



Discipling BM-speaking IGen Christian Youth

*"We will not hide them from their children,
but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done." (Psalms 78:4, ESV)*

We call them the anxious generation. Generation Z, often called the Internet Generation (IGen), refers to young people who have grown up in a world shaped by smartphones, social media, and constant connectivity. Unlike previous generations, they have never experienced life without the internet. This digital environment significantly shapes the way they think, communicate, and form relationships. For Bahasa-speaking churches, discipling IGen Christian youth requires both understanding their world and remaining firmly grounded in biblical truth.

1. Authentic Relationships, Not Just Authority

In many Bahasa Malaysia-speaking churches, youth are taught to respect elders and leaders. This cultural value is important and biblical. However, it can sometimes create a distance between leaders and young people. Youth may hesitate to share doubts, struggles, or questions because they fear appearing disrespectful or spiritually weak.

For IGen youth, authentic relationships are essential. They are not searching for perfect leaders but for mentors who are genuine and approachable. Discipleship becomes effective when leaders walk alongside young people, listening to them and sharing life with them. Paul encouraged young Timothy with these words, *"Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity."* (1 Timothy 4:12, ESV). When leaders model humility, honesty, and perseverance in faith, youth see that following Christ is a real and living journey.

2. Strengthening Faith in a Questioning Generation

Today's youth have access to endless information through the internet. Questions about faith, science, morality, and identity appear constantly in their digital environment. If the church does not address these questions, the internet will.

Therefore, discipleship must include thoughtful biblical teaching that helps youth understand why they believe what they believe. Instead of simply telling them to "believe," churches must help them develop a faith that can stand firm in a sceptical world. Scripture reminds believers to *"always be prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you"* (1 Peter 3:15, ESV). When youth see that the Christian faith speaks meaningfully to real-life issues, their confidence in the gospel grows.



3. Building Genuine Community Through Small Groups

While many youths attend church services, true discipleship often happens in smaller, more personal settings. In the Malaysian context, where community and togetherness are valued, small groups can become powerful spaces for spiritual growth.

Youth cell groups or small discipleship groups allow young people to ask honest questions, share struggles, and study Scripture together. In these settings they learn to pray for one another and encourage each other in faith. Proverbs 27:17 reminds us, *“Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.”* Through intentional relationships, young believers learn that following Christ is not a solitary journey but a shared life within the body of Christ.

4. Guiding Youth in Digital Wisdom

For IGen youth, the digital world is inseparable from daily life. Platforms such as TikTok, Instagram, and WhatsApp shape how they communicate, think, and form identity. Discipleship must therefore address how to live faithfully in the digital environment.

Youth need guidance on using technology wisely — avoiding comparison, online hostility, and harmful content, while learning to reflect Christ in their words and actions online. Scripture reminds believers that their entire life belong to God. *“So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God”* (1 Corinthians 10:31). This principle also applies to their digital presence.

5. Involving Youth in Meaningful Mission

IGen youth are often motivated by purpose. They want to see how faith connects with real life. Churches can nurture this desire by involving them in ministry and service — helping the poor, visiting communities in need, serving in evangelism, or participating in mission outreach.

When youth actively serve, they experience the gospel not merely as teaching but as a way of life. Jesus calls His followers to live visibly as His witnesses, *“You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others”* (Matthew 5:14–16).

Conclusion

Discipling IGen youth in Bahasa Malaysia-speaking churches requires more than programs or activities. It requires relationships, biblical teaching, authentic community, digital wisdom, and opportunities for mission. When churches intentionally walk with young people — helping them know Christ, understand Scripture, and live out their faith — these youths can grow into mature disciples who shine as Christ’s light in their generation.



When the students were asked what the most memorable moments in SKI was, the immediate response was “community living.” Indeed, students do not just attend classes in SKI, they share life for 38 days – sharing meals, laughter and prayers like a family. In such a meaningful and close community, hearts begin to change. Walls come down, friendships deepen, and God’s work becomes real in everyday moments. They learn to care, to forgive, and to carry one another.



