

# HAGGAI NEWSLETTER

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF HAGGAI MALAYSIA

#### Dear Haggai leaders,

**Christ is Risen!** Indeed He is Risen. Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to all the Saints and fellow Haggai leaders of the Kingdom of God.

We do not have to worry about that big stone being ever rolled back again. Christ can never again be laid in the tomb. The stone has been rolled away and the door of opportunity is now at hand for us to equip and inspire strategically positioned leaders to more effectively share the gospel in our sphere of influence.

An intentional effort to equip the Christian teachers or lecturers in the educational sector is critical to reach the next generation to end gospel poverty in our nation. The task is too big but a step of faith we must take. Together, we "Attempt something so great for God, that it's doomed to failure unless God be in it!" as quoted by Dr. Edmund Haggai.

We thank God for the many churches and Christian organizations that have come together to join hands in this effort to End Gospel Poverty in our country with this joint effort. Our prayer is that we will raise \$500,000.00 to equip 500 leaders or teachers by 2024. Leaders make things happen — both by taking action themselves and by motivating others to take action. The greatest leaders mobilize others to do the small and simple things that will accumulate to create great things.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father." —John.14:12

"If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it." —John.14:14

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." —Luke10:2

"Depend on it. God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply. He is too wise a God to frustrate His purposes for lack of funds, and He can just as easily supply them ahead of time as afterwards, and He much prefers doing so." —Hudson Taylor

All glory to God. Amen.

Ritchie Tay National President, Haggai Malaysia

### ENDING GOSPEL POVERTY GALA DINNER

By God's divine providence, Haggai Malaysia is strategizing the **Ending Gospel Poverty (EGP) Gala Dinner** — a nation-wide partnership across denominations, churches, NGOs, academic institutions and corporations.

The objective of our EGP Gala Dinner is to **share the Haggai Strategy**, and to give our esteemed guests the opportunity to **partner with Haggai Malaysia** in ending Gospel Poverty in our nation.

Our goal for the EGP Gala Dinner is to raise RM500,000.00 for the purpose of equipping 500 leaders nationwide in advanced leadership in Evangelism through our Haggai National Seminars by 2024.

Here are the types of tables for the fundraising:

- Diamond (RM50K)
- Gold (RM30K)
- Silver (RM10K)
- Pearl (RM4K)

Please bank in contributions or donations to the following bank account, and send the bank slip to Cynthia Mak.

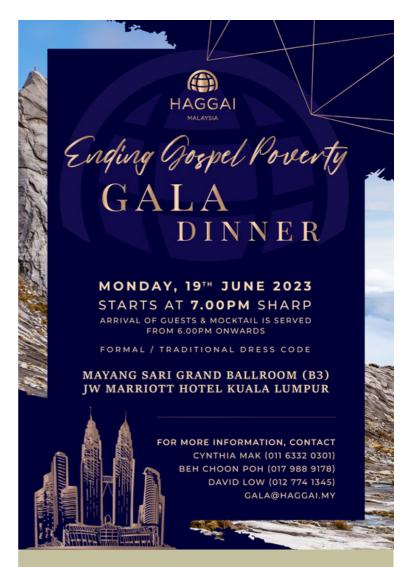
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Please indicate "Gala Dinner" and your name

For more information, please contact:

- Pastor David Low (012-774 1345)
- Cynthia Mak (011-6332 0301) or
- Choon Poh (017-988 9178)

We look forward to your participation, partnership, and generous support.



### Organizing Committee for EGP Gala Dinner

- 1. Advisors Ritchie Tay; Siew Ling
- 2. Organizing Chairman David Low
- 3. Secretariat & Treasury Cynthia Mak
- 4. Program Coordinator Lilian Ong
- 5. MC Daniel Yaw; Jenny Ooi
- 6. Worship Shavee and team
- 7. Banquet & Accommodation Richard Lu
- 8. IT & Technical Support Joshua Sit
- 9. Publicity & Website Sabrina Lim
- 10. Hospitality & Ushers Cynthia; Choon Poh
- 11. Marketing David Low; Jenny Ooi
- 12. Photo & Video Anne Donna; Roysten; Tim Teoh
- 13. Floor Manager Shavee; Kristina Nicholas

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



<b>Completed National Seminars Year 2023</b>				
No	National Seminar	Language	AA	Graduates
1	SUPM - 30 Jan - 4 Feb 23	English	кк	20
2	BEM - 20 Feb - 25 Feb 23	Bahasa	Miri	12
3	BEM - 27 Feb - 4 Mar 23	English	Miri	13
	Total			45

As we begin the year 2023, we are thankful to God for new partnerships that have resulted in 3 National Seminars in February and March. First, our partnership with Scripture Union Peninsular Malaysia (SUPM) provided an opportunity to equip their ministry staff who are strategically positioned to impact the Next Gen in schools.

