

*After a short hiatus from journalism, I am back. Today we will go behind the scene of worship and know a little more of our projectionist Bernice Lee and sound crew Amos Lee, siblings who are serving in the same ministry with their father, Derrick Lee, a guitarist.*

## **Bernice Lee (Projectionist)**



**Alicia:** What is your favourite time of the year?

**Bernice:** My favourite time of the year is definitely Christmas i.e. the month of December. I really enjoy the festive spirit, where the atmosphere is filled with joy and merriment. The food during this season is fantastic and of course the presents too. Christmas is also the rare occasion where my extended paternal and maternal families meet and get together so this season has significant sentimental value to me.



**Alicia:** I know you are currently a student. How's the stress level like?

**Bernice:** The workload is relatively manageable at the beginning of the year but builds up and can get very intense during the exams period as the term ends. I guess one needs to have proficient time management and discipline to balance studies, CCA and your personal life. For me I think my friends and classmates were invaluable during my school life as we encouraged and helped each other. Despite being so pressed for time, I continued to attend church and cell as I felt that seeking God is still important even when one is busy, and it was like taking a break from studying as well.

**Alicia:** Why made you sign up as a projectionist?

**Bernice:** I signed up as a projectionist when I was in Secondary One as I wanted to start off with something easy. Subsequently, I continued on as a projectionist as I realised its importance to the worship service despite playing a behind-the-scenes role. Also even though it is a small job, it is still a form of serving God and my way of showing my love for Him and I know that God recognises it.

**Alicia:** What are the possible situations you may encounter as a projectionist?

**Bernice:** Aside from setting up the computers and projectors before service, I also need to check the slides for the liturgy and the worship e.g. making sure the bible verses are correct, the worship slides are in order etc. Some situations that have happened to me would be like the worship leader not following the slide order during worship, hence I would have to quickly adapt and find the correct slide. Also, some issues would be that when I have to show a video e.g. during announcements/ sermons, the video cannot be displayed on the screen or there is no sound coming out from the video. It can be quite a nerve-wrecking situation when the entire worship hall waits for you to fix the problem!

**Alicia:** Is there any training provided for new projectionist?

**Bernice:** Yes there is. New projectionist will first be given several lessons from a trained, projectionist who will teach all the necessary skills, information or even give helpful tips. After learning how to do it, the newly trained projectionist will try to serve in the actual worship service, with his mentor sitting beside him to guide him. Gradually, the mentor will be less involved, eventually allowing the projectionist to serve on his own when he is ready. The role of a projectionist is fairly manageable and can be picked up in no time!

**Alicia:** What advice would you give to someone who is considering signing up as a projectionist?

**Bernice:** I would strongly encourage him or her to just go for it as long as your motive is to serve God and not because your cell leader asks you to do it or anything. The projectionist role is honestly one of the easiest roles in the service ministry and does not require much time to be invested in it. It is probably a great way to slowly ease yourself into serving God and I know of many musicians in the service ministry who started off as a projectionist and eventually progress to serving as a guitarist, pianist etc.

**Alicia:** Just a side question. I've seen you on stage at times. Sometimes playing drums, other times standing beside the drummer...

**Bernice:** Well, as I mature in my walk with God, I begin to feel the urge to be more involved in serving Him and I think that being a drummer could just be it. I also think that drumming is very cool and probably easier to pick up compared to learning the piano as I do not have a music background. I'm currently an understudy of a drummer and I play some of the easier hymns during worship.

## Amos Lee (Sound crew)



**Alicia:** What is your favourite time of the year?



**Amos:** Christmas!! We all have families that drive us crazy sometimes, but nothing is better than being with them as we all gather for Christmas dinner. It reminds me that I am loved and cared for, something that can never be replaced. The Christmas decoration and lights all around SG and the jazzy Christmas songs keep me in a good mood :)

**Alicia:** A little background of you please!

**Amos:** I'm currently studying medicine in NUS. It's my second year and I'm definitely enjoying what I do! I'm also a cell leader of youth cell and part of the youth leadership

team.

**Alicia:** How long have you been serving as a sound crew?

**Amos:** I've started serving since secondary 2.

**Alicia:** Are there any training provided for someone who just sign up to serve as a sound crew? If yes, what are the things there are to learn?

**Amos:** Any PA sound crew needs to undergo training, especially as we have a new and more complicated sound system in JCCH. More information will be given about the training from the worship ministry.

**Alicia:** Does a sound crew have to be present during worship rehearsals?

**Amos:** Yes. We need to be there especially as the new sanctuary requires sound crew to be there to operate it. Also, we need to familiarize ourselves with the worship songs too.

**Alicia:** What are the possible situations that could arise during worship for the sound crew?

**Amos:** Main concern is the “feedback” which are high-pitched sounds that can happen at unprecedented times. These are things we can't control, but we always do our best and leave the rest to God. That should always be the mindset as we seek to serve Him!

**Alicia:** Any advice to give to someone who is thinking of joining as a sound crew?

**Amos:** Do think about the commitment to serve! Don't worry about the skill, the ministry will equip those who are willing and committed to learning.