This is the third year Wawasan Penabur has run Sekolah Kepimpinan Isakhar (SKI). SKI 2026 was held from 9th January to 14th February, with 31 participants aged 17–22. This year, 13 denominations were represented among our staff, students, and Mission Trip Supervisors. The cohort included 10 Orang Asli students (from five tribes), 13 Sabahans, and 7 Sarawakians. They left SKI with changed hearts, a deeper faith, and an impact that we pray will guide them wherever they go.

SKI’s vision is “To Raise a Generation of Bible-Believing Young Leaders Who Will Impact the Bahasa-Speaking Communities.” We need to raise the next generation of Bahasa-speaking church leaders who are not only strong in their faith, but who possess the wisdom and discernment to understand the seasons in which they live, just like the sons of Issachar (1 Chronicles 12:32), so that they are able to help their people in times of need.



SKI has four objectives:

1. Discipleship rooted in the Bible as the ultimate foundation for life
2. Balance of knowledge (head), devotional life (heart) and practical ministry (hands)
3. Provision of good basic grounding for life and ministry
4. Practical Christian disciplines learned through shared community living

This year, the Lord challenges us to look at the Orang Asli youths. Discipling Orang Asli youths is vital because the Orang Asli are the “firstborn” in Peninsula Malaysia, who God has placed with a unique calling and inheritance. The firstborn carries responsibility, influence, and the role of leadership. They hold the key to spiritual renewal and revival not just within their own communities, but in Malaysia!



Hence, we are running a five-week residential Bible School, Sekolah Kepimpinan Isakhar-Timotius (SKIT), from 18th May to 20th June 2026. The objectives remain the same as SKI, but each week will focus on different areas: heart formation, mindset formation, social competence, economic competence, and ministry formation.

Pray and partner with us in SKIT, even as we look forward to seeing God transforming 30 Orang Asli youths, aged 18 to 25. Pray that when the youths are disciplined, they will be strengthened to walk in that God-given identity, becoming faithful leaders and spiritual forerunners in their communities. As they grow in Christ, may they open the way for renewal, bringing the light of the gospel to places and people often overlooked.



May God use SKI and SKIT to impact lives and raise a new generation of Bahasa Malaysia-speaking church leaders crucial in the development of the nation!

A Prayer by SKI 2026 Student

Joevandy Gerrard Lukas (Lunbawang)
SIB City Life, KL



Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name across the earth, just as it is in heaven.

Father God, we come before You once again, surrendering our hearts and our future into Your loving hands. We thank You for the divine appointment that brought the thirty-one of us together at *Sekolah Kepimpinan Isakhar*. Thank You for being our Sustainer and our Protector throughout this journey.

We ask now that everything we have learned would be woven into the very fabric of our lives. May every word of counsel, every gentle correction, and every truth taught remain anchored in our hearts. We cling to the promise that You will walk beside us all the days of our lives, for we are Yours, and You love us.



Lord, we believe with all our hearts that our journey does not end here. As we step out from SKI, use us. Make us true witnesses — the salt of the earth and the light of the world within our own tribes and communities. Open doors for us to proclaim Your Word, and when You do, give us the courage to speak and the humility to serve.



We trust that You are working behind the scenes, weaving a story far greater than we can yet see. We hold onto the vision that one day, every *Orang Asli* and *Orang Asal* tribe — from the hills of Peninsular Malaysia to the heartlands of Sabah and Sarawak — will stand united, strong, and unwavering for Your Name. We believe this is Your heart's desire.

You are our Father. You will never leave us, and You will never forsake us. We place our future completely and confidently into Your hands.