From the partnership with Borneo Evangelical Mission (BEM), we were able to conduct two seminars running back to back, one in Bahasa and the other in English. What a hectic 2 weeks for the Miri AA! With 12 participants for the Bahasa and 13 for the English seminars, we believe they are the first-fruits among many to come. BEM President Pastor Bina Agong announced during the BEM Bahasa Graduation Night that they will partner with Haggai Malaysia to train and equip more of their Pastors and Leaders throughout their churches in Sarawak over the next 3 years. Praise the Lord!

For the rest of the year, we are looking at more National Seminars being hosted by churches in partnership with Haggai Malaysia. We certainly will need more AAs to rise up and work together to equip more Haggai Leaders to end Gospel Poverty. The task is daunting but together we can do it!

Pastor David Low Executive Director, HAAM



#### **OUR VISION**

Every nation redeemed and transformed through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

#### **OUR MISSION**

To equip and inspire strategically positioned leaders to more effectively demonstrate and present the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to prepare others to do the same.

Together, we can End Gospel Poverty



Pastor David with Bro Marcell Usup, Miri AA President at the BEM NS at BEM Airport Road, Miri

## HAGGAI MONTHLY PRAYER ALTAR

# The Importance of Haggai Monthly Prayer Altar

We thank God for faithful intercessors over the last 4 months praying faithfully for Haggai Malaysia ministry, always taking time on the 1st Monday of every month to pray together for an hour.

This is truly the powerhouse of any ministry as we pray and seek His wisdom, power and strength to do the will of God according to His purpose for His glory!

E.M. Bounds says that "The prayers of God's saints are the capital stock in heaven by which Christ carries on His great work upon the earth... The Earth is changed, revolutionized; angels move on more powerful, more rapid wings; and God's policy is shaped when the prayers of His people are more numerous and more efficient!"



"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." —Matthew 18:20

We would like to encourage all Haggai Leaders to join us once a month to pray for Haggai Ministry.



#### WHEN?

1st Monday of every month 9.00 - 10.00 PM on Zoom



HAGGAI PRAYER COORDINATOR

Sister Janet Chew







Zoom screenshots of faithful intercessors who come together and pray for Haggai.

#### Let us be united in prayer!

# SUPM NATIONAL SEMINAR



Congratulations to the Kota Kinabalu AA for the successful completion of SUPM National Seminar on 4 February 2023, with 20 Alumni graduated.



# SUPM NATIONAL SEMINAR



#### **Goal-setting**

by Magdeline Teruki



#### Pluralism

by Pastor Stephen Mohan





#### Communication

by Jenny Ooi



#### Stewardship

by Wong Koon Tatt







I started not knowing much about what Haggai is. What has been transformational for me, after 5 days, is that I find my attitude and perspective towards evangelism has been renewed.

As a full-time worker and highly active member in my church, at times I may neglect those who are closest to me, like my non-believing family and friends. Perhaps I did not realise the urgency of sharing the Gospel and remained complacent about it.

Therefore, my heart found its passion once again to reach out to them as I may have given up after trying once and failed. I also resonate well with the philosophical problem of not sharing the good news to those who need it the most as it becomes an unjust thing.

As for the work in Scripture Union, it has been quite a journey to find out that there are different perspectives to evangelism. May God help me in my discernment and understanding of all that has been learnt because I won't deny that it is very intensive.

Lastly, I am thankful for the opportunity to be part of Haggai Seminar. Thank you to all the facilitators, organising committee and volunteers.





Dylan is a Youth Ministry Staff at SU and worships at Mega Chinese Methodist Church PJ, where he serves in the Youth and Worship ministry.

