

JEREMIAH SCHOOL 2013



A School for **youth** desiring to experience **God**

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Jeremiah School (JS) has been running since 2003 and we are really amazed at how God worked in the hearts of all those who came. We thank God for the TRAC leaders who conceived this dream and realize it by starting this school. We continue to bring a holistic awareness of God's ministry to the youths who come for this school.

The calling and challenge of the Christian Vocation remains the heart beat of Jeremiah School. With this in mind, the syllabus was developed to challenge the students in their walk with God. The areas include Spiritual Formation, Doctrinal Studies, Bible Studies and Theology, Personal Development, Ministry Skills and Practical Ministry.

Their practical skills are put to test during mission week where they will go and share God's word with strangers. They will also plan an evangelistic program during this time. It is indeed hard work for them and we can see how they have grown in the Lord and also in relation with one another by taking ownership of the program.

Jeremiah School is a place for youths who are serious about God and living out their faith in the world. They have to have a desire to learn, develop, grow and be transformed in the Lord. We hope that they will be a generation of God-fearing, faithful, persevering and selfless young leaders who will be of a different spirit.

It is amazing every year that God sends in the right number of students and mentors for these 6 weeks. We had JS alumnis coming in to be a mentor to the students. We praise God for their dedication and commitment.

Chang Choy Quin
National Youth Director

OUR FOUNDATION :

VISION STATEMENT

To raise a generation of
God-fearing, faithful, persevering
and selfless young leaders
who will be of a different spirit.

SCRIPTURE MODEL

“But because my servant
Caleb has a **different spirit** and
follows me wholeheartedly,
I will bring him into the land
he went to, and his
descendants will inherit it.”
Numbers 14:24

OBJECTIVES

1. To develop Godly disciplines & habits
2. To facilitate the discovery of God's Calling
3. To develop basic leadership skills
4. To impart a Vision for the World
5. To develop basic people skills
6. To facilitate a meaningful and personal encounter with God
7. To facilitate an experience of authentic Christian community

SYLLABUS

- ◆ **Spiritual Disciplines**
- ◆ **Discovering the Love of God**
- ◆ **Knowing God the Father**
- ◆ **The Old & New Testament Survey**
- ◆ **Encountering God : Word & Nature**
 - Interpreting & Applying the Bible
 - Tools in Studying the Bible
 - Word Workshop
 - Developing Your Prayer Life
 - Intercession & Spiritual Warfare
 - Worship
- ☞ ***Personal Management***
- ☞ ***Personal Testimony***
- ☞ ***Nature/ Work of Christ***
- ☞ ***Fruit & Gift of the Holy Spirit***
- ☞ ***Freedom in Christ***
- ◆ Evangelism & Witnessing Tools
- ◆ Understanding Your Mind & Emotions
- ◆ Making Of A Leader
- ◆ BGR & Sexuality
- ◆ Gender Development & Holiness
- ☞ **Discerning The Will Of God**
- ☞ **Prayer Profiling**
- ☞ **Understanding Mission**
- ☞ **Exploring God's Call**
- ☞ **Emotional Quotient Profiling**
 - Dealing With Conflicts
 - Personal Core Values
 - Personal Mission Statement
 - Understanding Methodism
 - Apologetics

WHO WE ARE LOOKING FOR

CRITERIA FOR APPLICATION

- ◆ 17 – 20 years old
- ◆ Belong to a youth ministry in TRAC (BB/GB/MYF/Sunday School)
- ◆ Submissive to authority
- ◆ Have a teachable heart
- ◆ Serious about seeking God
- ◆ Willing to participate in community life and service
- ◆ Endorsed by the Youth Counselor & Pastor
- ◆ Successful applicant must complete the entire course
- ◆ Willing to commit to grow post JS by keeping the spiritual disciplines
- ◆ Have identified a potential adult mentor in the church who'd be willing to mentor the student post JS

PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION

1. For students, kindly express your desire to your Youth Counselor for further action and go through the proper interviews with your church.
2. For parents, kindly approach your youth counselors and Pastor and check with them if your children are eligible.
3. For Youth Counselors/Pastors, kindly pray and identify the youths who'd benefit the most from JS. Encourage them to attend JS.
4. All applications will be processed & successful applicants will be notified by **10th December 2012.**

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

6.30 am	Arise & Shine
7.00 – 8.00 am	Quiet Time
8.00 – 8.30 am	Breakfast
8.30 – 9.30 am	Quiet Time Sharing
9.30 – 9.40 am	Worship
9.40 - 11.10 am	Session 1
11.10 – 11.30 am	Break
11.30 am – 1.00 pm	Session 2
1.00 – 2.00 pm	Lunch
2.00 – 2.30 pm	Siesta
2.30 – 4.00 pm	Workshop/Session
4.00 – 5.30 pm	Team Building
5.30 – 6.30 pm	Wash-up
6.30 – 7.30 pm	Dinner
7.30 – 8.00 pm	Worship*
8.00 – 9.00 pm	Night Trek*
9.00 – 10.00 pm	Mentoring
10.00 – 10.30 pm	Supper
11.00 pm	Lights Out

