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# Boys' Brigade Back to Before

3 years ago we were all going bananas with extended lockdowns testing and at times breaking our limits of sanity.

While many things were pivoted to online mode such as work and school out of necessity, each with varying degrees of success, some things struggled more in making that transition.

One such example was the Boys' Brigade Ministry.

There could be many reasons for the struggle but chief of which were perhaps some things were not meant to be done online. **It just doesn't carry over well.** More so as the world would soon become familiar with the term "Zoom fatigue".

**After wandering in the wilderness for a couple of years, in God's gracious mercies and providence, we were able to "start" coming back physically in 2022 especially for our younger members in the second half of the year. There was still much anxiety and reservations. For good reason too.**

What and whose SOPs needed to be followed and contingencies that had to put in place to mitigate the risks should that become necessary.

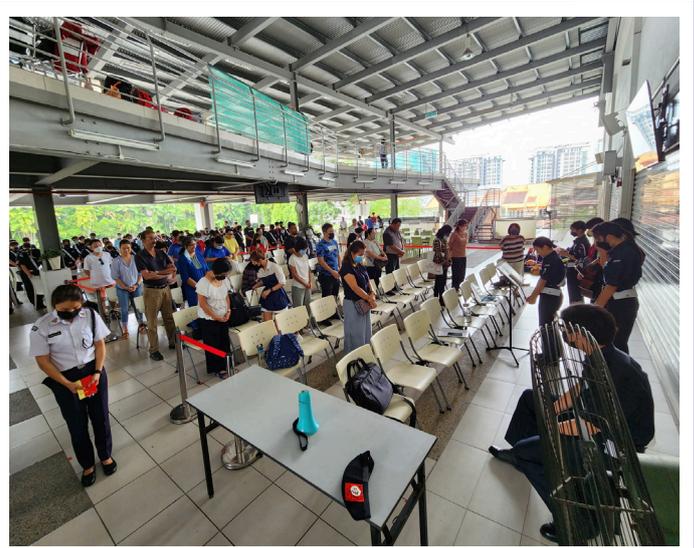
We are thankful for that period of "experimentation" in 2022 as it equipped us with the necessary experience for full physical return this year, 2023.

Thus it is with much thankfulness we kicked off 2023 with our first fully physical parade for the entire company on Saturday 16th of February - 3 years since things got derailed by COVID-19.

Murphy's law decided to spice things up when electricity supply was interrupted briefly, forcing us to start off in the Garden Cafe.

Thankfully it didn't last long and we could resume in the hall in comfort once the supply was restored. The break enforced by the pandemic also enabled us to revisit how we ran things and with a limited team of officers that is not getting any younger, we decided to raise the starting age for members from 6 years old to 8 years old.

Another significant change made was separating the Junior section into 2 groups; lower Juniors aged 8 to 10 years and upper Juniors aged 11 and 12 years.





The intention was to help the older Junior members to do something befitting of their age to pique their interest; like a more challenging camp in March for this group where they get to try caving and water tubing.

Having separate camps for our younger members also meant we could pay better attention to them in a smaller group as was the case for our Lower Juniors camp at the end of April.

Cookout was also a fun activity that we got to do where they learnt to work together to prepare a meal.

We also had the privilege and opportunity to participate in the Selangor State Drill Competition held for the first time in 4 long years.

The Seniors (teenagers) themselves also got to go back to activities that pushed them out of their comfort zone.





The weekly reality is perhaps a little more mundane and less exciting.

However, it is in the weekly grind, grounded in the Word, that produces fruit in the long run. What BB does best is providing a platform to push our members outside of their comfort zone in close partnership with the parents.

It is in this uncomfortable zone that we are blessed and privileged to see the fruit of growth and maturity in our members in those who persevere. Bringing to life James 1:2-4 [NIV] which says:

*Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.*

Onward Christian Soldiers!



**There is more that can be said for the year but it would perhaps only create a wrong impression of BB as only about outdoor and fun activities. In reality those are just occasional highlights.**



## PrayerSpotlight

### Prayer for FBC Mission Conference (1 January 2024)

- Pray for the organizing team on the planning out the details for the conference.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would stir the hearts of the FBC members to have the desire to learn more about mission and how they can take part.
- Pray for the mission organizations that are taking part as they make plans to facilitate the work shops and showcase their works at the expo booths.

