



Discipling A World For God

A Word From The Chairman

WorldTeach Chairman David Ong - also the current acting national director - shares his thoughts about our recent happenings.

A LOT has happened for WorldTeach Malaysia over the past 12 months. Our National Director Eric Tan decided to step down after a long stint of faithful service. And after eight years of running seminars, it was starting to look like an idea that just could not support us.

We moved out of our RM900-a-month rented Subang office and cut down our full-time staff to just one. In March, we relocated WorldTeach's office to be on my company's premises instead.

We believe this temporary measure will help us save cost and also, being situated with the staff helps us work closer as a team.

All of us at WorldTeach recognise that the materials we have are too good to waste, in the same vein that a God-called and given ministry like this is too precious to close down casually. But how to get these material to the churches we want to partner?

Convinced of a need for a specialist in this area, we started to pray for a dream team and in April, God provided us with a mass media trained ex-journalist to join us on a volunteer basis so we can better market what we have.

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A Note From The Chairman (Cont.)

After sending out appeal letters and humbly asking for financial aid, we have cut down our outstanding accounts to half its original amount!

When we sent a report of our ministry operations to the regional office which forwarded it to our headquarters in the US, Walk Thru The Bible ministries, both offices were encouraged by how God is moving among us.

In a way, what we did was to return to basics.

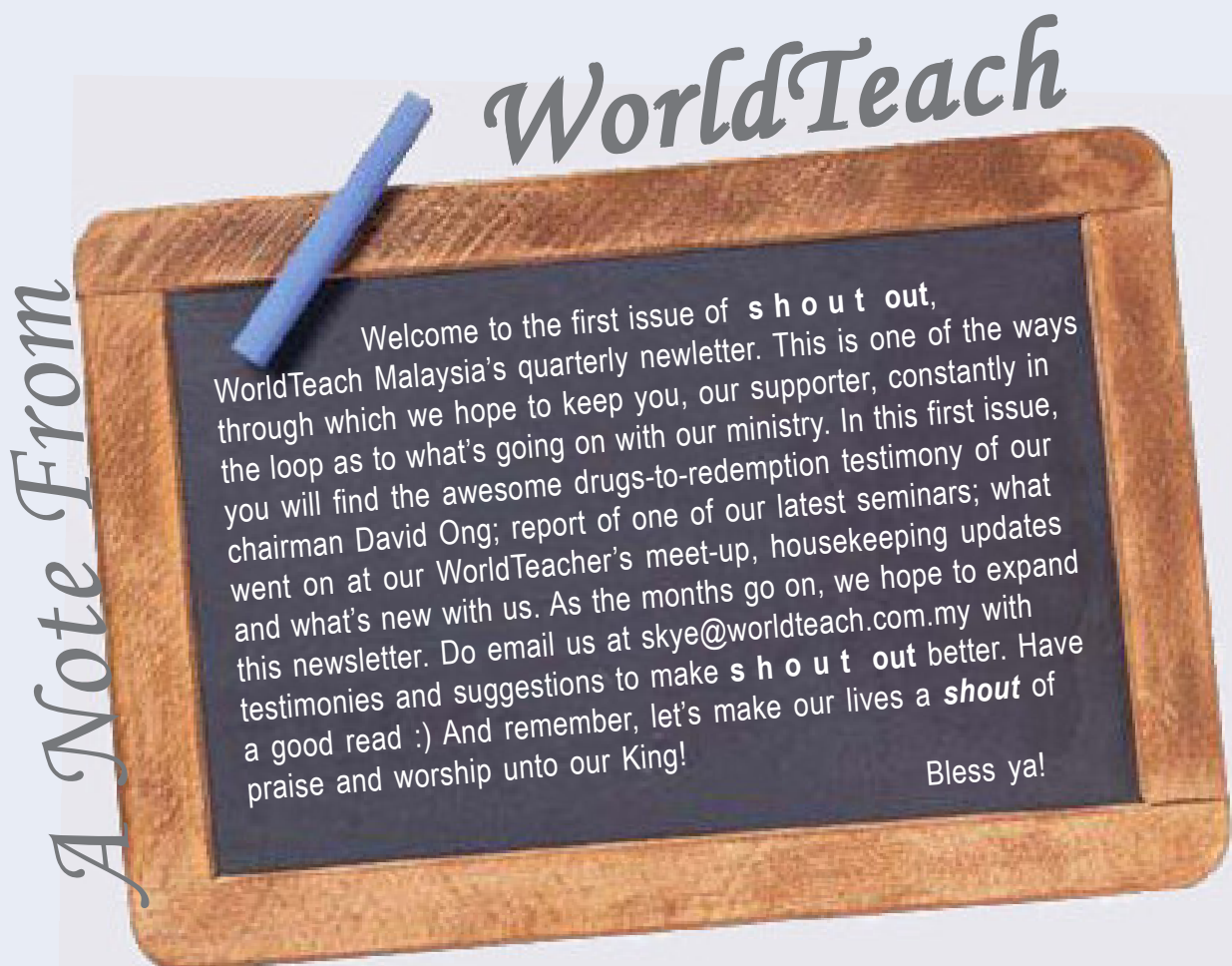
We look at our materials and the great need for discipleship and we think: We just want to be churches' best friends and help alleviate their packed schedule with ready discipleship materials they can slot into their Christian education classes.