* On Tuesdays & Thursdays, chapel time will take place from 8.00 pm – 9.00 pm

ACTIVITIES

Personal & group devotion

Silent retreat

Journaling

Small group dynamics

Chapel Time

Rest & Recreation

Engaging Video Shows

Field Education

Mission Trip

Community Living

Team Building Sessions

Workshops

Mentoring

Preaching opportunities

Evangelism

Weekly Quiz



RULES & REGULATIONS DURING THE JS TENURE

1. Attire during sessions: ¾ pants/jeans or long pants/jeans, shirt or t-shirts for both gender.
2. Spaghetti straps, short skirts, sleeveless & tight-fitting clothes are not allowed for girls. Showing of midriff is strictly prohibited. Proper attire for the purpose of games is allowed but must be decent.
3. Sleeveless t-shirts are not allowed for boys during sessions. Showing of underwear is strictly prohibited. Proper attire for the purpose of games is allowed but must be decent.
4. Boy-Girl relationships or the appearance of exclusive relationship are not allowed.
5. JS students are not to be allowed any visitors without prior permission from the Director of the School.
6. Handphones are not allowed to be used during weekdays. However, the students will be allowed to use them during the weekends.
7. Students are expected to wash, dry and iron their own clothes. Laundry services are not provided.
8. Students will follow a duty roster for various duties (i.e, kitchen duty, table clearing after meals, toilet cleaning, dorm cleaning, chapel duty, clearing rubbish, 'gotong-royong', etc.)
9. All card games & computer games are not allowed in JS.
10. Internet services are not provided.
11. No opposite gender visits to the dorm allowed.
12. Going out to town is not allowed without the prior permission of the School's Director.
13. Journaling must be completed and submitted to the respective mentors weekly.
14. Punctuality is a must for all sessions.
15. Lights-out is to be strictly observed.

TESTIMONIES

TESTIMONY 1

I have heard of Jeremiah School, but my first personal encounter with JS was in 2007. One of our young people shared his heart with me, on his desire to grow deep in the Lord. I encouraged him to sign up for JS. The six weeks Christopher Oh spent with the JS team was a life-changing experience for him. Every JS participant is required to name an adult mentor, and Christopher asked me to take on that role. Since then, Chris has gone on to study and now work in Singapore. However, each trip he is back to KL, he will meet up with me to share what has been going on in his life. Besides that, he chats with me on-line often, either casually or when he faces issues.

Since then, we have been encouraging youths from SSMC to attend JS, and 6 others have graduated youths from SSMC from participated in JS;

- 2010 -- Ng Oon-Hui, Noah Nhanam, Stephanie Yeo
- 2011 -- John Chai
- 2012 -- Josiah Liew & Michael Wong

Each and everyone of them returned challenged and transformed. They are actively serving in different capacities both in our church, as well as in the colleges they are currently studying.

The Jeremiah School runs from beginning of January to middle of February, with a week break for Chinese New Year. Many parents are reluctant or hesitant to send their children for JS as they would want them to start their college education in January. I strongly encourage parents to prayerfully consider delaying their children's college education a couple of months and enrol their children in the JS -- for the spiritual input that is certainly of eternal value.

Dr Ng Kok Moi
Sg Way-Subang Methodist Church

TESTIMONY 2

It all started 8 years ago, when I was a Jeremiah School (JS) student and it was the second time TRAC was running JS. Eight years later, when I was in between jobs and it was then when I found my opportunity to be a JS Mentor. I have always wanted to be a JS mentor but I guess God's timing for me wasn't right until year 2012.

After 6 weeks with the JS Students as a mentor and friend, I have found it a life giving moment. It is such a joy seeing young people coming to know our God, Yahweh in greater depth and in joy and finding their purpose in life. A journey with God has never been a boring one! Our God is never a Boring God! It is such a joy to know that our God plans to Bless and never to Harm, plans to give us all a Hope and a Future (rephrased Jeremiah 29: 11) and best of all it is even greater to help them understand this exciting journey God wants to have with the JS students. Being a mentor also taught me a lot and gave me greater confidence and knowledge as I start my job as a full-time youth worker in my church.

