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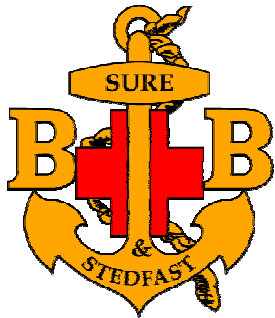
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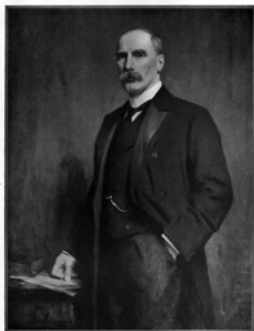
THE BOYS' BRIGADE
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October

To BB Members throughout the world there are two significant dates to remember in the month of October.



4th — The founding of The Boys' Brigade in 1883 in Glasgow, Scotland by Sir William Alexander Smith.



Sir William A. Smith
From the Portrait in this journal in the Glasgow Standard on
the September 1883 by some friends of the Founder

27th — The birthday of our Founder in 1854.

Sir William A. Smith

was a great Pioneer of Boyhood. Over three million Boys have passed through the ranks of The Boys' brigade which he founded, and countless men in all parts of the world hold his name in grateful remembrance

His late Majesty King George VI addressing the Boys at a review at Windsor Castle said:-

“When The Boys' Brigade was founded your Founder Sir William A Smith, builded better than he knew,

for he started not only a great movement, but one from which all our present wide-spread youth training was destined to spring.

I feel sure that the BB will go from strength to strength because it is built upon the twin pillars of religion and discipline, and so is meeting two of the greatest needs of the present time.”

Excerpts from “William A Smith of The Boys' Brigade” by F P Gibbons. (1934)

Another successful BB Asia Academy

On 27-31 August 2008, 76 participants, organizing committee members and resource persons from 8 countries gathered at SLDC in Bogor, Indonesia for the 2nd BB Asia Academy.

About 75% of the participants were between 18-40 years. We were also privileged to have participants from Australia and United Kingdom.

Despite the language barriers and different cultural background, the bonding was strong with BB as their common love.

The theme for the Academy was “SERVE WITH PASSION” and the speaker was Ps Daniel Martono from a church in Indonesia. “SHINE LIKE STARS”, an Indonesian composition, was our theme song.

Four Workshops was conducted.

- Sports Ministry by Mr Paulos Khoe (Indonesia)
- Creative Evangelism by Mrs Suzannah Chia (Singapore)
- Creative Arts by Mr Sam Barrera (Philippines)
- Life Skills by Mr Desmond Koh (Singapore)

With the skills they learnt, they were sent to six BB Companies in Jakarta where they conducted a 90-minute programme. They were also hosted by the sponsoring authorities. This programme had the highest rating in the evaluation.

As a bonus, the participants were treated to one-day outing to lunch at Lembang, excursion to Tangkuban Prah (volcano and craters) and shopping in Bandung.

Thank God for a successful academy. Some have already indicated they are looking forward the next one!



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Below are excerpts from the comments made by some of the participants. For theirs and others' full version, please visit our website www.bbasia.org.

Frans Margo Leo of 12th Medan Company, INDONESIA

"2nd BB Asia Academy has pointed out the vision which I should have seen for this long. There is no doubt my life's goal is to serve God like what the Purpose Driven Life said. Generally, I really enjoyed the whole program BB Asia has done."

Tim Rogers of 46th Brisbane Company, AUSTRALIA

"I had the fantastic opportunity to attend the BB Asia Academy. It was great to hear how God is working in the lives of youth of all communities. The opportunity to visit a local company was an absolute privilege."



Fiona Tam of 65th Company, HONG KONG

"This is the first time I joined BB Asia. The first reason is I can open my eyes and I can know different people from different places. We share games, songs among each other and soon we become good friends. The second reason is I seldom joined BB programme and this time is a good chance for me to know more about BB. I hope I can go to the 3rd BB Asia Academy and meet my friends there."

Clement Chan of 40th Company, SINGAPORE

"The Academy was a very wonderful experience for me, I got to make lots of friends which really extended the BB context for me. Also the trip to Rhema En Cara warmed my heart, seeing all those children. I look forward to the next Academy."



Darryn Chiew of 3rd Kuala Lumpur Company, MALAYSIA

"When I first heard of the BB Asia Academy, I wasn't sure whether I really wanted to go. After experiencing it, I definitely feel glad that I made the right decision! A well balanced ratio of practical and theory work was essentially the best part about this Academy."

