

Discovery Camp 2018

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For the past few years, Discovery Camp has always been about discovering one's identity, skills, and character through activities that help bring out the best in each person. It was no different this year. The camp held at Dusun Eco, Bentong, centred on the themes of discovering self-potential and courage. 65 youths were required to brave tricky obstacles, free fall on a wire rope, trudge through muddy paths whilst weathering the rain and building rafts from scratch.

These activities brought out various responses: fear, confusion, and doubt. But they also surfaced moments of pure joy, a sense of achievement, acceptance of weaker comrades, genuine laughter, and kinship with new-found friends. It was refreshing to see people of different races, religions, nationalities and circumstances connect with one another. This was especially true for those from the Flat Danau Kota community who are somewhat reserved by nature and were attending this Malaysian CARE camp for the first time.

Of Perseverance, Hope and Christ-likeness

It would have sufficed to witness such things as above, however, God helped me see beyond even these. I saw glimpses of Christ at different moments during the camp. I caught sight of Him when the boys held onto one of the

young adults with special needs, patiently teaching her how to take the next step on the plank. As their hands grew tired, they regained their strength by cheering her on until she completed the obstacle. Christ was also present in the tears of two youths making peace with one another.

I truly believe these precious moments were borne of the Spirit of Christ. This simple truth finally dawned on me when the words below echoed through the wooden hall: "The guy who used to be my bully years ago has become my friend in this camp." The transformative power of God's love was displayed amongst His children and there was a palpable sense of hope in the air that afternoon. And I was reminded of our faithful God who is our Help and Hope. ■



New-found friend! (Photo credit: Esther Krishnan)

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