To You alone be all the glory, now and forever. Amen

My Journey Towards a Lighter Heart

Alfin A/L Arman (Orang Asli Semelai)
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There was a time when I held my wounds like a shield, finding it almost impossible to forgive those who hurt me. I carried my pain tightly, afraid that letting go meant losing a part of myself. But as I began to truly understand the Father's heart, the walls around my own started to crumble. Through the gentle stirring of the Holy Spirit, I finally found the courage to forgive the person I had resented for so long. In that moment, the bitterness that had weighed me down for years simply vanished.



Today, my heart feels lighter, anchored by a peace I never thought possible. Forgiveness no longer feels like a burden, but a natural response because I finally realize the depth of how much I have been forgiven myself.

My time at SKI has been the catalyst for a total transformation. I remember the "old me" — someone who rarely opened the Bible, whose mornings were lost to the mindless scroll of a phone, and who felt no spark for reflection or writing. Life felt messy and scattered, like a puzzle with missing pieces.

But during my time at SKI, a new hunger began to grow within me. I found myself reaching for the Word every morning, not out of duty, but out of desire. My spiritual journal, once empty, is now filled with the daily rhythms of God's grace. For the first time, my life feels ordered and purposeful. I see now that being sent to SKI was never an accident; it was a deliberate, loving appointment from God.



I am determined to protect this closeness I've found. Every morning, I will continue to carve out space to listen to His voice, reflect on His promises, and write my heart out for Him. I never want to go back to the way I was — I want my heart to forever remain exactly where it belongs: close to Him.

A Firm Foundation

Ceroline Joham Ali (Dusun-Toraja)
Sidang Injil Triang, Pahang



Before I came to SKI, I lived in a world of my own — a small, busy circle of school, entertainment, and the endless hum of distractions. To me, God was a vague figure, a distant shadow far removed from the grit and detail of my daily life. But after finishing my exams, something shifted. A quiet, persistent longing began to take root in my heart. My decision to join SKI wasn't a matter of obligation; it was the Holy Spirit gently stirring my soul, leading me toward a door I finally felt ready to open.

During my time at SKI, diving into Doctrine and Apologetics changed more than just my mind — it changed my posture. I realized that defending my faith isn't about winning an argument; it's about offering a reason for the hope I have, built on a foundation rooted in Christ. Where I once withdrew into a defensive silence when challenged, I now find myself able to speak the truth with a newfound clarity and a quiet, steady confidence.



The most profound change, however, is the intimacy I now share with God. Through the rhythm of morning devotions and the sharpening iron of a supportive community, He is no longer distant. He is real. He is here.

This closeness has brought a much-needed discipline to my inner life. I used to be at the mercy of my own thoughts — fragile, easily shaken, and prone to the storms of overthinking. I allowed my emotions to cloud my perspective and dictate my peace. But SKI has taught me the discipline of self-control. I am learning to steady my heart and discipline my mind, anchoring myself so firmly in God that the waves of worry can no longer pull me under.



From Performance to Belonging

Chelsea Chong Qi Yeah (Sino Kenyah)
SIB Ampang, Selangor



Before I came to SKI, my life was defined by the pursuit of achievements. Success and performance were the metrics by which I measured my worth; they mattered more to me than anything else. In that season, my spiritual life was an afterthought. I rarely prayed, and the Word of God remained unread. There were even moments when the shadows of doubt clouded my faith entirely. When my mother enrolled me in SKI, I didn't feel a spark of excitement — I simply viewed it as a way to pass the time after my exams.

But during those five weeks, the indifference I arrived with began to melt away. I learned the greatest lesson of all: how to discern God's will and stand firm in what I believe. The "New Testament Survey" and "Doctrine & Apologetics" sessions weren't just academic exercises; they were the scaffolding that gave structure to a faith that had once felt fragile and uncertain.

The turning point for me was the session "Knowing the Father's Heart." It was a profound wake-up call. I realized I don't have to perform for a distant judge; I have a Father who walks beside me, guides my steps, and promises never to leave me. I understood then that intimacy with Him isn't fuelled by achievement, but by the quiet faithfulness of prayer and the steady nourishment of His Word.