#### SUPM National Seminar

by See Yuan



Five days ago, when our Residential Coordinator, Mary, invited us to introduce ourselves and share our expectations for this Haggai Seminar, I said — "to be sold out for the gospel and for God to stretch my faith because currently I'm a comfortable Christian".

When I said that out loud, deep down inside I knew God was going to answer it by the end of Haggai, reluctantly. Why reluctant? Because that would mean going ALL out to share the gospel, not holding myself back at all. In other words, I was afraid of becoming one of those crazy Christians crazy about evangelism (and many of them are here seating in the room...).

But God is merciful. Through the sessions, He showed me that there's actually no good reason to be afraid or hold back on the need and urgency of ending gospel poverty.

So, what's my biggest takeaway from Haggai?

Sharing the gospel doesn't happen randomly. We need to be intentional about setting time to pray, plan, seek and seize opportunities to engage people in faith conversations that leads them to consider Christianity. We need to make efforts to be equipped and to equip others to do the same.

As I hear the facilitators' perspectives, I realised there was a common pattern in all of their lives. Their single-minded commitment to evangelism and child-like faith were evident in obeying and trusting God to open doors, provide and grow the numbers. After hearing these stories, I finally understood what Haggai meant when he said "Attempt something so great for God that it is doomed to failure unless God be in it".

Thank you donors for investing in us and for seeing us as strategically-positioned leaders in contact with school students, teachers and ministry leaders.

With that, I would like to ask everyone here — may I join you guys to be one of those crazy Christians crazy about ending gospel poverty? A resounding Yes!



See Yuan is a full time Children's Ministry Staff in Scripture Union and worships at Grace Church Shah Alam.

# BEM BAHASA NATIONAL SEMINAR



Congratulations to the Miri AA for the successful completion of BEM Bahasa National Seminar on 25 February 2023, with 12 Alumni graduated.



#### BEM Bahasa National Seminar

by Rantai Anak Achin



Shalom dalam kasih Tuhan kita Yesus Kristus.

Persepsi saya tentang Haggai International: Sebelum seminar bermula, saya anggap seminar Haggai adalah seperti seminar-seminar yang lain yang pernah di buat di gereja kami selama ini. Saya berfikir saya datang hanya ingin mengambil *certificate* sahaja, tetapi sangkaan dan anggapan saya terhadap Seminar Haggai adalah salah sama sekali.

Selepas hari pertama, saya mengatahui bahawa saya mesti melakukan Visi Tuhan atau Amanat Agung yang di dalam Matius 28:19:

"Kerana itu pergilah, jadilah semua bangsa murid-ku dan baptislah mereka dalam nama bapa dan anak dan roh kudus. dan ajarlah mereka melakukan segala sesuatu yang telah kuperitahkan kepada mu. Dan ketahuilah, aku akan menyertai kamu senantiasa sampai ke akhir zaman."

Setelah diproses selama 5 hari dalam semua topic seminar yang cukup teratur dan padat dengan isi yang membangkitkan semangat dan pandangan saya terhadap misi menginjil bertkat 360% dalam penginjilan, bermula dengan:

- 1. Visi Haggai: "HIS LAST COMMAND, OUR FIRST CONCERN".
- 2. Mandat Alkitabiah yang memberikan pengertian yang dalam tentang siapa saya dengan Tuhan. Saya mempunyai DNA yang sama dengan Tuhan.

Seminar yang padat dan cukup teratur dengan disiplin menjadikan saya anak Tuhan yang berdisiplin. Dan mandat Tuhan adalah perkara yang harus saya lakukan. Juga akan menjadikannya gaya hidup saya mulai hari ini.

Dari itu, saya cadangkan kepada Haggai International untuk melatihkan sebanyak mungkin pastors dan church leaders gereja-gereja yang ada, bukan hanya gereja BEM sahaja. Seminar ini sangat mendorong dan memberi inspirasi yang tinggi kepada saya.

Akhir sekali saya ingin merangkamkan ucapan terima kasih saya kepada semua pemimpin-pemimpin terhormat Haggai International yang telah memberi saya peluang untuk mengikuti seminar kali ini.

Rantai Anak Achin is self-employed and is the Church Chairman of BEM Vista Perdana Iban Fellowship, Miri.



