

Newsworthy

A NEWSLETTER OF THE HCD INSTITUTE
Connecting you to children advocacy and development



Newsworthy is an electronic publication of the HCD Institute containing news and information about our work and also the fellowship of the student alumni. It is published three times per year in English and Chinese.

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The Holistic Child Development (HCD) Institute of the Malaysian Baptist Theological Seminary (MBTS) is a department for training, research and networking in holistic ministries to children. We seek to transform and enable the Church to do child advocacy and development through Christian-based theological education, research and awareness raising.

In this issue

Our network partners

Introduces our various partners involved in reaching children and their valuable roles and contributions to our work here at the HCD Institute.

Graduation joy

Reports on the recent graduation of our students from the certificate-level Child Studies program and also the Master of Arts in Holistic Child Development program.

Resources available

Some child-related resources currently available at our HCD Institute. If you are interested to get a copy, please contact us.

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A few words...

Dear friends,

Greetings from the HCD Institute and welcome to the first issue of **Newsworthy**!

Newsworthy is our periodic online newsletter for all MBTS Child Studies alumni and current students. The idea was mooted at one of our staff meetings as a way to keep in touch with those who have graduated from the Child Studies program. **Newsworthy** is thus the place to be updated on current children issues, ministry opportunities, training programs, and raise the alumni and students to become a community of children's workers. You can send us your news and share relevant research findings and reflection.

So enjoy this issue as our New Year gift to you and blessings for 2009.

Rosalind Lim-Tan



Our network partners

SINCE THE set up of the HCD Institute (formerly known as the Child Resource Centre), the Lord has opened many opportunities for training workers in children's ministries as well as networking with different organizations. In this issue, we acknowledge the roles and contributions of our network partners to the HCD Institute.

Child Theology Movement

www.childtheology.org

CTM works as a movement in conversation with churches and other Christian groups to advance responsible theology with the child in the midst. CTM supports our ministry with theological reflections of children and childhood.

Compassion International

www.compassion.com

Compassion International helps children in poverty through child advocacy, sponsorship and church partnerships linked to families. As partner in our Master of Arts in Holistic Child Development program, Compassion provides students sponsorship and source lecturers for the training.

Harvest Centre Bhd Malaysia

www.harvestcentre.org

World Vision Malaysia

www.worldvision.com.my

Harvest Centre is a one-stop education centre that has been working with underprivileged families in the urban poor community of Sentul, Kuala Lumpur since 1998. Meanwhile, World Vision Malaysia supports the international relief, development and advocacy work of World Vision through fundraising and awareness of needy children and communities overseas. Both of them are our vital partners in the *Building Block* project, a community program that facilitates preschool education in native villages and among needy people groups.

SONshine Ministry China

As our network partner, SONshine China helps children by encouraging, equipping and empowering Sunday school teachers, children and youth workers in China through training of trainers and curriculum development.



Picture courtesy from Harvest Centre

Viva

www.viva.org

Viva helps Christians work together to improve children's lives through networking, research, collaborative initiatives and supporting the global Viva community of Christians passionately committed to every child having the opportunity to become all that God intends. Through their networks, Viva provides the *Celebrating Children* curriculum from which our certificate-level Child Studies program is based.



Graduation joy

*"The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy." (Ps. 126: 3)*

AT THE 53rd Graduation Service of MBTS held on Nov 13, 2008 at Kompleks Masyarakat Penyayang, 52 students graduated with the Certificate in Child Studies. At the same time, five international students graduated with the Master of Arts in Holistic Child Development. In January 2009, another batch of 27 certificate-level students will soon graduate from our Klang Valley Campus.

"Not only have I discovered more about children, in the process, I have discovered more about myself. We can never discover children in a deeper way unless we discover them through the eyes of their Creator."

Marion Yeoh Mae Hui
(Certificate in Child Studies)

"The time of learning in MBTS has been a special moment for me. I was restored and renewed through the HCD courses. By His grace He has enabled me to continue to be used for His work. I thank God for giving me this learning opportunity to become a better worker for Him."

Hyunju Shin, Alice
(MA in Holistic Child Development)



MA in HCD graduates (from left): Shin Hyun-Ju, Alice (South Korea), Milon Patwary (Bangladesh), Jonathan Kodavatikanti (India), Rosalinda Reyes Cosico (Philippines) and William Paulus Tuwankotta (Indonesia)





Resources available

To purchase a copy of the materials below, please contact the HCD Institute.

An Introduction to Child Theology

Keith White & Haddon Willmer

The first in a series of materials, this booklet introduces the idea of Child Theology and provides an overview on its beginning, definition, implications and possibilities. It is intended for Christians who work with children including theologians.

(Published 2006, London, UK by The Child Theology Movement)

A Child Theology Experiment

Haddon Willmer

The second booklet explains how Child Theology is one way of doing theology and shows how this has been shared in consultations around the world. The content is designed to be accessible to Christians who work with children and to theologians.

(Published 2006, London, UK by The Child Theology Movement)

Child Theology for Churches in Asia: An Invitation

Sunny B.S Tan

The third booklet introduces Child Theology to the Church worldwide. It is especially written for church pastors and leaders in Asia as an invitation to investigate the potential of Child Theology for their churches.

(Published 2007, Penang, Malaysia by The Child Theology Movement)

▶ EACH BOOKLET COSTS RM5. A PACK OF 3 INCLUSIVE OF POSTAGE IS RM20.

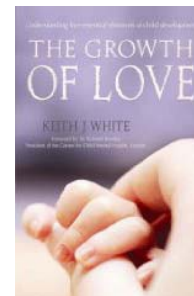
The Growth of Love

Keith White

This book identifies five essential elements to child development and examines the nurture and care needed for a child to develop into mature adulthood. It is suitable for Christians involved in the nurture of children in whatever capacity including lay people as well as those of psychiatric and religious backgrounds.

(Published 2008, Abingdon, UK by The Bible Reading Fellowship)

▶ RM40 FOR HCD & CHILD STUDIES STUDENTS ONLY / RM70 FOR OTHERS



Events in 2009

JANUARY

- ▶ Child Studies Program (Mandarin) at Penang campus
- ▶ "Faith Formation and Children" course at Klang Valley campus

FEBRUARY

- ▶ Child Studies Program (Mandarin) at Klang Valley campus

MARCH

- ▶ Child Studies Program (English) to begin in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah
- ▶ Graduation of students from SONshine Ministry China
- ▶ *Latihan Guru-guru Prasekolah dan Pusat Jagaan* in Sarawak

APRIL

- ▶ Child Studies Program (English) to begin in Johor Baru, Johor

MAY

- ▶ South East Asia Global Alliance Consultation on HCD Program, May 5-8 in Penang, Malaysia (by invitation only)

JUNE

- ▶ M.A. in Holistic Child Development Module 2009 at Penang campus

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