We look at the need for more teachers to train and build up the Body and those who just became family and we slashed down the training fee we charge those interested to become WorldTeachers.

We look inside of us and are reminded again that we are placed in such a time at this, meant to faithfully do the work God has called us to do and to press on with the best of our abilities.

At the end of the day, what we want to do is to make a difference. And when we look at WorldTeach and the materials we have, we know this ministry can indeed make a difference. We invite you to continue with us on this journey.

*Blessings,
David*



The Miracle Of Life Change:

From Addiction To Redemption, David's story

Miracle of Life Change - It's not just a title in our seminars catalogue nor a lofty ideal outside of reality. Knowing Jesus Christ means your life will never be the same again. And He has the power to deliver you from every and any thing. Our chairman, David Ong shares his story how God brought him from addiction to redemption.



I GREW up in a nominal Christian family where gambling was a family recreational activity. My four elder sisters and myself were sent to Sunday schools but our daily lives were untouched by the associated Christian values.

Whenever a missionary acquaintance visited us, we hurriedly clear all evidence of gambling then acted innocent when we invited her in.

There were also frequent quarrels between my father, who worked as a chief storekeeper, and my homemaker mother.

My battle with drugs addiction came only after we moved to Bangsar in 1971. I was 16 years old.

I was just cruising in life, I guess. I didn't have a clear purpose of what I wanted to do but I knew I didn't enjoy studying. I got through Form Four but failed Form Five, dropped out and started working at a job my father got me in the company he worked at. I also made some new friends and learnt from them how to drink, how to get drunk and in Form Five... how to experiment with drugs.

I started with marijuana. It was easy to get it from my friends or pushers. Once, we even went to Batu Caves to find magic mushrooms!

From these "soft" drugs – where the addiction was more mental than physical, I progressed to heroin. There was a house in Bangsar where you would be offered heroin if you were there at "the right time". That was how I took my first

puff of heroin before I started chasing the dragon too. I never injected heroin though.

I was doing drugs almost daily and would lie, borrow or steal just to finance them. When my father confronted me after finding my discarded capsule in his car, I admitted I was doing drugs and he took me to a medical clinic where I was prescribed tablets that aid withdrawal symptoms.

I took them twice then stopped. I didn't want the tablets, I wanted heroin. It was an addiction of the body but more so, an addiction of the mind and the heart.

And I only found out later that God alone can heal a sick soul.

1974 to 1975 was probably when I was in the thick of my addiction. I went in and out of places and to people who were supposed to help me but none and no one worked.

After the first trip to the doctor, my father sent me to a hospital for a two-week detoxification. Initially, I defiantly insisted that I wasn't an addict so I wasn't given withdrawal symptoms medication for my first night. I had a hellish night. I cried out in pain, tossed and turned in cold sweat and in my delirium, I remember looking at the barb-wired windows and wishing I could jump out, run away and get to a pusher to get some heroin to ease my pain.

I returned to drugs straight after I was discharged and was sent to a Penang rehabilitation centre which practised a punishing physical regime treatment method. Patients were even beaten up to discourage us from returning to the habit. Yet many of us still did.

Helpless, my father even brought me to a bomoh upon a friend's recommendation. Upon a psychiatrist's advice, he also sent me to Singapore to stay with relatives for a change of environment.

During my second stay in Singapore, I saw some people taking drugs and went up to them to ask for some.

Obviously, a change of environment didn't help. I was even caught trying to shoplift a bottle of liqueur but fibbed my way out with a sob story.

