



# e-FLAME

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*Celebrating the life of*

## BRO RICHARD LING IN KIN

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In October 2021, Bro Richard Ling, Chairman of FGBMFI Governing Council, was called home. While we rejoice that he is now with His Lord, we also grieve with his family and friends. This special edition of e-Flame is dedicated to the memory of our dear brother, mentor and friend.

# A brother who listens with his heart.

By Bro Fong Hoong Heng  
National President of FGBMFI Malaysia

On behalf of FGBMFI Malaysia, I would like extend my deepest and heartfelt condolences to Sister Grace, Jimmy, Joe and family. Bro Richard Ling is a true friend and faithful brother to all in FGBMFI - to those who know and have worked with him.

He listened with his ear and with his heart. When his heart is touched, he'd roll up his sleeve and get down to business. Literally. Immediately. Through word and deed, he made a strong impression in the hearts of every brother in FGBMFI as a man of kindness, full of compassion and uprightness.

I recall an incident at a Pastors Conference in Vietnam. After his sharing, many pastors came up to express their gratitude and appreciation to Bro Richard for his ministry and work among migrant workers in Malaysia.

These people used to work in our country as foreign workers. Through his ministry, they came to know Jesus and returned to Vietnam to become pastors. Bro Richard's acts of compassion made a great impact in the lives of many people. So much so that they are never the same again.

All of us at FGBMFI will miss our dear and wonderful brother. The wise counsel he has given to the leadership will be forever imprinted in our hearts. As we journey on, may we continue to emulate his character in Christ.

*dear Sis Grace, Bros Jimmy & Joseph and the rest of the Ling family,*

*Please accept our deepest condolences on  
Richard's going Home to the Lord.*

*While we mourn his passing and  
will miss him, we take great comfort  
that our dear Richard is in the  
Presence of our Lord.*

*His life was one well lived and  
his was a battle well fought,  
a race well run,  
a faith well kept.*

*Fondly remembered,  
all of us at Full Gospel Business  
Men's Fellowship International,  
Malaysia.*

*Oct 3. 2021*



# An inspiration and a mighty encourager.

By Dato Ir Janang Bungsu  
President of IRM Evangelical Bhd



On behalf of IRM, I wish to extend our deepest condolences to the family of our late Bro Richard Ling. We are saddened by his departure but also rejoice that he is no longer in pain as he has 'graduated' with flying colours.

Having known him for the last 5 years or so, he has been instrumental in generously supporting the vision and mission of IRM i.e to reach out to the rural/ interiors of Sarawak. Amongst the profound statements he has made:

1. "We cannot have injustice in the Kingdom of God whereby our fulltime evangelists/ pastors are receiving an allowance less than the minimum salary set by the government." Bro Richard was generous enough to ensure that all our evangelists receive an allowance of not less than the national minimum salary. Thank you so much, Bro Richard.

2. "Our mission cannot be limited by earthly resources, as our Father in Heaven, who owns the Kingdom, is richer than the richest man". Every time project papers were presented, Bro Richard's focus is always on the Kingdom. He has a Kingdom mindset.

Personally, he has always been an inspiration and a great encourager to me – never failing to lift my spirit during our many conversations. He wanted to meet up since the beginning of the year, but it never materialized. It will have to wait until we meet again in heaven.

We will remember you, Bro Richard and we will miss you. Thank you.



# Attentive to God's gentle nudging.

By Bro Morgan Jackson  
Senior Vice President, Faith Comes By Hearing



I met Bro Richard on my first trip to Malaysia. KY Wong, a Malaysian living in Hong Kong, was determined to bring Faith Comes By Hearing (FCBH) to Malaysia. Despite his busy schedule, he insisted we meet in Kuala Lumpur. His brother hosted us and arranged a meeting with several Christian business leaders to hear FCBH's story. Bro Richard was at this meeting.

Bro Richard always maintained that when he first heard the story of Faith Comes By Hearing, he felt like Elizabeth when her baby heard Mary's voice and leapt in the womb. He felt this same leaping and wondered how he, as a man, could feel this. He kept his emotions in check and later invited me to his office to share with his staff.

Bro Richard thought he was being emotional, but the same thing happened again at his office. He turned to me and everyone present and exclaimed, "I'm being invited by the Lord to a banquet, and I don't know what you are going to do, but I'm going."