As an only child, my world at home was often quiet — just me and my grandmother. My sense of community was small, confined mostly to a few hours on Sunday mornings. But at SKI, God gave me a gift I didn't know I was missing: a spiritual family. In the SKI Girls community, I found a place where I am sharpened, encouraged, and loved.

As I look toward the future, I am determined to carry this fire with me. I will continue the discipline of meditating on Scripture, not as a task to be checked off, but as a way to keep my heart tethered to Christ. I want to grow, I want to serve, and I want to live my life wholeheartedly for the Father who first loved me.

More Than a School: I Am His Child

Elijah Samuel (Orang Asli Jakun)

Gereja Emaus Buluh Nipis Muadzam Shah, Pahang



SKI has become so much more than a place of learning to me; it has become my sanctuary and my spiritual family. Within these walls, we don't just study; we carry one another. We encourage, we pray, and we learn the difficult, beautiful art of loving one another sincerely. I have never experienced fellowship this deep or this personal before. It is where I finally learned what it means to truly belong.

One lesson, in particular, reached into the quietest corners of my soul: *"Knowing the Father's Heart."* This was not just a lecture for me; it was a reckoning. I am adopted. My parents brought me home when I was only three months old, and though I was loved, a silent question haunted my childhood: *Why was I left behind?*

During that session, the weight of those years finally broke — but it broke in a way that brought healing. As I wept, I chose to let go. I chose to forgive, and I confessed the hidden bitterness I had harboured toward my past. In those tears, I encountered the relentless love of a Father who never abandons His children. I realized that I was never truly "left" - I was always held.



The spirit of transformation continued during the servanthood ministry session. As we knelt to wash one another's feet, my eyes filled with tears once more. In that simple, humbling act, the concept of "service" moved from my head to my heart. It wasn't just a lesson anymore — it was a living experience of what it means to lower oneself to lift another up, just as Christ did.

As I look beyond SKI 2026, my heart is set on staying the course. I am committed to my daily devotions and the discipline of my spiritual journal, knowing these are the anchors that keep me steady. SKI has taught me a truth I will carry forever: before I can ever hope to lead others, I must first learn to follow the footsteps of the Master.

From the Temporary to the Eternal

Evilyn Ladin (Rungus)

Gereja PCS Bingolon, Kudat, Sabah



There was a time when I was entirely consumed by worldly pursuits. God was not just distant; He wasn't even part of my vocabulary. My goals, my desires, and my plans all revolved around the temporal — things that fade as quickly as they appear.

But everything began to shift when I came to SKI. One session, in particular, pierced through my heart and soul: *Spiritual Disciplines*. As the lesson unfolded, it felt as though the Holy Spirit was confronting me directly. It was uncomfortable — a jarring "awakening" that forced me to see the truth. I realized how fragile and inconsistent my spiritual life had truly been. I had treated my devotions as a chore to be done only while staying at the hostel, and even then, I was far from faithful.

At SKI, we were required to spend one full hour each morning in devotion. At first, I'll admit, it felt demanding. But slowly, the weight of that hour transformed from a burden into a foundation. I began to understand that I am shaped, corrected, and prepared for the future through God's Word. It is His Truth that builds my character in the quiet moments when no one is watching.



I will always carry the echo of those words in my heart: *"Begin your day with God, and end your day with God."*

My hope is that the lessons I've gathered and the experiences I've lived at SKI will mould me into a leader marked by integrity, courage, and a deep sense of responsibility. I want to be someone who can be trusted with much because I have been faithful in the little moments. More than anything, I desire to remain anchored in the daily rhythm of reading and meditating on His Word—for I know it is only through that discipline that my character is truly formed in Christ.

The Gift of a Push

Jovian Jamieson Chambai Gara (Iban)
Pusat Injil Kelana Jaya, Selangor



Almost everything I experienced at SKI was a "first" for me. In the beginning, admittedly, I only went because my family insisted. But looking back, I realize their persistence was the greatest gift they could have given me. It became the doorway through which I finally walked to draw near to God and truly understand the Father's heart toward me.