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The Miracle Of Life Change:

From Addiction To Redemption, David's story (Cont.)

When I look back at that situation now, I believe it was the Grace of God that helped me get off the hook.

That was in 1975 or 1976. My mother had returned to her faith in Jesus Christ because of my problems and she arranged with my Christian uncle and aunty to bring me to a meeting at the Singapore Salvation Army headquarters.

There, six ex-convicts shared with me how Jesus saved them. I listened to these ex-gangsters, ex-addicts and former criminals and inside of me, I whispered to their God: "If you are real, show me".

One of them asked me if I wanted to know Jesus. I said I do and we prayed together. Immediately, I was filled with a great surge of joy which seemed to bubble up from my stomach to my whole being. I had tears in my eyes and started to weep. I had never experienced such joy. This encounter with God lasted a few hours.

I threw away my cigarettes and drugs and stayed there with a church elder for a month. I then returned to Kuala Lumpur determined to start a new life with God's help.

For a short period, I slid back to the routine of some drugs and cigarettes but it was not because of withdrawal symptoms or peer pressure. I think it was simply because I was purposeless and didn't yet know how to fill up my inner void by praying and reading the Bible.

But that encounter I had with God was fresh in my memory (it is still fresh today after close to 30 years too) and knowing I can't help myself by myself, I enrolled myself in a Christian rehabilitation centre with the help of a friend.

Since that day, I never did drugs again.

I stayed there for over two years then moved out in 1979 to a terrace house which acted as a type of halfway house. I found a job as a clerk which paid me only RM200. Surviving was a struggle but my faith motivated and helped me through. I told myself that since my God can help me out of drug addiction, He is able to help me get a job even though I failed Form Five. And God did help me – After three months, I got a job as a car salesman in a major car dealership and my income increased five to six times. During that period, I also met a lovely Christian lady who eventually married me in 1983. In that same year, I also sold my first house in 1983 and applied for a real estate

agent licence in 1994 based on that one sale.

Getting the licence was another testimony in itself. Friends and acquaintances advised me to lie 'cause one property sale was not enough to qualify for a licence but by then, God has changed me. I didn't want to lie; I spent so many years of my youth lying. I told the truth to the licensing board and somehow, they granted me a license.

That was how my company Reapfield Properties started though I had to practise from home in 1985 and 1986 due to the recession, and it was inactive in 1987 and 1988 'cause I joined another partnership.

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When my wife Serene and I resumed the company in 1989, even paying the RM550 rent in the beginning was hard but as we continued, God kept blessing us.

In a way, I learnt to have faith because I had nothing but God to fall back on. I had no degree or much capital, I was a novice in the business but God just kept sending more experienced businessmen who taught and guided me.

In 1993, we opened our second office in Subang. Right now, we have 10 offices and over 400 employees. I also helped pioneer and am the advisor for Breakthrough, a Christian drug rehabilitation ministry in my church DUMC.

I was greatly impacted by people who invested their time into my life and so I have a passion for mentoring and investing my time into people's lives to make a difference.

The life I lead now is beyond what I could ever imagine. Serene - who is still a great help in our company - and I have three daughters, aged 15, 17 and 21. It has its challenges but it is a life that is rich and full, a far cry from the slow suicide that was my previously drugs-filled life.

Not many addicts walk out of addiction and I'm aware that it is Jesus Christ who has helped me done so. Who would have thought I would be where I am today? I myself did not.

That's why I sing of amazing grace.

(David is WorldTeach's chairman)

WorldTeachers Meet Up

HELD ON July 29, the first WorldTeacher's Meet Up was an event we put much prayer and planning into.

The aim was to regroup, regather, reconnect with the many WorldTeachers trained over our eight years in Malaysia. We have not been very good at keeping frequent contact with our WorldTeachers and we wanted to change that by first meeting still interested WorldTeachers from within the Klang Valley.

On a Saturday morning at 10am, about 20 WorldTeachers from Klang Valley rocked up to our office at Damansara Perdana and WorldTeach chairman David Ong shared his thoughts in an opening address.

Stressing on the importance of relationships, David wanted the WorldTeachers to know WorldTeach's commitment towards better communication with them. WorldTeach needs and appreciates our WorldTeachers, he said.