From then on, Bro Richard did everything in his power to launch FCBH in Malaysia. He provided the majority of the funds, along with several golf buddies who gave as much as was asked.

Today, we have over 6,000 longhouses in East Malaysia gathering to listen to the Bible each week. The New Testament, recorded in 13 languages, gives over 17 million people the opportunity to hear God's Word in their heart language.

In Vietnam, we have hundreds of churches, drug rehab centers, and villages tuning in to FCBH programs because of Bro Richard's love for the Vietnamese people and his request that Bro Mark (a spiritual son) start the program there as well.

Thanks to Bro Richard's funding, support and encouragement, FCBH has a regional office in KL today. Our plans to reach all people in SEA are slowly coming together. Because of the strong foundation he laid, we will see every language in

Malaysia being recorded and FCBH Bible programs available in every longhouse and village, if possible. To his credit, Bro Richard left a committed group of workers and donors to complete the work by 2033.

He was a friend who was always ready with a smile and warm welcome. He appreciated my humour and we greatly enjoyed each other's company. Bro Richard was a kind man, which is very important to me, and something I hope my family and friends will remember me by when I leave this earth.

I know he loved God's Word. For many years, Bro Richard gave up watching golf and, for two to three hours daily, listened to the Bible being read.

If he wanted someone to be involved in FCBH, he was relentless. One day, he felt that Bro Ardian Kristanto, then president of FGBMFI Indonesia, should also be part of FCBH. He got the latter to agree to meet us for one hour, and we promptly flew in to Jakarta.

Bro Ardian wept after listening to our story. We did not know that he was having eyesight problems and was unable to read the Word for more than a few minutes. For him, this was an answer to many nights of prayer.

Because of Bro Richard's perseverance, FCBH Indonesia came into existence. Our office in Jakarta have since recorded the scriptures in over 95 languages and continues to put together over 1,000 FCBH programs each year.

Millions are now hearing God's Word in their own language because one man's faithfulness. Tens of millions will hear because of the seeds he and many others have planted.

Bro Richard, you are now part of the many witnesses surrounding us. Enjoy the well-earned rewards stored up for you in heaven. We will meet again very soon – with all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. Blessings, brother.

# Touching lives, transforming communities.

By Dr Lee Chee San  
Lighthouse Kapit



In Dec 2015, Bro Richard Ling gathered several FGBMFI Leaders for an exposure trip to Kapit, Sarawak. On 15 Dec, we visited a remote Iban long house named Rumah Igau. It is only reachable by long boats via Sungai Menuan, a tributary of the mighty Batang Rejang. The long house Headman Igau appealed for help for his eldest daughter Lorina, a Diploma of Engineering holder, who was not able to find a job for the past two years. Almost immediately, Bro Richard offered her a job at his Linaco factory in Batu Pahat.

In March 2016, Lorina and her younger brother Paulus took a step of faith - leaving their home to work for Linaco. Eventually, another 6 ladies from 5 families would join them. 5 years later, they are still employed with Linaco Batu Pahat and proudly sharing their portfolios as Leaders of Production Operation, Clerks and QC Assistants. They also took up driving and bought their own cars.

It was heartening to hear from Tuai Rumah Igau that the ladies have been sending money home every month to support their respective families. They also help their siblings in school fees. To date, 3 people were able to further their studies in Diploma courses. The ladies also contributed funds towards the new church building for their long house.

Bro Richard Ling touched many lives throughout his life. His simple act of kindness to a jobless young woman brought hope, and transformed a remote community for generations to come. He also had a farsighted vision is to start a coconut factory in

Sarawak as a social enterprise project to bring economic transformation amongst the indigenous population. Eventually, the Ibans working at Batu Pahat can return and work in the new start up.

Bro Richard's God-given ability to connect a seemingly 'insignificant isolated dot' with a whole big picture of hope and possibilities is his legacy-one with huge impact in the days to come.

The first FGBMFI Mission trip to Kapit also led to the formation of Lighthouse Kapit - with the goal of bringing holistic transformation to the remote town of Upper Rejang.

Bro Richard was also instrumental in gathering support to restore a 60-year old building to the current glorious Lighthouse Kapit.

Thousands of students and youth have been blessed through character-building camps, sports, music, English and other empowerment programs.

This is just one of many stories that will be told in the days to come - lives touched by Bro Richard's ability to seize an opportunity and his foresight to influence an outcome.

