



joined at 18 years old

“I arrived in The Evolution before we became a church, when we were still a community services organization. Growing up here, I learned that God has a specific plan for each of us. I’m glad that I found mine—empowering women and children, and writing to educate others about empathy and justice.”

—**Halena**, 32, MOE Teacher & Author

“Church has given me opportunities to try new things and taught me how to train other youth. I’ve become someone who is confident and better as a team player.”

—**Bryan Sim**, 18, Tertiary Student



joined at 14 years old



**If you want to change the future,
change the next generation.**

—**Pastor Charmaine**



joined at 13 years old

“I used to struggle with anxiety about school, but God spoke to me about needing to overcome instead of giving up easily. Friends and leaders also encouraged and tutored me. Because of them, I was able to do well for N levels and qualify for direct entry to Poly.”

—**See Yanni**, 16, Sec School Student

“I came to The Evolution already a working young adult. Messages were relevant and for the first time I was mentored and given the opportunity to lead a team in Photography and Post Production. This improved my creative skills and taught me how to manage people and projects at work.”

—**Tan Jia Jun**, 27, Video Editor



joined at 24 years old



Ryan (middle) with his Connect Group leader Teoliang (right) & Sound Ministry leader Raymond (left).

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Discovering his purpose through his church family

At the time of his N levels, Ryan was beginning to worry about his future as he wasn't sure what he wanted to do with his life. Ryan came from a challenging background, and like most youth his age, his struggle was figuring out his identity and strengths. But Pastor Charmaine and his leaders like Karis, Raymond and Teo Liang walked alongside him. From teaching him at 11 years old how to budget his money, to parenting him through secondary school to make studies a priority.

They gave him opportunities to learn skills such as stage lighting design, photography and sound engineering.

As he served in the Sound Ministry, Ryan learned that it's not just about making music technically great in church, but that good sound can also transform the way people connect to God.



Ryan on Sound Ministry duty.

The desire to create a better experience for his church family gave Ryan purpose and he decided to enrol in Electrical Engineering in Light and Sound.

Mixing skills with great attitude

Ryan has grown from strength to strength since then. When an external team rented the church premises, Ryan impressed a well-regarded sound engineer in the industry with his willing attitude and aptitude for sound, so much so he decided to share his knowledge and offered to train our entire sound team. Ryan is now the leader-in-training of our Sound Ministry and investing in other youth like him.

When Karis, Cindy and Christine started attending church as teenagers, Madam Chen was supportive, hoping that they would benefit in ways such as improving their grasp of English. Her expectations were surpassed.



Karis preaching at our Youth Service

A Proud Mother

As a widow having to single-handedly raise three daughters, Madam

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Chen has been heartened by how they have matured through the various programmes and values taught in church. They grew up as good kids who did well in school and hung around great friends. Church provided overseas exposure and missions opportunities that they might not have had otherwise. And spending time together working towards a common altruistic goal also bonded them as sisters and in turn strengthened their relationship with her. Because of the positive influence church is, Madam Chen feels she no longer needs to worry or tell them what to do.



Christine (left) & Cindy (right) lead the Photography & Service Operations ministries.

Sisters United

Fast forward, each sister is a competent young woman in their own right. Karis is our very own Youth Pastor studying for a Masters in Theology, Cindy is a Senior Marketing Executive with Hong Kong Land Pte Ltd and Christine is a Designer with Tilt Advertising. They are all leaders in The Evolution building a home and community for youths to grow and find God for themselves. How they were believed in is what they are doing for other youth and young adults.



Unlike most Singaporean youth who take the academic route to their careers, Sherwin chose an unorthodox one – his dream of becoming a chef. His parents Melvin and Esther started off trying to talk him out of it.

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Sherwin in the kitchen for Saison De Vie.

Academic Excellence brought out the best in him

Esther worried all through her son's O level year. He was unfocussed about school, so she was frequently checking in with church leaders to see if he was studying. But ultimately, they were encouraged by the structure church provided—

study hours her son was required to clock in order to keep attending services, and friends who pushed him to excel. Sherwin gratefully credits church with giving him confidence, but also teaching him discipline and to love learning.

A Coveted Internship in France

In Year 3 of Culinary and Catering Management at Temasek Polytechnic, Sherwin was one of only two students given a 6-month apprenticeship under Michellin Star Chef David Mollicone. In 2019, He started his own home-based fine dining experience business Saison De Vie that has received rave reviews, making his parents proud. Melvin says his son has grown in skills and into a responsible and faithful member of their family. Despite knowing how tough the restaurant business is, Sherwin's maturity, commitment and drive assures them. They are now 100% supportive of his passion!