And though a number of WorldTeachers could not attend due to prior commitments, like David said: **"We do not despise small beginnings. We plan to think big, start small, grow deep."**

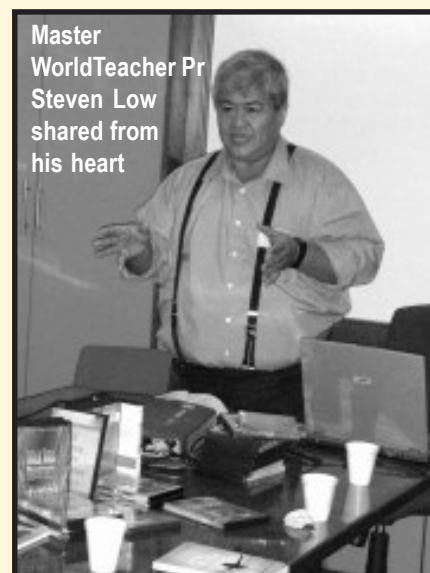
Pastor Steven Low, a Master WorldTeacher and also a member of WorldTeach's board, then shared about WorldTeach's passions - The importance of discipleship and training. Speaking from personal experiences, he transparently shared how courses like Biblical Portrait Of Marriage saved his marriage and how Effective Parenting In A Defective World is very important indeed.

Filled with humour, warmth and transparency, Pastor Steven preached a heartwarming, inspiring sermon. Attendees like Ms Susan Ooi (Glad Tidings) and Elder James Lin (Harvest Christian Centre) feedbacked after the meet-up that they much enjoyed Pastor Steven's sharing.

"Today's gathering is a great start for networking!" Said Mr Wong Sai Weng.

The cosy gathering ended with a session of Q&A and refreshments and beverages.

To all who attended, thank you. And to WorldTeachers who were not able to make it this time round - We are looking forward to seeing you at our next WorldTeachers' Meet-up!



Master WorldTeacher Pr Steven Low shared from his heart



Our Chairman Mr David Ong in the opening address



Attendees gathered around a conference table listening intently to Pr Steven Low

Seminar Reports

We conducted over a dozen various seminars from June to October at churches in the Klang Valley, Penang and Johor Bahru. The number of attendees typically range from mid-30s to over 100. Here's a snapshot of some of them.

Church: Klang Jaya Gospel Centre

Seminar: Personal Holiness in Times Of Temptation

Date: June 11 2006 **Attendance:** 40

WorldTeacher: Pastor Steven Low

HOW can I live a holy life when so much sin surrounds me? Isn't holiness more a lofty concept and not really relevant to my daily life? How do I continue the quest for holiness when I fail time and again?

Pr Steven Low led the members of Klang Jaya Gospel Centre to understand the meaning and importance of personal holiness and how it is attainable with the help of our all-mighty God.



Church: City Discipleship Presbyterian Church (CDPC)

Seminar: Experiencing Spiritual Breakthroughs

Date: September 14 2006 **Attendance:** 39

WorldTeacher: Rev Dr Peter Poon, from Singapore

REVEREND Dr Peter Poon, currently Associate Minister at Orchard Road Presbyterian Church, Singapore, is also WorldTeach SEA/ Pacific's Regional Director for Training. Drawing from his 25 years of pastoral experience, the Wheaton Graduate School and Fuller Theological Seminary alumni underlined the keys to Spiritual Breakthroughs. This was the first time CDPC held a WorldTeach seminar. Both seminar and speaker were complimented by CDPC's Senior Pastor, Rev Wong Fong Yang.

Seminars Reports In Brief

June 8-9

Kids In The Bible - Walk Through The OT
@ First Baptist Church, Kuching, Pr Ooi Lin
(110 attendees)

June 18

Walk Through The New Testament
@ KL Wesley Methodist Church

June 25-27

Kids In The Bible - Walk Through The OT
(Mandarin)
@ Mega Chinese Methodist Church

July 22-23

Miracle Of Life Change
@ Church Of Praise, JB, Eric Tan

September 9

Walk Through The New Testament
@ DUMC, Pr Joyce and Sister Choon Ean

September 14

Walk Through The New Testament
@ Cornerstone Doulos, Eric Tan
(33 attendees)

September 14

Secrets Of The Vine
@ JB Wesley Methodist, Pr Steven Low
(70 attendees)

October

Personal Holiness In Times Of Temptation
@ SIB KL, Pr Ay Nee (37 attendees)



Sweeping Out Our House



DID you receive calls from us over May and June? Have you perhaps received more than one call?

