

## COVID-19 Fund



The current Covid-19 pandemic has affected masses of people globally, Malaysia included. Many have lost their jobs and some have had their salary cut by 30% - 50%. In late March, the church leadership decided to launch the Covid-19 Fund to extend a helping hand to those in desperate need of financial assistance to put food on the table for their families.

Within weeks, we received cash donations not just from our own members but also from people in Singapore and all the way from the United States who saw what we have been doing through our KLBC Facebook. In addition, the church partnered with organizations like Lions Club, Dragon-i group, Klang Hin Hua High School Alumni and

others to provide daily packed lunches that were distributed to the needy. Others supplied free eggs, vegetables, minced pork and chicken for distribution. In some cases, heads of households were taken to the supermarket to buy needed groceries for their families. For those who had no means of transport, we delivered food, groceries and daily supplies right to their doorsteps.

During this lockdown period, a few couples were expecting the birth of their babies. They could not afford to pay the hospital bill and approached the church for help. All in all, we are thankful for the generosity of our members and friends who contributed towards lightening the burden of the

many who were adversely financially affected during this unprecedented crisis.

We are reminded not just to be hearers only but also doers of the Word that says, *"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."* (Matthew 6:13-16)



# MISSION POST

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## KLBC during the Movement Control Order (MCO)



On March 18, 2020, a historic event took place in our country. The Malaysian government implemented a nation-wide Movement Control Order (MCO) to prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus in Malaysia. This meant that KLBC was unable to hold its multiple church services on Sundays as everyone was confined to their homes. Although the MCO was supposed to last for only two weeks, it was twice extended until May 4, 2020. On that day, the government allowed some relaxation of the lockdown by implementing the Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO) until June 10. Further relaxation measures were allowed during the Recovery Movement Control Order (RMCO) until August 31, 2020. For most people, it meant being largely confined to their homes for more than three and a half months except to seek medical attention or to buy groceries.

The challenge faced by KLBC was to find ways to continue to minister and connect with the church family. Instead of physical worship services, the church started online services from the start of the MCO. Pre-recorded online services were streamed every Sunday morning through Facebook and YouTube. A group chat was created on WhatsApp so that a weekly Prayer Watch could be conducted using social media platforms in place of physical meetings. Prayer cover would then be offered to anyone in need through this medium. A bi-weekly devotion was launched and posted on the KLBC website so that everyone could get additional spiritual feeding during the week. The main church also introduced Sunday School via Zoom on Saturday mornings as the MCO dragged on. The church did not want the children to miss their spiritual feeding. Those who were in Connect Groups continued to meet regularly on Zoom as well.

Their group leaders were able to ground the members in God's Word from the comfort of their individual homes.

Finally, with the RMCO phase being implemented, our physical worship services in Desa ParkCity resumed in mid-July 2020 whereas in the main church at Bukit Bintang, physical worship services will resume when it is safe to do as we are still in the red zone. We thank God for technology that allows KLBC to minister to its people during this time of movement restrictions. We are also thankful that the Lord has also kept us all safe from the Covid-19 virus.

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## Closure of Senior Residence at KLBC Desa ParkCity

The Senior Residence in KLBC Desa ParkCity was opened in 2015 as a retirement home for the elderly. Since then, it had been home to a number of elderly ladies. However, with the growth of the Homeschool ministry and the pressing need to create additional classrooms, a decision was made to close the Senior Residence by September 30, 2020. The church provided a list of alternative homes for the family members of the senior residents to consider in their search for a new retirement residence. We pray that the senior residents will forge new friendships as they make adjustments in the homes where they will eventually settle in.

## Boys' Brigade in the Midst of COVID-19

The explosive spread of COVID-19 has caught the world off guard. It is an unprecedented event and many – including The Boys' Brigade (BB) companies – have been taken by complete surprise with the sudden announcement of the Movement Control Order (MCO) on March 18, 2020 as an initiative by the government to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Malaysia. When our Prime Minister first extended the MCO to April 14, we knew deep in our hearts that the way we run the BB programme in the near future will not be the same anymore.

The officers of the 14th and 15th KL BB companies, both under KLBC Bukit Bintang and KLBC Desa ParkCity, quickly came up with a series of badges for the Senior section members to pursue during this MCO period. With the help of ZOOM meetings, KAHOOT, QUIZZ, and GOOGLE Classroom, we were able to design and work around the limitations of not being able to meet up physically for the badge classes. We launched nine badge classes in April, with three more starting at the end of July.