#### BEM Bahasa National Seminar

by Freda Luping

Ketika saya memilih untuk hadir di seminar Haggai, saya hanya datang untuk belajar sebagai seorang Kristen. Setelah mengikuti sehingga selesai, saya mendapat sesuatu yang lebih dari apa yang saya inginkan — bukan hanya belajar tapi membuka minda dan memberi semangat yang baru bagi saya.

Penemuan dan disedarkan tentang Mandat Amanat Agung adalah keutamaan kita. Perintah terakhir Yesus Kristus menjadi keutamaan kita, melengkapi diri sendiri terlebih dahulu dengan injil dan memuridkan orang lain melakukan hal yang sama. Ini adalah tugas setiap kita yang telah ditebus.

Dalam topik disiplin menyedarkan saya bahawa kejayaan itu kerana adanya displin diri.

Disiplin diri adalah sesuatu yang tidak boleh ditundatunda. Dan tidak melanggar pada perintah Allah. Disiplin juga melatih saya untuk melakukan sesuatu walaupun sukar sehingga ianya menjadi kesukaan dan ianya akan menjadi gaya hidup saya.



Kunci kesaksian yang efektif adalah hubungan baik kita dengan Allah kerna Dia adalah sumber segalanya. Sumber kekuatan dan perlindungan kerna tempat seorang penginjilan itu berada didepan dan menjadi target utama musuh.

Mempersiapkan dirimu dan siap untuk dipakai menjadi alatNya.

Topik yang mencabar saya adalah generasi penerus, bagaimana mendekati anak muda dan memahami mereka. Kita juga harus bersiap untuk melewati perbagai musim.

Rela bayar harga dan melihat perjalanan hidup ini adalah sebuah proses membentuk diri saya dan kesaksian hidup yang sukar akan menjadi bahan penginjilan saya.

Firman yang menjadi rhema:

- 1. **Matius 28:19** Karena itu pergilah, jadikanlah semua bangsa murid-Ku dan baptislah mereka dalam nama Bapa dan Anak dan Roh Kudus.
- 2. **Zakharia 4:6** Maka berbicaralah ia, katanya: "Inilah firman Tuhan kepada Zerubabel bunyinya: Bukan dengan keperkasaan dan bukan dengan kekuatan, melainkan dengan roh-Ku, firman Tuhan semesta alam.

Freda is a full time homemaker and serves in BEM Pelangi Taman Tunku in the Women Ministry, Youth & Sunday School.



# BEM ENGLISH NATIONAL SEMINAR



Congratulations to the Miri AA for the successful completion of BEM English National Seminar on 4 March 2023, with 13 Alumni graduated.



**Mandate** by Pastor Rama

**Leadership** by Pastor Eric Lau

**Discipline** by Ritchie Tay

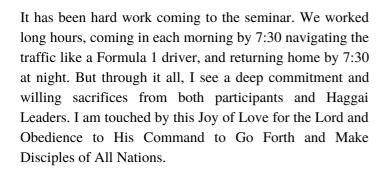


**Communication** by Jenny Ooi

Goal-setting by Magdeline Teruki

### BEM English National Seminar





For me, the seminar has been an amazing experience, a great journey with insights into:

- the Haggai Vision
- the Biblical Mandate and its urgency
- the HOW and WHY we must build trust when we reach out, with the need to balance character with competency and a strong conviction to say NO to What Is Wrong
- engaging and tapping into the Next Generation to reach out and build future evangelists, understanding and speaking their language e.g. MOS (Mom over Shoulder), can't talk, IYKYK (If You Know You Know), NSFW (Not Safe for Work) and also teaching them your short cut like ITYNTI (I Think You Need to Intervene), and
- understanding and hearing God's calling.





These are important revelations for me, coming at a time when I am going through the 2nd transition in my life, coming out from Curtin and having come out from an earlier transition from Shell to Curtin, over a 40-year period. I am grateful for this 2nd transition — affording an interlude for God to step in, to touch and to speak to me. And this He did, at this Haggai Leadership Seminar — beautiful Divine Encounters through the Facilitators.

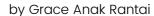
You reminded me too that **our life is marked by what we make of it.** And it starts by finding out who we are, and hearing from God what He wants us to do. You helped me do that this week, for I often asked why there are GAPS in my life; and listening to you has helped me realise that God intentionally left gaps in my life, that He may step in and give me His best. Because He loves me. Just before we came, He reveals this Vision to me – A Life Worth Living for Christ.