If my family hadn't nudged me toward that door, I would have missed the profound joy of serving the children at *Rumah Kanak-Kanak Hope*, ministering to youths, and teaching Sunday School. Before SKI, my circle of faith was small; I had only one or two Christian friends. But here, my world expanded. We built friendships that go deeper than surface-level; we shared laughter, carried one another in prayer, and created a treasury of memories I will hold onto forever.

Of all the lessons, the one that pierced me most was the session on "Repentance". I learned that true repentance is so much more than a fleeting feeling of sorrow. It is a decisive "about-face"—a commitment to turn away from the old path and choose never to return to the same shadows. It is the brave decision to walk in a brand new direction with a heart that has been entirely transformed.

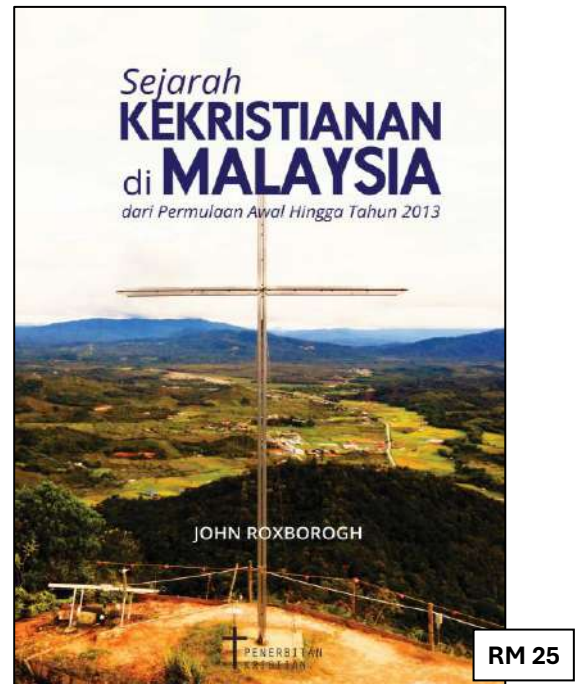


To the parents who are considering sending your children to SKI: hold on to that determination. I am a living proof that parents often see a destination that their children cannot yet envision. SKI is more than just a school; it is a tool that shapes young lives for Christ, turning "insistence" into "inheritance."

As I move forward from SKI, I am determined to keep the fire burning. I will continue the spiritual disciplines—the reading, the meditating, and the journaling — applying every truth I have gathered. My greatest desire is to grow into the kind of person who can walk anywhere in this world without ever drifting away from the heart of God.

New Book

Sejarah Kekristianan di Malaysia



This book on the Malaysian church, "*A History of Christianity in Malaysia: From Early Beginnings to 2013*" by Rev Dr John Roxborough was first published in 2014. We decided to translate it into Bahasa Malaysia so the Bahasa-speaking Christians will know the history of Christianity in this country.

Communities throughout Malaysia have long embraced the Christian faith as an integral part of their identity and heritage. This book seeks to record and trace their story, from its earliest beginnings to 2013. It is a narrative of diverse languages, ethnicities, faiths, and cultures—a journey marked by immense courage and steadfast perseverance.

Often, what begins at the margins of church life ultimately becomes its very core. Christians understand the profound imagery of the stone rejected by the builders, which later became the cornerstone (Psalm 118:22). In reflecting upon this history, we find that while there are prominent figures whose visions and decisions left a great impact, in the long run, it is often the individuals who seemed small, insignificant, or were even viewed as burdens or outcasts, who played the most decisive roles.

In a contemporary context, Christianity in Malaysia is characterized by a deep sense of belonging and a commitment to prayer that encompasses every aspect of life. This book aims to highlight how that maturity was forged through the experiences of colonization, war, independence, and the process of nation-building, spanning five centuries of history.

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