To the latter, we apologise and thank all for your help.

WorldTeach embarked on a massive house cleaning in May. In April, we sent out an email update in April and to our dismay, a large number bounced back due to defunct email addresses.

We know our communication lines with you previously have not been the best and we desire to change that. And we know we need accurate contact details in order to communicate better with you.

Thus, we decided to personally contact you so we can update your contact details.

Our databases were not very organised and some of your

names appeared across the WorldTeachers, Individuals and Ministry Partners list. Thus, when we make our way through the lists, we ended up calling or emailing some of your more than once.

We are glad to report that the current database is in much better shape.

Again, we apologise if you received more than one call/ email from us about updating contacts. If you should change your contact, we greatly appreciate it if you send us a mail at admin@worldteach.com.my or mail us:

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Thanks!

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What's New?

Oct to Dec Seminars

(Confirmed so far)

October - Personal Holiness In Times Of Temptation
@ SIB KL (*Intra-church only*)

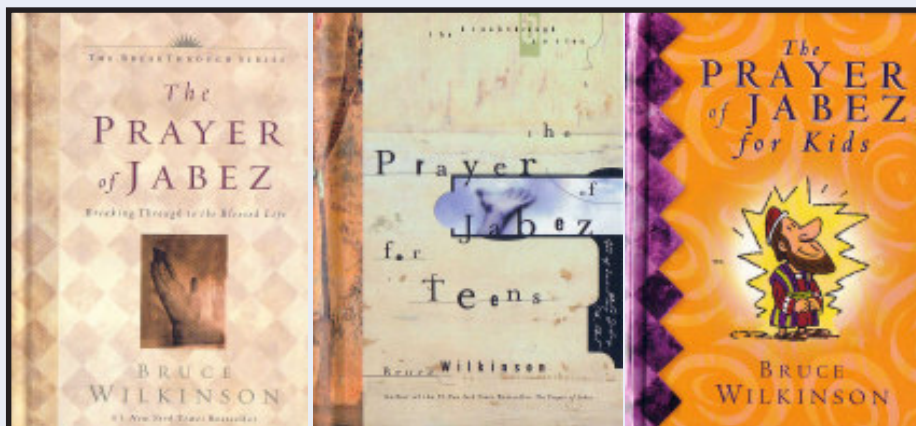
November 17-18 - 7 Laws Of Learner (Mandarin)
@ First Baptist Church, Subang Jaya

December 12-13 - Kids In The Bible - Walk Through The OT
@ Praise Baptist Church, Kuching

Please note that the latter two seminars are open to the public. Please call us for more information. If your church likes to hold a WorldTeach seminar, you can contact us at **03-7727 8591** or email admin@worldteach.com.my
Please check out our website www.worldteach.com.my where you can view our [entire seminars catalogue](#) and resources library.



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Can You Help?

WHAT goes into running a non-profit para-church organisation?

Hard work, multi-tasking workers and the same overheads that every company and organisation incurs. And when the para-church organisation's business model is like WorldTeach, which only makes marginal income from the workbooks and DVDs we sell, breaking even monthly is not something we take for granted.

When the economy isn't thriving and the ringgit takes a plummet or slow slide, that marginal income is reduced further because our materials are imported from our regional office in Singapore with its stronger dollar.

In our last update to you, our supporter, we explained that we moved offices early this year to our chairman's own company to save rental costs. We also had to cut down on full-time workers to reduce expenditure - Presently, WorldTeach is supporting only one full-time worker. We also incurred a deficit when in late 2004, we sponsored seminar flight and accommodation for some Bahasa Malaysia speaking brethren in Sabah and Sarawak.

After our last update in April, we received some cheques from some encouraging brothers and sisters which helped clear close to half our debt. Churches also offered us free use of their premises and accommodation to house overseas teachers. And some brothers and sisters emailed us to assure us of their prayers. You know who you are - Thank you, thank you and thank you.

Right now, we are still in the red by about RM33,000 and we hope to reduce this as much as we can before the coming year end.

If you can help us with a love gift, please do! Over the last few months, as we visited pastors to promote this God-given ministry and conducted seminars, we were encouraged by the reactions. While making calls to clean up our database, a sister told us that her son was saved at a WorldTeach seminar! We were very touched. Testimonies like these keep reminding us that this work here is worth doing.

We hope you feel the same and will keep us in your prayers and even, aid and bless us financially. We are thankful for your support. Please send your cheques to:

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