So as I move on from this transition, please pray for me that I will:

- be proactive with a bias for action to win souls for God and to train the next generation to do likewise
- lead with an excellent spirit
- focus on the circle of influence to achieve breakthroughs in the harvest fields, and
- be sensitive to cultural differences; understand the importance of cultural relevance when reaching out.

Kwok Mow is a retiree and serves as an Elder and Cell Leader in Piasau Baptist Church, Miri.

### BEM English National Seminar



I would like to thank Aunty Magdalene Teruki and Aunty Mary who had persistently since last year followed up on me to attend Haggai Seminar. I have no regret. It was beyond my expectation. All the facilitators presented their respective topics with great insights and impartation of personal experience.

But there were two topics that are very new to me that ought to be taught in every church of BEM, i.e., Stewardship by Wong Koon Tatt and Discipline by Ritchie Tay. Why? This is mainly due to the fact that the topics were presented beyond how the secular world would teach.

Firstly, under Stewardship topic, the biblical perspective on fundraising blew my mind because this should be explained and shared with every member of BEM as we understand the biblical ways to raise fund for the ministry.

Secondly, Discipline. I wasn't expecting that this session would talk about four fundamentals of love aligned to life discipline. The testimony was surreal.



Thirdly, Goal Setting should be taught to every young pastor in this 21st century. There was a testimony from a youth pastor who needs help on how to begin his youth ministry journey. The topic will help them prepare not only for the ministry, but also to achieve their life goals.

There is no doubt that Haggai is an effective platform that benefits marketplace Christians, and BEM pastors are the ones who need it most.

Thanks Haggai for giving me the answer to my struggle as a voice representing youth within BEM Sarawak.

I am going to convince the first 30 young pastors and young leaders to join the next seminar. Do pray for our endeavour to gather 30 pax especially those who hunger for a change for youth and young adults in Sarawak.

Blessings and God bless.



Grace runs her own business and serves at BEM Vista Perdana Iban Fellowship, Miri. She is also the President BEM Youth Ministry, Sarawak.





#### WHEN?

30 April to 4 May and 7 May 2023

#### WHERE?

Bukit Mertajam Baptist Chinese Church

### **Organisers**

**BMBCC OC** 

OC Chairperson : Stanley Yeoh Treasurer : Wan Ling Secretary : Cynthia Mak

Prayer : -

# Upcoming Physical Chinese National Seminar

This Chinese Non-residential National Seminar is specially organized by the Bukit Mertajam Baptist Church (Chinese) in partnership with Faith Community Church for the church ministry leaders.

#### **Sessions**

- 1. Haggai Vision Pastor Steven Loh
- 2. Mandate Pastor Steven Loh
- 3. Discipline Ritchie Tay
- 4. Communication Qiu Yan
- 5. Pluralism Dr Wang Ping
- 6. Stewardship Pastor Grace Goh
- 7. Leadership Pastor Lee Tak Vui
- 8. Goal-Setting Qiu Yan
- 9. Alumni in Action Ritchie Tay
- 10. Resident Coordinator Phang Swee Cheng





#### WHEN?

3-6, 10-11 June 2023

#### WHERE?

Canning Garden Baptist Church, Ipoh

### Organisers

Ipoh AA

OC Chairperson : David Low Treasurer : Cynthia Mak Secretary : Grace Goh Prayer : Edwin Khoo



This English Non-residential National Seminar is specially organized by Canning Garden Baptist Church for their church ministry leaders.

#### **Sessions**

- 1. Haggai Vision Pastor David Low
- 2. Mandate Pastor Rama
- 3. Discipline Ritchie Tay
- 4. Communication Chor Swee See
- 5. Pluralism Pastor Stephen Mohan
- 6. Stewardship Chong Hin Choy
- 7. Leadership Ong Hock Siew
- 8. Goal-Setting Alex Choong
- 9. Alumni in Action Ritchie Tay
- 10. Resident Coordinator Lee Seet Hung