Bro Richard's legacy will live on in his children and his children's children to carry on the good work here in Kapit and elsewhere for years to come.

*One generation commends Your works to another; they tell of Your mighty acts.  
Psalm 145.4*



Fellowship at Tuai Rumah Igau



Iban ladies at Linaco Batu Pahat



The newly renovated Lighthouse Kapit

# Compassion is his middle name.

By Dr Wong Hong Meng  
Governing Council Member, FGBMFI Malaysia

At 5.55am on Sunday, 3rd October 2021, the chairman of our Governing Council was ushered into the presence of God to receive his crown of glory. He was welcomed by a great multitude of people whose lives he had touched directly and indirectly. Most of whom he didn't even know. He was a true servant of our Lord; faithful, obedient and diligent, always seeking to do the Father's will.

Bro Richard joined FGBMFI rather unintentionally. He was invited to our Yangon airlift with the inducement of a golf game and the possibility of opportunities for his coconut business. To his complete surprise, he was asked to share his personal testimony at their evangelistic dinner. He shared and was hooked. Returning from Yangon, he joined the Klang North chapter in 2004. His leadership qualities were obvious and in 2006, he was appointed chapter president. From then on, Bro Richard held various leadership positions including National Director for Evangelism from 2013 and Governing Council membership in 2018.

Early this year, the Governing Council appointed him as its Chairman. Bro Richard was the youngest appointee in terms of age with the shortest length of service. Nonetheless, many supported his inclusion because of his compassion, passion, and action guided by Godly wisdom enveloped with humility and dependency on God.

Bro Richard was a man of great compassion. A quality firmly planted in his heart through the same compassion shown to him. He remembered the Indian teacher who gave him 20 sens daily so he would not grow hungry, and the poor Indian families at the plantation who occasionally shared their food with his family.

He quickly realised one thing: the poor understands the poor. Because of this, the Malaysian Indian community always had a special place in his heart.

When he started working (with a salary of RM150), he contributed RM70 monthly for two years to a friend who needed the money for his sixth form education. It was money he could ill afford, and he never expected gratitude or a favour in return.

As the Lord blessed him with success in business, his giving increased as well. Not charitable giving but life-transforming, compassionate-giving from the heart. Intentional and purposeful to help uplift many lives. Thus, his company's motto: "He who builds will himself be built". He knew God blessed him to be a blessing to others.

His compassion for others became a passion for his life. He was always thinking of how to make a greater impact among the marginalized, the outcast, the migrants, the poor, the lowly and disenfranchised. He would never turn away anyone - though he admitted that he had often been cheated and disappointed. But he would never allow that to discourage him. Instead, he sought Godly wisdom to help him make better decisions.

His passion driven by compassion can make him impatient for action. He hated procrastination. He disliked all talk and no action, and was always in a hurry to get the job done. He would not allow road blocks or negative opinions to derail him from the agreed objective. He would persist until what was decided was accomplished.

Despite his successes, he was a humble man. One of his favourite verses is Micah 6:8; "And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God".

He was especially conscious not to come across as arrogant or let his money speak for him. He wanted his heart to speak for him. Money was simply an instrument divinely provided so that he could be a good steward for Jesus.

His impact upon FGBMFI is immense. God brought him into our Fellowship to give legs to our Look East Emphasis projects. In many ways, he was instrumental in the initiation, development and implementation of these projects.

He was particularly passionate about helping the anak asal communities overcome economic and spiritual poverty. Not just through ideas and proposals; but through real action and real money from him. His vision and generosity ensured the success of our Borneo initiatives and projects.

# Compassion is his middle name (cont.).

Besides FGBMFI, Bro Richard also initiated and started many other projects to touch lives with the love of Jesus. That's why so many people, from diverse communities and different countries, were praying for him and his family during his illness.

Whenever possible, he will direct and route his contribution through FGBMFI as this was his main ministry platform. He wanted FGBMFI to be recognized - not himself. As a result, the stature and status of FGBMFI Malaysia was enhanced both nationally and internationally.

He will be greatly missed but his legacy in FGBMFI shall endure. That said, there is one project he was working on that has yet to be completed . Bro Richard wanted to motivate well-to-do Christians to recognize the need to be more obedient to Jesus - by looking after and caring for the poor and disadvantaged.