Saichon Kuhawan of 15th Company, THAILAND

"Thank God for the opportunity to learn new things from the cultural exchange. I have learnt how to be a good leader and know how to help develop the companies in my motherland. I had a great time with the many activities. In meeting new friends of different countries, I also get to improve my English."



BB Asia 5th GCM

Please be informed that BB Asia's 5th General Council Meeting will be held on 15 November 2008 (Saturday) at BBS Headquarters in Singapore.

For more details, visit www.bbasia.org. Every member country is encouraged to send a maximum of 6 delegates.

BOTC for North Sumatra District 1, Indonesia

39 trainees, resource persons and training staff from 3 Companies in Medan & Tanjong Morawa and 2 schools in Berastagi and Pancur Batu spent 4 days on 30 September-3 October 2008 at Bandar Bahru, Sibolangit for Basic Officers Training course.



Also present was Mr Richard Tan from BB Singapore (one of the pioneers of BB Indonesia) and Mr Lawrence Tay, ES fo BB Asia.



There were plenty of group work which brought the groups closer and many felt encouraged. The organizers believe there will be another BOTC very soon because more churches and schools have shown interest in BB.



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Gentle Reminder

Country Statistics

Member countries are reminded to submit their statistics for 2008 to the BB Asia secretariat before 15 October 2008.

Membership Fees

Member countries which have not paid your fees yet, please do so before 15 October 2008.

(Please disregard these reminders if you have done so.)

INTERNATIONAL CAMPS

coming your way

2009

BB HONG KONG

50th Anniversary International Camp

Date: 30/12/09-02/01/10

Venue: Wu Kwai Sha Youth Village & Pak Tam Chung Holiday Camp

Cost: USD100 per person (excluding external transfer)

For more details, visit:

<http://www.bbhk.org.hk/367/?L=0>

2010

BB MALAYSIA

June - 18th National Pesta, Penang

BB SINGAPORE

December – 80th Anniversary Temasik Camp

2011

BB AUSTRALIA

Catch The Spirit

17th Pan Australian Camp will be held at Ulverstone in Tasmania from 6th to 15th January 2011. For more details visit their website at <http://:boys.brigadeaustralia.org>.

Be a Partner

The BB work in Asia needs

- *suitable individuals* to volunteer to help conduct training and organize events.
- *established Companies* who would like to twin with a new BB company in another country.
- *generous individuals or churches or Christian organisations* who are keen to contribute financially to the ministry.
- *willing individuals* who are keen to help solicit funds to support the work.

Please contact the BB Asia Secretariat. We will be most happy to hear from you.



PRAYER POINTS

Give Thanks to God

for the success of

- 2nd BB Asia Academy held on 27-31 August 2008 in Bogor, Indonesia.
- BGB Philippines National Captains & Chaplains Conference which was held in Baquio City on 8-9 August.
- BOTC organized by North Sumatra District 1 on 30 September-3 October 2008 in Sibolangit, Indonesia.

Pray for BB Asia that God will

- continue to unite and strengthen the bond of the Member Countries.
- bless our ministry with generous financial contribution to support work that being done.

PRAY for 5th General Council Meeting of BB Asia

- the venue, logistics and administrative preparation.
- a eventful, meaningful and fruitful programme and meeting
- safe travel of delegates from all member countries.
- A cordial fellowship.
- the election of right office bearers for the 2009-2010 executive committee.

Suitable Full Time Staff

PRAY that God will provide suitable persons passionate for the BB ministry for the following member countries.

- Indonesia
- Malaysia
- Philippines
- Thailand

Pray for our BB Asia Member Countries.

Brunei

PRAY for sustenance and continuing support from their church because due to political structure, they are only allowed to form one company.

Cambodia (not a member country yet.)

PRAY for our full-time staff

- For **Govind and Betty**, a married couple who will be joining BBLC next year as missionaries. That the Lord will provide for all their needs and they will be very clear in the focus of their ministry there.
- For **Qin Yau**, who is considering joining BBLC in Cambodia, in the new future. Pray that the Lord will convict him and equip him for this purpose.
- For **Jason** whose health is becoming a concern
- For **Reuben and Jiaying** as they settle in as man and wife.

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Hong Kong

- PRAY for the construction & service planning of the Outdoor Adventure Land in Noak's Ark Project in Ma Wan.
- PRAY for their target to reach 10,000 BB Members by the end of year 2009.
- PRAY for their fundraising project for Service Development.
- PRAY for their preparation of 50th Anniversary celebration activities.

Indonesia

- PRAY for the nation's stability.
- PRAY for the coming BOTC in Jakarta on 21-23 November 2008.
- PRAY as more Schools and Churches in Jawa and Sumatera have indicated interest in the BB ministry.
- PRAY for all the EXCO Members of BBI as they work to strengthen the overall leadership, system and funds.
- PRAY for the newly selected Executive committee for Jakarta under the leadership of Mr Saud.
- PRAY for the success of the registration of BB Indonesia as an organisation which is now in the final stages.

