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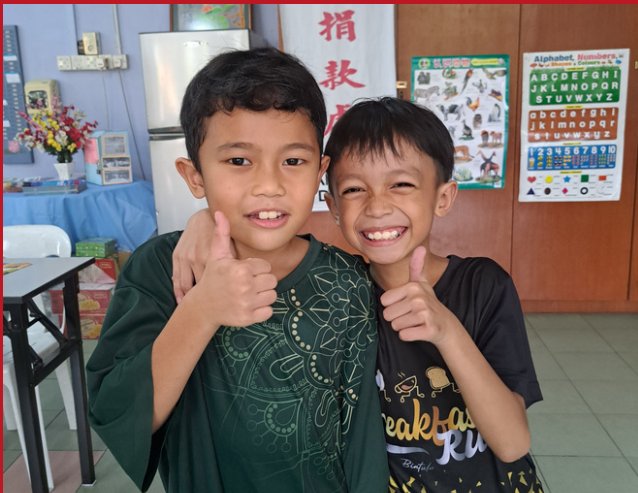
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Spotlight on Bintulu



The Salvation Army began its work in Bintulu, Sarawak in 1995 to conduct outreach work in the area.

Today, we have an after-school care programme which caters to the needs of 20 children who need extra help with their school lessons, particularly in Mandarin, Mathematics, Bahasa Malaysia and English. Most children are from Sarawak native families and would require additional assistance with Mandarin and English schoolwork.



Harry (not his real name) is one of the many children who attends the centre, but his story is a sobering one: his mother had left the family and he does not have any legal documentation to attend school.

At The Salvation Army Bintulu, Harry is able to learn how to read, write and count, and he is also learning how to socialise with other children.



You can help us with our work in Bintulu and assist more children like Harry. Do reach out to Captain Ellison Tan at 086-315 843 or ellison.tan@smm.salvationarmy.org.

New home in Kota Samarahan



23rd September was a momentous day as The Salvation Army Community Complex in Kota Samarahan was officially launched by the representative of the Premier of Sarawak, Dato Sri Hajah Fatimah Abdullah, Minister for Women, Early Childhood and Community Wellbeing Development for Sarawak.

The new complex will house the organisation's residential care home for children and youth and replaces the organisation's two former homes at Jalan Uplands and Jalan Ban Hock.

Allocated by the State Government's Unit for Other Religions (Unifor), the new complex occupies a 7.5 acre-site with a 60-year lease to The Salvation Army. The complex consists of two main buildings, the residential care centre and a multi-purpose hall with office facilities. Construction of the complex cost RM17 million with Borneo Medical Centre (RM9 million) and Unifor (RM4 million) being the main contributors.

The Governor Of Sarawak invited The Salvation Army to work in Sarawak in 1950, with its first community project to provide care for children and young women - many of whom were victims of poverty and had no proper education. Since then, many hundreds of Sarawakians have benefitted from the care and guidance provided by the 'Army Without Guns'.

The new complex's multi-purpose hall and associated facilities (including a large car park) will help generate funds as it opens for rental to the public. The hall has two basketball courts available for rent. Members of the public interested in renting these new facilities can contact the main office at 082-248234 or email raymond.aloba@smm.salvationarmy.org

Charity Open Day a Success

After a 3-year hiatus due to the Covid pandemic, our social centers in Melaka, Kuching, Ipoh, Banting and Penang successfully held their Open Day events between August to October 2023.

The Open Day events are a charity food fair held on the grounds of the social centres to enable members of the public to visit and know more about our work in their local communities. The event is also held to generate funds for their respective centers with the help of family, friends, neighbours and supporters in a carnival-like atmosphere.

All funds raised will help each of the centres to continue their work to care for those in need in their respective towns.



Penang



Kuching



Banting



Ipoh



Melaka

Exciting events coming soon!

Even as 2023 comes to an end, The Salvation Army is still in need of funds to cover its running expenses for its community projects in Malaysia.

On 4th and 5th November from 5pm to 10pm, The Salvation Army Ipoh Children's Home will be hosting a weekend of fun and games with the theme **1960s Retro Agogo** to commemorate 60 years of caring for Ipoh children. So dress up your best polka-dotted dress or bell-bottom jeans and join the carnival for an evening of food trucks and stalls, games booth, an inflatable playground, fashion show, an Agogo dance competition and many more. Please contact 05-2549767 for more information.

Our **annual Christmas kettling** aims to share the joy of Christmas, while also promoting our work to the general masses. We welcome volunteers from **Penang, Ipoh, the Klang Valley, Kuching, Bintulu and Kota Kinabalu** to join us. Please contact 016-930 4929 to be part of the event.

If you love puzzles, be on the lookout for our next announcement as we are working on a **Treasure Hunt** event that will surely test your general knowledge and make you think out of the box! This event will be in Q2 2024.



Be a Beacon of Hope

All cash donations are tax-exempt in accordance to Malaysia's Income Tax Act 1976 under Section 44 (6).

Important: Please share the proof of payment slip to us via Whatsapp or e-mail, along with your personal details so we can send you the tax-exempt receipt.

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