I strongly recommend Jeremiah School to any school leavers. It is truly a very good and effective way of educating & inspiring Youths for our Lord; before they start their College / University education and eventually into the market place or into full-time ministry. I truly believe that God has great plans for Malaysia, and one way we can bring about change in our nation for the better is through our youths! And not just any youth, but youths who is God fearing and chosen by Yahweh, youths who live their lives according to Isaiah 26:8 – Yes, Lord, walking in the ways of Your laws, we wait for you; your name and renown are the desire of our hearts.

Jeremy Chew

Wesley Methodist Church, Kepong

TESTIMONY 3

I came to know about Jeremiah School when a group of JS students came to my church about three years ago. Ever since then, I told myself that I want to attend Jeremiah School. My father encouraged me to join too. My church and youth counselors were very supportive of my decision.

In JS, I learn to grow socially, emotionally, intellectually and spiritually. I began to have a personal mission statement in my life as my guide to be a better person for God's works and to always withhold my personal core values in every circumstance. I had the opportunity to explore my own being and reflect a lot on my past, present and future. It was great that we were able to do self reflection because back in our own homes, we were often distracted by the world resulting in us unable to sit and quieten down for a moment to reflect on our day. I've learned that pride is my main obstruction in everything I do that prevents me from giving the full glory to God. Hence in JS, I learned to constantly remind myself that God is the center and I am just His tool. I learned to give thanks in every situation, bad or good. We were taught to search our hearts deeply and draw out the window or something that represents our heart. Through this, God showed me that I actually blocked Him out of my heart and never totally surrender to Him. I learned to trust God, to lean on Him and let Him enter my heart and ultimately, my life, but to fully trust on God, I had to first ask myself whether is my love towards God deep enough for me to trust Him. I learned to trust in love and in faith.

JS was indeed an amazing and wonderful journey. 6 weeks felt so short and quick to pass. The safe community, the friends we made, the memories we share, the tears and laughter, the bonding between everyone and the passion to glorify God was almost impossible to be found elsewhere. It was indeed an awesome and fruitful six weeks!

Hannah Foo

Wesley Methodist Church, Ipoh

TESTIMONY 4

JS is one thing that I had never thought of coming. At that point of time, I was struggling with many of my personal issues and I was in a dilemma of choosing YLDP or JS. My youth counselors persuaded me to come but it is a hard time for me to come to JS.

By surrendering my burdens to God, I am no longer bound by my chains, but SET FREE! I am free to be who God created me to be and as I continue to grow and serve Him, it gives me the peace and joy because I am truly free! Another thing that I discover are my spiritual gifts and God's will. Though some of it is related to my spiritual gifts but I wasn't sure that I want to follow and I pray that he will continue to give me direction. Most of all, the quiet retreat disciplined me to be disciplined and self controlled and this help me to fulfill my PDP.

The one significant change in my life is willingness to open up myself and to put God in my family life. As I put Him first everyday by doing quiet time every morning, I can see that he made all my paths straight and although he sometimes puts a winding road before me, he will lead me by His Holy Spirit. I hope that I can keep up this good habit so that He will always be the head of my life and not me leading my life with my own strength. "By day the Lord directs his love, at night his song is with me" – a prayer to the God of my life.

Nelysia Su
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ADULT VOLUNTEERS-MENTORS

INFORMATION

Jeremiah School is staffed by officials from the TRAC Board of Youth Work. They oversee the running of the school, the development of curriculum and are actively involved in intentional mentoring of the JS students throughout the school term. Ever since JS started in 2003, we have found that some of the best learning and growing happens when mentoring takes place. In view of this, we need more adult volunteers to wear the shoes of a mentor and walk alongside the students. If you love youths and are available for 6 weeks, we'd like to encourage you to prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve.

BASIC QUALIFICATION

1. Minimum 2 year-old baptized Christian from TRAC Churches
2. 21 years old and above
3. Love young people
4. Recommendation from TRAC Pastor/youth counselor/church leader
5. Some ministry experience
6. Teachable & submissive to authority
7. Strong in word & prayer
8. Friendly and willing to sacrifice time.
9. Driving skills and possession of a car would be an advantage

TRAINING

1. Successful Applicants will be required to attend Mentor Training.
2. The training will cover the objectives and introduction to the teaching modules of the school.
3. Mentors will be required to read 'Mentoring' by Tim Elmore.
4. Mentors will be equipped with the Youth version of 'Freedom In Christ' sessions.
5. Mentors will be trained in the Development Tracking Record of the students assigned to them.
6. Mentors will also undergo a teaching segment on how to build relationships with youth.
7. As part of the ongoing mentoring development, mentors will be assessed and will be given more coaching skills as and when needed.

Kindly submit your application to be a mentor to choyquin@trac.org.my before **30th November 2012**.

Potential applicants will be interviewed by JS staff. Successful applicants will then be notified.

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