Macau

- PRAY for Mr Jon Lei as he and his committee leads the BB work.
- PRAY for the BB companies as they face the issue of many of their members leaving school to work in Casinos which gives very lucrative offers.

Malaysia

- PRAY for the country's stability.

Philippines

- PRAY for the national leadership as work together to develop the work in Philippines.

Singapore

- PRAY for the BB Sharity Gift Box as the organizing committee continues to plan of the project. They are still engaging potential sponsors to help us defray the cost of the project.

Thailand

- PRAY for the Camp Sawasdee (National Camp) to be held on 14-17 October 2008. As the members from all over Thailand gather may God bless and keep them.
- PRAY for the National Council as they meet to re-organise themselves and assemble a development plan for BB Thailand in the next 5 years.
- PRAY for the country's stability.

An prayer email from BBLC, Siem Reap, Cambodia

Dear all

We have sent out email to GJCC English Congregation members and bblc committee. for invitation to commit to pray for one bblc youth regularly abt 3 weeks ago. We have abt 17 who responded personally indicating that they would like to commit to pray for one youth each. Since then, we have been working on each individual youth and local church member profile and prayer pointers and sending them their progress. We really thank God for sending us prayer warriors. We have been praying for our prayer warriors and church too. We are not finished with the profile yet as there are so many of them. Please pray for us as we worked on them.

School starts for all the students today. We are praying for new batch of students (esp. grade 7) to join us at BBLC so we will have continuous flow of people coming into BBLC

after the grade 12 students graduated. We are also working on some more serious students, doing BS at our new rented place once a week. We have started with one of our student, Radeth. We hope to use our new place for people who are serious to study the bible, discipleship and follow-up.

This week, Reuben & I are working on the programme for the youths (boys & girls separate programme), please pray for God's wisdom & creativity for us. On 6th Oct, BBLC will commence our teaching. We have been experiencing problem on our laptop. Reuben could not access his laptop at all, everything he needed is inside since the last time after some programme was installed on his laptop. We have been using my laptop. But my laptop usb driver is not functioning, we can't transfer our working files. Could only look for a wi-fi place to send thru internet.

It could also be a spiritual warfare since we have started this prayer profile thing for the youths. Please pray for Reuben as at times it can be frustrating for him when things can't seem to work when u needed to work on it. Many spiritual warfare going on, we kept having dreams and nightmare especially the last few days as it is the celebration of the hungry ghost festival. A lot of people inviting the spirits of their ancestors to bless them and fulfil their wishes thru offering of food at the temple. A lot of chanting and gambling going on.

Please pray for protection for Jason, Reuben & myself. Usually after the celebration is over, people are so desperate to look for money having lost from gambling, there will be house break-in etc.

God bless

...pray for each other...

(James 5:16)

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Built To Last

"You also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit." – Ephesians 2:22

When explorers entered Peru, they found huge, impressive buildings that may have been standing for 2000 years. These ancient Inca structures were built of hand-hewn rocks of different sizes and shapes. Some were 3-sided, some 4-sided, and some 7-sided. Without the use of mortar, they were fitted together so perfectly that stood for many centuries, even through earthquakes.

God builds His church in much the same way. The Bible pictures the church of Jesus Christ as a building and each believer is a block in that building. Peter said that we, "as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house" (1 Peter 2:5). And Paul said that we are "being joined together" (Ephesians 2:21) and "are being built together for dwelling place of God in the Spirit" (v22).

People with variety of backgrounds, abilities, interests, and needs make up Christ's church, so uniting in a common purpose is not an easy process. Yet when we let the Lord do His work among us, shaping us and assigning our place in the structure, we become part of a strong, solid edifice.

Yes, we are all different. But God is building an enduring church. The magnificent Inca buildings will eventually crumble, but the church is built to last.

The permanence of the church is based on the character of the Builder.

Executive Secretary's Diary



September

1-4	Visitation & Company Enrolment	Surabaya, Indonesia
16-21	Visitation & Training	Jakarta, Indonesia

October

1-3	Basic Officers Training Course	Medan, Indonesia
14-17	Visitation & Camp Sawadee	Bangkok, Thailand
22-28	Visitation & Founder's Day	Hong Kong

November

02	Fund-raising Dinner for BB Asia	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
14-15	5 th General Council Meeting	Singapore
21-23	Basic Officers Training Course	Jakarta, Indonesia



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[The Boys' Brigade Glasgow Battalion]



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