forced to look for new job or enter a new department. However, in both instances, we witnessed God's intervention and till today, he is still working in the same company, able to provide for our family financially. God is indeed good all the time.

Today, Mabel is 10 and Matthew is 7. Mabel is a bubbly Primary 4 girl who loves to read books, sing songs and draw beautiful pictures. Matthew is a lively Primary 1 boy who loves food, loves drawing comics and enjoys puzzles and

building blocks. I had also started working under flexible hours four years ago till today. God never fails to provide, be it financially or physical help from our family members, for He is our Jehovah Jireh.

We have our bedtime bible story session every night so as to nurture our children to know God better and to be thankful to Him who loves us unconditionally, faithfully and compassionately. As a verse from the book of Proverbs goes – "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6). May this be an encouragement to all young parents out there who strive to journey parenthood together with the Lord. May our next generation be trained to choose the way of the Lord and be faithful men and women of His kingdom.

Shelley Wong

*Train a child in the way
he should go, and when
he is old he will not
depart from it.*

Proverbs 22:6



分享天地

儿童事工同工的分享。。。

有效的服事团队（一）

感谢主让我有机会在儿童部服事了近30年。当中所经历的点点滴滴，充满了主的恩典和怜悯。我对同工们充满敬意和感恩，也为他们感到骄傲，因他们爱主爱人，忠心地服事了一批又一批的孩子们。用神的话语教导他们，用主的爱怀抱着他们，好叫孩子们从小就认识主，爱主，并愿意跟随主！

究竟如何把近三十位的同工们凝聚起来、同心事奉、建立起一支有效率又充满主爱及人情味的服事团队，实在是一项不简单的任务啊！但靠主的恩典，一路走来，同工们一再经历同心事奉的甘甜和喜乐，非常感恩！

现乐意于此分享这30年来的一些

服事心得，盼能给在儿童事工中服事的同路人一些激励和启发。由于篇幅有所限，将会按重点分作数次来分享。此文的分享重点是：建立有效的服事团队的首要思想装备。

团队里必需有被呼召的领导（可以是一个人或一小组人）扛起带领团队的责任。领导者以耶稣的服事榜样为学习的指标，同时也需在思想上刻意培养以下服事态度：

（一）用心带人、用心待人

以真心真诚的态度做领导的工作。凡事不亢不卑、关怀体贴、干劲十足、不含糊马虎、不敷衍塞责，认真服事主和人。偶遇挫折时也不灰心气馁、不消极沮

丧、怨天尤人，反倒以正面积极的态度努力帮助团队共同渡过难关和挑战。

（二）确保整体建立在“彼此信任、相互敬重”的基础上

“彼此信任”和“相互敬重”在团体生活中就如氧气般的重要。维护健康和良好的关系远胜于事工的成果。常说出真诚欣赏和赞美同工的话，时时看别人必自己强，并以生动、活泼、幽默的话语深化彼此的沟通和关系。

（三）愿意寻求不求回报的付出和牺牲

常常为团队付出，不管是时间、金钱或代价。乐意为同工代祷、着想、关怀和甘心服事。众人以为美的事，当留心去做，就如做给主看一样。

下回若有机会，愿与大家分享有效的服事团队里团员们必备的条件。

陈泽源



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Training Dates:

1, 3, 5*, 8, 10, 12*, 15, 17, 19* October (* Saturdays)
Weekdays: 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm / Saturday: 9.00 am – 5.00 pm



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Presentation of Christmas Package

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Dates: 9 November 2019
2 pm – 4:30 pm

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