

# Malaysia Connections

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## Who We Are

The COGOP Community Center first began carrying out its social community work in the year 1992 under the name of Cornerstone. It has since been serving the local community at Balakong which is situated at Selangor (West Malaysia) and the surrounding areas and even reaching as far as the outer outskirt areas and beyond.



In 1992, this district was mainly occupied by squatter houses and was part of the “Long House” project by our government. The majority of the occupants of these “Long House” homes were mainly the poor who were trying to survive with basic amenities. Many of the youth were school dropouts, hence the involvement in drugs, gangs, alcohol and other undesirable activities. This was also a notorious area where “Bentong Kali” (a notorious thug) had some shooting sprees in which a member of our church was killed. It was during that time period where we had our humble beginning.



We did not have sufficient funds or funding from any outside bodies, but we felt compelled to be involved with the local community, to do our part. Our helping hands were simply a drop in the ocean, so to speak, but it was effective enough to transform the lives of many individuals and their families.

## What We Do

The results were immense, although we have minimum resources. Here is a list of some of our track record which speaks for itself.



Through counseling, moral and other support, some suicidal individuals were saved. Just imagine what would have happened to their families if some of them who are fathers and mothers had in fact committed suicide.



Providing counseling and help to reinstate school dropouts to help them complete their high school education.



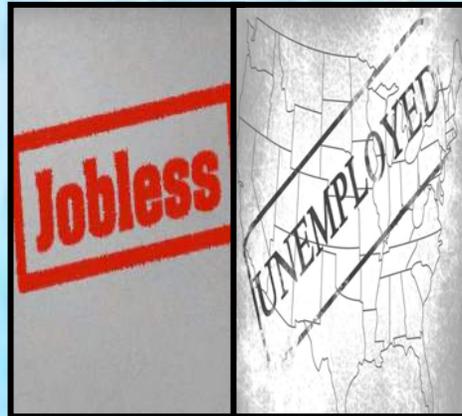
## Creating a Better Malaysian Society

Balakong and the surrounding areas have now changed for the better with its infrastructures, beautiful connecting highways, modernized building structures and shopping malls. The big question is; has the living standard of the poor and underprivileged been uplifted and has poverty been eradicated? The answer is yes and no. Yes, the "Long House Project" has gone and now most of them live in low cost flats. Only a small percentage made it to the middle income group while others are still within the same poverty stricken group. The question again is this; why didn't this group climb up the ladder? There are many reasons. We want to give you the basic dilemma still faced by this community.



### 1. Education

The dropout rate is still high as many parents cannot afford the tuition fees. Due to this, students are unable to keep up with their studies.



### 2. Unemployment

Due to the influx of cheap foreign labor, many are unable to secure jobs that can provide sufficient means of earning for a decent living. Also due to the lack of academic qualifications, many are unable to secure jobs that could provide an adequate security for a decent living.



### 3. Dejection and Depression

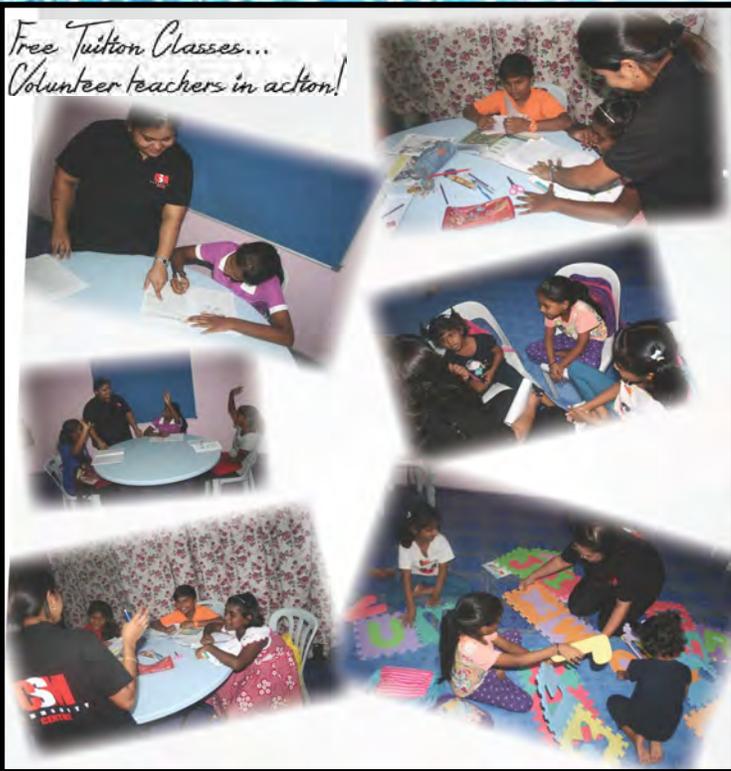
Youth with a good upbringing and sound education feel that their aspirations to be somebody in life comes with an added burden of competing with foreigners and other obstacles. So, they opt instead to be influenced by the ills of society.

You can play a part in transforming our society. Here is the opportunity to walk with us to transform lives. We appreciate the generosity you show in your support of Malaysia. The ministry of Malaysia is deeply grateful for your love, encouragements, prayers, and faithful support.

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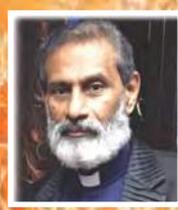
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Feeding the poor



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