

### **SUPPORTERS NEWSLETTER**

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2018 is a special year for Christ Evangelical Reformed Church (CERC) as we look back upon God's faithfulness over the past 10 years

# 10 Years of God saving people for His service

We can't help but be thankful for the love and commitment that our members and regulars have poured into building CERC to ensure the word of God is faithfully taught and proclaimed in Malaysia!

- 6 hours of pulpit ministry each week
- 82 hours of bible study across 21 Growth Groups weekly
- 240 students on campus reached out to weekly
- 3 Seminarians committed to fulltime paid ministry
- 4 Apprentices currently training for full-time ministry with 20 hoping to be Apprentices over the next 3 years
- 15% year-on-year growth in congregation size for 10 years

- 14 baptisms on Easter 2018
- 109 members committed to faithful word-centred churching
- Financial generosity, regular time and service given by members and regulars



# The largest church membership batch to date

Early this year, we saw 83 people sign up for our membership course. They will study **Romans** and **'The Church' by Edmund Clowney**, learning what it means to love, serve and persevere in the local church.

Membership Batch N during one of their 10 lectures

"I signed up for the membership course because through CERC's ministry, I understand what a life of following Jesus faithfully looks like - a commitment to love and serve our local church as a necessary response out of love for God and His Gospel."

-Dr. Jan Tie (2nd row from front, 2nd from right) is a veterinarian who attends our evening gatherings



"We are facing increasing difficulties in student ministry but there is still growth and a lot to do"

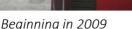
– Pr Robin Gan -

To date, we have 8 staff (pictured left) who serve the university ministries of 8 campuses and 1 high school by providing training and support in word ministry and leadership.

## A Snapshot of Our Growth the Past Decade









Gatherina in the 1st year



Sunday School opposite main hall



Our main hall

From 12 people gathered in a living room in 2008, CERC has now grown to 275 people. The ministry utilises 5 leased properties and continues to need floor space. Altogether, we have moved 3 times in 8 years. In January this year, we decided to rent the ground floor of our main hall. We have subsequently secured the lease at a rental of RM 4,500 monthly (where total monthly rental for all 3 floors of CERC Central is RM 11,500) with the renovation costs for the 1<sup>st</sup> phase amounting to RM 250,000. This will provide the church a range of ministry capacities including Growth Group space and crèche facilities as well as an overflow for Sundays of up to 200 seats. If possible, we would like to buy the building with the intent to save money in the long run.



Church office



No. 20 - Anna House



Our Northwest space

"I am thankful that I have had the opportunity to visit four times, making many friends and being encouraged by this work. I urge those who have a heart for the gospel in Malaysia to give generously.

-David Peterson, Sr. Lecturer, Moore Theological College, Sydney, Australia

#### **General Fund**

#### RM 555,000

is the deficit estimated for the year 2018 and;

#### RM 112,000

monthly is what is needed to run all of CERC's ministries, of which;

#### RM 52,000

makes up our monthly liabilities keeping our doors open to the public.

#### **Building Fund**

#### RM 200,000

is the remainder needed to pay for the down payment of the building we occupy and;

#### RM 250,000

to renovate the ground floor



# Theological Education Fund





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This fund consistently is in need as we either pay for seminary or save for the next seminarian

**Vanessa Ong** - Moore Theological College, Sydney

Jerome Leng - Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kentucky Daniel Lu - Trinity Theological College, Perth

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\*Note: USD 1 = RM 4

Fund	Account Name	Account No.	Bank
General Fund	CERC Trust	2-14062-0010148-8	
Theological Education Fund	CERC Theological Training Trust	2-14062-0010147-0	RHB Bank Berhad (Malaysia)
Building Fund	CERC Properties Trust	2-14062-0010145-3	