He wanted to create a platform with integrity, good governance and accountability from which well-to-do Christians can feel comfortable and secure enough to contribute their surplus resources into the Kingdom of God.

He was going to impart his values, principles and experiences to the work. Sadly, he is no longer with us. Those who remain must work towards fulfilling his last wish. One tangible way to honour our dear is to follow through with his desire to give more into the Kingdom.

If you do not know how or where to give, you may contribute to FGBMFI's Borneo Fund. Our brothers and sisters in East Malaysia need our help.

A few months ago, Bro Richard completed a 4,700-word testimony about his life in Christ. This will be part of an FGBMFI book for distribution later this year. Do look out for it.

Thank you.

# A maker of opportunities.

By Ps. Samuel Ang  
Secretary-General  
NECF Malaysia



On behalf of NECF, we want to express our deepest condolences to the family of Bro Richard Ling In Kin as well as the Leadership of FGBMFI Malaysia.

Bro Richard has been a great supporter toward the ministry of NECF. His involvement has opened many opportunities for both FGBMFI Malaysia and NECF to serve in the Lord's harvest field together.

We certainly feel sad for the loss of a great servant of the Lord. May we continue to build on the legacy that he has left for us to shoulder.

# A great partner in the Lord's work.

By Bro Koh Earn Soo  
Executive Director  
Scripture Union Peninsular Malaysia



Our deepest condolences to Sister Grace, Jimmy and Joe and the whole Ling family. May God's comfort and peace be with you all.

Bro Richard has fought the good fight, he has finished the race, and kept the faith. Now there is in store for him the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to him on that day – and not only to him, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. (2 Timothy 4:7-8)

We are indeed grateful and greatly value our partnership in the gospel. Bro Richard's generous support has enabled Scripture Union to grow and make an impact in the lives of many students. May God raise many faithful servants like him.

Thank you for your faithful service to Christ, and giving so much to the Lord.

# Your memory will continue to shine among the stars and within our hearts.



Dinner with Bro Mario Garcia, International President of FGBMFI, and his wife in 2018.



(L-R) Bro Lee Gee Koon, Bro Fong Hoong Heng, Bro Tommy Chen, Bro Edmund Chan and Bro Richard Ling at FGBMFI Members Convention May 2019, Majestic Hotel KL.



Bro Richard's homegoing service at Bliss Garden, Shah Alam, on 6 Oct 2021

# And finally, from our bros across the oceans.

With a big sadness in our heart, we received news of bro Richard Ling's passing. We hold our brother in very high esteem as he was very special and a great leader of our fellowship. We send our condolences to his family and FGBMFI Malaysia.

My heart is with you my brothers from Malaysia and the family of our dear friend Bro Richard. Stay blessed.

**Mario Garcia**   
International President  
FGBMFI International Office

The National Board of The Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International Australia Limited have instructed me to convey their sympathy to all Bro Richard's family members; expressing their thanks for sharing his life with us; more especially the wisdom he imparted during our National Convention where he was a lead speaker.

One of the membership advantages of FGBMFI is the assortment of Holy Spirit-empowered people like Bro Richard whom one encounters at functions. In this case, Bro Richard wasn't just a great ambassador for Malaysia, but more importantly an excellent ambassador for our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Holy Scriptures assure us that those who have been faithful to the Lord shall be rewarded in heaven, their final resting place, in the presence of Almighty God. John 14:1-3

**Leonard Donaldson**   
National President  
FGBMFI Australia

A great and hardworking person from Malaysia, Bro Richard Ling, has been brought to heaven. I remember hearing a wonderfully-delivered message by him in Japan.

In Kuala Lumpur, we had a good time of fellowship. He will fondly be remembered as a Christian businessman who dedicated his life to the work of God, not himself. Thank you.

**Yasuda Katsumi**   
National President  
FGBMFI Japan

My deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences on the demise of our beloved brother, Pak Richard Ling.

May the Lord comfort, strengthen and give peace to his family. Pak Richard's memory and legacy will always shine and continue in our hearts.

"Well done, Good and Faithful Servant!"

**Ardian & Hanna Kristanto**   
FGBMFI Indonesia

Due to time and space constraints, we are unable to accommodate every heartfelt message submitted. Your kind thoughts, prayers and expressions of love are very much appreciated.

-Comms & Media Dept, FGBMFI Malaysia

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