The KL State BB Exco also picked up the pace and arranged for online Elementary Non-Commissioned Officers Training School (ENTS) for the seniors. After the cancellation of the annual Basic-NTS and Advance-NTS in March 2020, the council conducted the ENTS on two Saturdays (May 2 and 9). A total of more than sixty BB members signed up from BB companies all around KL and Seremban. Both

14th and 15th KL BB companies participated with a total of 25 senior members. The seniors learnt about squad management, discipline, games, song leading, the function of NCO council, and much more.

May 16, 2020 marked our milestone where 14th and 15th KL BB had their combined virtual parade for the first time ever. There were a total of fifty-two senior section members and officers who joined this virtual parade. ZOOM was the platform used to facilitate the virtual parade. We sang the Anchor Song, had Christian Education short sharing, and used the breakout room function in ZOOM to have small group sessions as they interacted with one another. For the closing, we took our very first online photograph together as two BB companies stemming from the same root. We are looking forward to having combined virtual parades with BB companies from other countries such as the Philippines, Thailand, and Singapore in the future.

The Junior section members were not left out. They also joined in the fun by having their very own "Create a Game with Scratch" workshop using Google Meet platform. The instructor involved was Clement Cheah, Captain Francis's son, who is based in Switzerland. The juniors were taught the basics of creating a game using building blocks in the programme with the purpose of guiding them to continue creating more games from their own imagination and creativity. One of the major events involving The

Boys' Brigade is the BB Pesta, which is held biennially, hosted by different states in Malaysia. BB Pesta 2020 was originally scheduled from June 1-5 in Melaka this year. It has been a regional event over the years where BB members from countries such as Britain, the Philippines, Indonesia, Macau, Hong Kong, Thailand, to name a few, come together for a weeklong camp. It was devastating when our members received news of the event's cancellation from the BB Pesta Committee on March 17. One week before the intended dates of the Pesta, we received news that Pesta 2020 would be back on track but via the digital platform. We deeply appreciate the efforts the Pesta organizing team has put into making the Pesta available to the members online.

2020 is indeed a year of many challenges and adjustments due to the global pandemic. Thanks to technology, the spirit of brotherhood and togetherness will not be dampened as we are still able to meet and keep in touch online. We pray for the Lord's guidance and leading as we continue to plan for the unforeseen future. We know that God is still in control.

## Filipino Community Christian Congregation (FCCC) 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary



The Filipino Congregation of Kuala Lumpur Baptist Church, also known as the Filipino Community Christian Congregation (FCCC), celebrated her 31st Anniversary on March 15, 2020 and indeed it was only possible through the goodness and grace of our God.

ALL TO JESUS was the theme for this year and it was derived from Matthew 16:24-25, - Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." We were blessed to have our Senior Pastor, Rev. John Kok, as our speaker and the message he shared was indeed timely. In his message, Rev. John pose the question,

"Can we really say we have given up everything, ALL TO JESUS, to totally follow Him?" At the end of the sermon, his charge to the congregation was to surrender our families, our all and even our own life to Jesus.



The Anniversary service itself faced some challenges leading up to the event because of the imminent spread of the COVID-19 virus but God orchestrated and provided everything to make it a blessed and memorable celebration of His goodness and



faithfulness. Altogether, there were one hundred and forty-nine attendees with special presentation from the FCCC Choir, Desa ParkCity Filipino Choir, the Youth, and a tambourine dance followed by a dinner fellowship after the service.

Truly, all the glory and honour belong to our Lord and Saviour! May He continuously guide us to surrender "ALL TO JESUS" as we move forward to fulfill His sovereign and glorious purpose.



## Staff Update



Pastor Margaret Lee has tendered her resignation as KLBC Director of Connect Groups as she will be moving on to a new season in her ministry. She has been accepted by Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Texas to do her online Master of Theology programme in preparation for her Ph.D. with a major in the New Testament. Upon the completion of

her studies, she will join the faculty of Malaysia Bible Seminary (MBS).

We want to thank the Lord for her faithful service during her time with KLBC and wish her God's blessings and favour in her studies and future ministry at MBS.