Upcoming Physical Tamil National Seminar







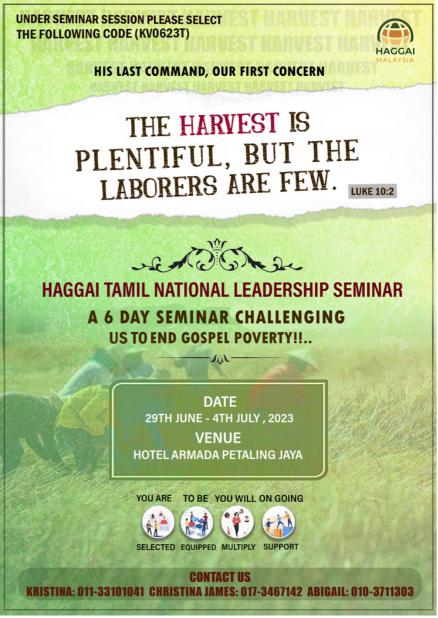
#### WHEN?

29 June to 4 July 2023

#### WHERE?

Armada Hotel, Petaling Jaya

Organisers KL AA





#### WHEN?

17 June to 9 July 2023

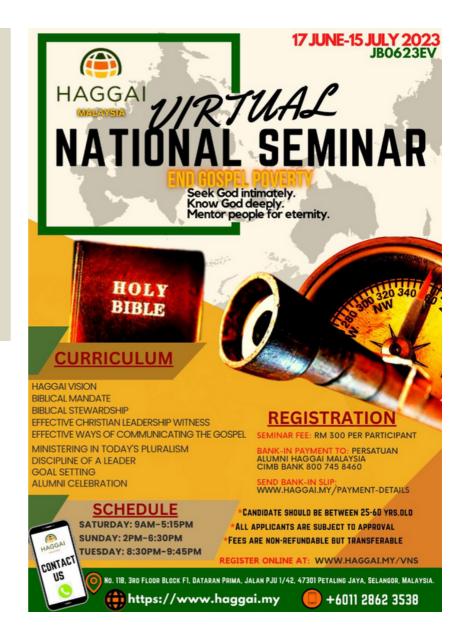
### Organisers JB AA

AC Advisor : Pastor Jacinta Chay OC Chairperson : Tan Teck Kian

Treasurer : Cynthia Mak
Secretary : Dona Margaret
Prayer : Mitch Cabrera

#### **Facilitators**

- 1. Haggai Vision Nelson Tjiunardi
- 2. Mandate Pastor Rama
- 3. Discipline Colin Wong
- 4. Communication Leroy Ng
- 5. Pluralism Pastor Steven Loh
- 6. Stewardship Wong Koon Tatt
- 7. Leadership Pastor Eric Lau
- 8. Goal-Setting Alex Choong
- 9. Alumni in Action Pastor Steven Loh
- 10. Program Coordinator Pastor Jacinta



To Register : <u>www.haggai.my/vns</u>

Seminar Code: JB0623EV

### OTHER NEWS

As Haggai national president, Ritchie is involved in International Haggai Ministry. Praise God for the opportunity to connect with Haggai Leaders from Colombo and Indonesia.

Ritchie has been reaching out to private education owners and sharing with them about Haggai ministry, in the hopes of partnering with them. By equipping teachers and lecturers to End Gospel Poverty, we can impact the Next Gen.



**9 February 2023** — Ritchie with the Haggai leaders in Colombo.



**9 March 2023** — Ritchie with the Haggai Indonesia team.



**25 March 2023** — Meeting with Reverend Elisha Satvinder from Dignity For Children Foundation.



**31 March 2023** — Sharing with Stellar International directors, Daniel and Samuel.



**7 April 2023** — Meeting with Mr Hew and the management team from Westlake International School.

### OTHER NEWS





**15 February 2023** — Ritchie, Frankie and David made a day trip to share at the Kuantan Pastors Fellowship and also met with the Kuantan AA to plan for the Chinese NS in July/August.



**25 February 2023** — Ritchie, Thomas and David met with Reverend Law, ED for Sarawak Chinese Annual Conference (SCAC) Board of Evangelism.



**26 March 2023** — Ritchie and David met with Pastor Robert and representatives from Subang Methodist Church to share about Haggai Ministry.

Haggai National Office's operation cost is funded by contribution from Haggai Board members and generous supporters of Haggai Ministry. In view of 2 full time staff, we will need more funding for the operational cost.

If you desire to support the operational cost for the National Office, kindly contribute through online bank transfer as per details below:

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