

Our Beginnings.

- Was first mooted when some English Majors and Aj. Nathaniel Heng wanted to start a Christian Club in Oct 2002.
- Together with Pi Fa (Yung Hee) who wanted to start a Music Club to improve the singspiration at Assembly and Aj Larry Willems, we approached Aj. Esther Wakeman about the possibility of starting these clubs.
- Apparently there already was a Christian Club that had since become defunct.
- Thus the English Conversation Club was born 2nd Semester, 2002/2003 under the umbrella of the RomTam Christian Club.
- We finished the year with great expectations for the next school year.
- We had an average attendance of 8 and we talked about a variety of conversational topics and taught short stories from the Bible.
- We met at 5pm on Wednesdays followed thereafter by RomTam meetings.
- Our students came from many faculties with the majority being English Majors.

“Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, “Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.” And God granted his request.” 1 Chronicles 4:10, NIV.

“Where *there is* no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy *is* he.” Proverbs 29:18, KJV.

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.” 2 Corinthians 9:6, NIV.

Purpose of the English Conversation Club

- To teach English Conversation .
- To serve as a bridge to invite Payap students [especially non-christians] to the RomTam Christian Club.
- To train student leaders and disciple them to become mature Christians.

Our Year of Transition

- 1st Semester 2003/2004 - We had a good start. Our objective for the semester was to teach students to be able to speak comfortably with a foreign student who was staying in their homes.
- The topics included food, drinks, entertainment, and other topics that would be common topics of interest.
- By the end of the semester, we would be asked to teach the same curriculum at Narada orphanage in Baan Nongwai, SanPaTong. The “teachers” would be the members of the English Conversation Club.
- Things were going well until we were asked to vacate the RomTam Clubroom.
- We thus became “refugees” meeting in the garden, Rm 202, Aj Dietrich’s room...basically where we could find space.
- We finally settled in the “storeoom” which is now home to English Resource Corner.
- During this time, our members were scattered because it was difficult to find us because we met in a different location each week.
- We finally settled in R101, the “storeroom.” Our current location.

Purpose of the English Resource Corner

- To help Payap Students who are weak in English.
- As a ministry of RomTam to reach out to non-christians.
- As a means of outreach for Payap Church.
- As a meeting place for mission teams who come to teach English namely Galilee Bible-Presbyterian Church, Singapore and other organizations.

...God woke me up early one morning in Aug 2003. Why not take the storeroom and turn it into a place where students could be helped in their English and where they would be comfortable and encouraged to learn. This was the beginning of the dream. To build the English Resource Corner.
Aj. Nathaniel Heng

The Long Wait...

- 2nd Semester 2003/2004 - began with great anticipation. The “green light” for the English Resource Corner had been given.
- We told the students in the RomTam Christian Club to pray and expect the room to be done so we could start using it.
- The English Conversation Club members were waiting expectantly.
- Sad to say, some dropped out along the way.
- We Thank God for the money that came in along the way from those who wanted to see the room in operation.
- Finally the room was finished the last week of January 2004.