



Academy of Sunday School Teachers

A training ministry of CEF Singapore

Our future lies in our little ones

Imagine a Sunday School where ...

- children beg to come
- they have fun and learn about God
- their lives are being changed
- the number of children is growing

Yes! A vibrant Sunday School can be a reality when a church, her teachers and members are committed to trusting God and watering their Sunday School with their attention, time and teacher training.

The grass is always greener where you water it.

Assisting you through ASST

CEF Singapore seeks to support the transformation of the Sunday School through the Academy of Sunday School Teachers. The acronym ASST (pronounced "assist") embodies our mission to assist Sunday School teachers to teach and reach children.

ASST is offered as a training arm to the churches that want to strengthen their teachers' grasp of the flow and relationship of biblical events as well as the principles and skills of teaching children effectively.

The main instructors of ASST are Rev Tan Cheng Huat, Alan Wong and Lorita Lim. Their profiles can be found at the back of this flyer.



We seek ...

- to impart biblical contents and teaching skills
- to support and encourage your teachers' ministry to children
- to facilitate collaboration with one another

The right kind of training will instil confidence in teachers and parents as well as inspire more people to volunteer to help teach and reach children.

Learn More!

Come with your Sunday School teachers to a preview of ASST for more details and to have your questions answered.

Date: Thursday, 9 January 2014

Time: 7:30 pm

Place: True Way Presbyterian Church
(next to Queenstown MRT)

Ministering out of an overflow



For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.

(Ezra 7:10)

As you prepare to teach children in Sunday School, do you feel like you are in Egypt, the land of "not enough"? Or are you in the wilderness, the land of "just enough"?

Or ... are you in the Promised Land, the land of "more than enough", a land overflowing with milk and honey?

ASST, the Academy of Sunday School Teachers, can help you to minister out of an overflow of your relationship with the LORD. The acronym ASST (pronounced "assist") embodies our mission to assist Sunday School teachers to teach and reach children. We will provide you with ideas and resources on how to teach children and thus help you save time in lesson preparation.

Who is it for?

ASST is for all Sunday School teachers (of preschoolers, lower primary kids and tweens) as well as BB and GB officers (Juniors), kindergarten teachers and Christian ministry staff in primary schools.

The ASST Programme

ASST is a continuous training programme held every Thursday (except the 5th Thursday and school holidays). The first phase of ASST is estimated to run for 40 weeks and the schedule is as follows:

First Thursday - Ministering to You

- Life and Ministry of Jesus Christ
- Flow of Old Testament History
- Acts of the Apostles

Second Thursday - Equipping You to Teach

- Ideas, Resources and PowerPoint presentations

Third Thursday - Training You to Teach

- Principles and Methodologies of Teaching Children

Fourth Thursday - Sharpening One Another

- Learning from other teachers of the same age-group



Registration

Scan the QR code to register or visit <http://www.cef-singapore.com> and click "Register" in the left column.

There is no charge for ASST; however, we welcome your financial gifts to support this ministry of training. Would you consider supporting ASST?

If you are sending a gift, please issue a cheque payable to "Child Evangelism Fellowship (S) Ltd"

and mail it to

164 Bukit Merah Central,
#04-3647, Singapore 150164.



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The Church needs you

If you think, "Because I am not a Sunday School teacher, I am not useful", think again. The truth is that we all are different. You are special, and you are needed in the body of Christ. Nobody else can do what you can, not least because you are unique in your circle of influence.

You can change lives

Lionel Chan, Coordinator of the Sports & Adventure Ministry of Singapore Youth for Christ, has this to relate:

I was 10 years old, playing "police and thief" with my cousins along the common corridor of the flats in Tanglin Halt when two ladies in their early twenties stopped us and asked if we would like to attend Sunday School, where we would make new friends, play games and hear bible stories.

As well-trained 10-year-olds, who had been taught not to talk to strangers, my cousins and I told the ladies that if they wanted us to attend Sunday School, they needed to ask our moms for permission.

The two spunky ladies walked into my granny's apartment, interrupted my mother's mahjong game and asked: "Aunty, we are from Faith Methodist Church and we would like to ask if you would allow your son to join our Sunday School class."

Somehow, I was quite certain my mom would be annoyed by the interruption and not allow me to go. But to my surprise, my mom said: "Yes, provided you are prepared to meet my son every Sunday from our

home and accompany him to your church?"

The two ladies smiled and agreed to ferry me from my home to their church. For the next three months they faithfully took turns to meet me without fail to walk with me to church, till I was confident enough to go on my own.

I have no recollection of the names of the two ladies. But, their sincere act of faith stands as a great example of what you can do.

Never underestimate what you can contribute

The Church needs you to bring the children of your neighbours and relatives to Sunday School. Do not underestimate your role and contribution to the life and growth of the Church, and your capacity to be a positive force in the lives of children.

Invite a child today!





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Alan S.L. Wong

Alan is the National Director of CEF Singapore. He has a Master of Theology (ThM with a major in Christian Education) from Dallas Theological Seminary and had served in different capacities in para-church organizations and churches.

He was the Training and Campus Director of the then Singapore Campus Crusade for Christ; and a lecturer and Dean of Field Ministry at the East Asia School of Theology.

He loves to teach both adults and children. He taught adult bible classes at Faith Academy of Lay Training of his home church, Faith Methodist, and at Dallas Chinese Bible Church. He has also taught children at Faith Methodist Sunday School for several years and is currently teaching a class of upper primary children.

He has been married for 30 years and has two adult sons. He led his wife and two sons to act out Bible stories as family devotions from the time his sons were preschoolers till Primary 4. Out of these family devotions came his book, "Building the Next Generation", a book on dramatised family devotions for preschoolers and lower primaries. He is also the webmaster of a parenting and education website.

Lorita Lim

Lorita is the Education and Training Coordinator of CEF Singapore. She graduated from Baptist Theological Seminary in 1999, and joined her church, Shelter Baptist Church, as a staff in charge of Church administration and the Children's Ministry.

She loves to teach and reach children; she was a trainer for Kids Evangelism Explosion and a volunteer with Scripture Union for camps before she joined CEF Singapore. She also has a diploma from Children's Ministries Institute of CEF International equipping her to be an instructor of teachers.

Main Instructors of ASST

Rev Tan Cheng Huat

Rev Tan holds a degree in Theology from the Alliance Bible Seminary in Hong Kong (BTh) and a Master's in Educational Ministry from Wheaton Graduate School (MA). His research focus is faith development in preschoolers.

He has over 30 years of experience in the children and family ministry, in church as well as para-church organisations. He had served as a missionary to CEF Hong Kong, as CEF Regional Director for the Asia Pacific and is currently the chair of the Board of CEF Singapore. He was adjunct lecturer at Evangel Bible Seminary (HK) and China Baptist Theological College (HK), and guest lecturer at Trinity Theological College and Singapore Bible College.

He had also held the position of Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Singapore and vice president of the National Council of Churches in Singapore (NCCS). He had served as chaplain and on the Board of Presbyterian High School. He is currently the Vice Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Singapore and is Associate Pastor of True Way Presbyterian Church.

He has been married for 27 years and has four children ages 12 to 25.