



Honouring Bro Paul Sinnappan

1950 – 2021

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Capturing Paul in Action

Paul was an active networker & participated in many gatherings.

I checked my photo collection

I checked my publications

Some of my reflections of Paul & his legacy

PAUL

- He inspired
- He taught
- He trained
- He mentored
- He role modelled
- He stood alongside the poor
- He advocated for structural changes

Paul participated in policy advocacy workshops

- Undertaking direct work with the poor is one dimension BUT
- Paul's contribution is beyond just working with the poor he also played a major role in public advocacy through participation in policy dialogues and conversations

Identified Paul's input in 4 publications

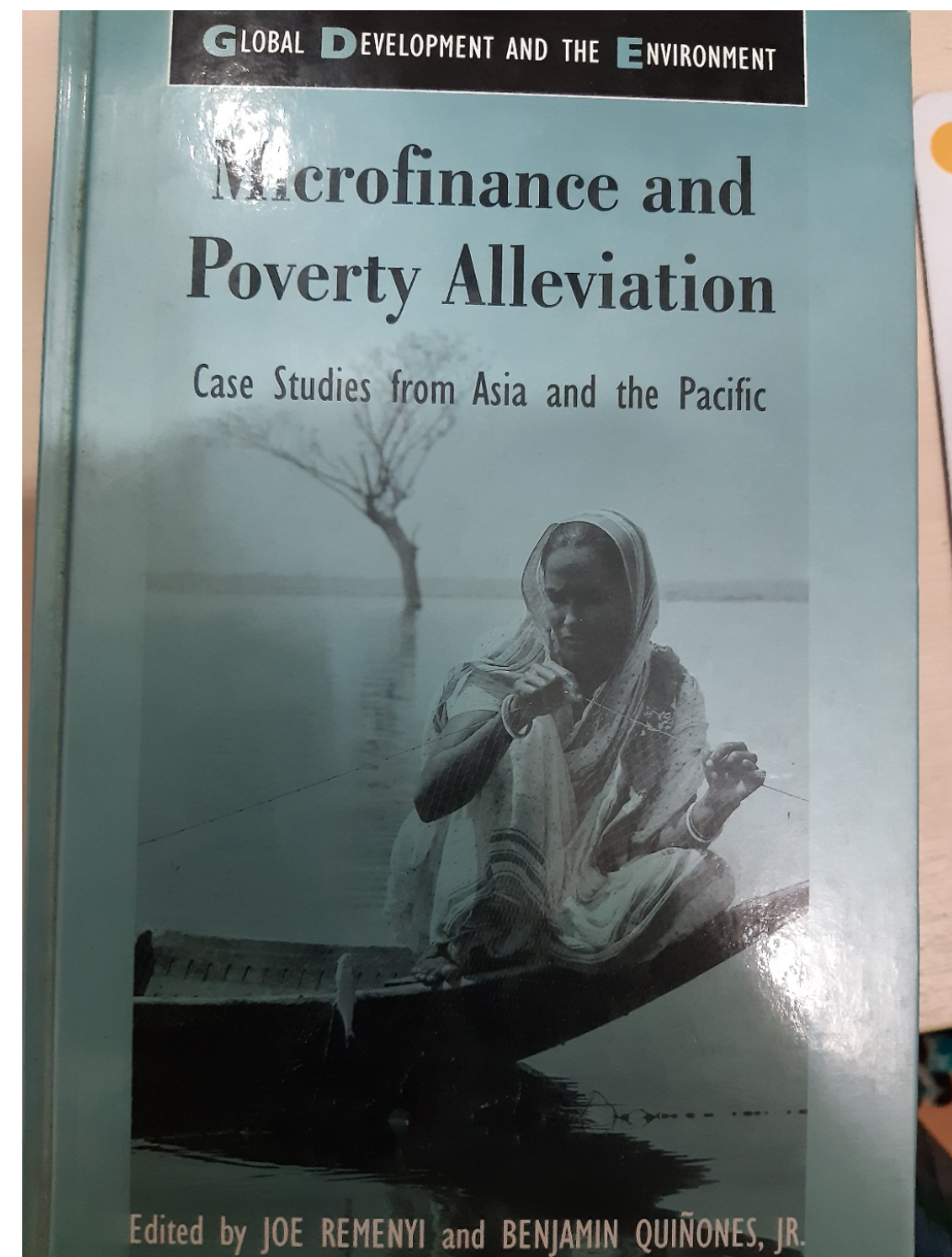
- Banking for the poor discussion
- Christian social workers symposium
- Malaysian concerns
- Indian policy issues

Paul at COMMACT Conference in Cochin, India (2012)

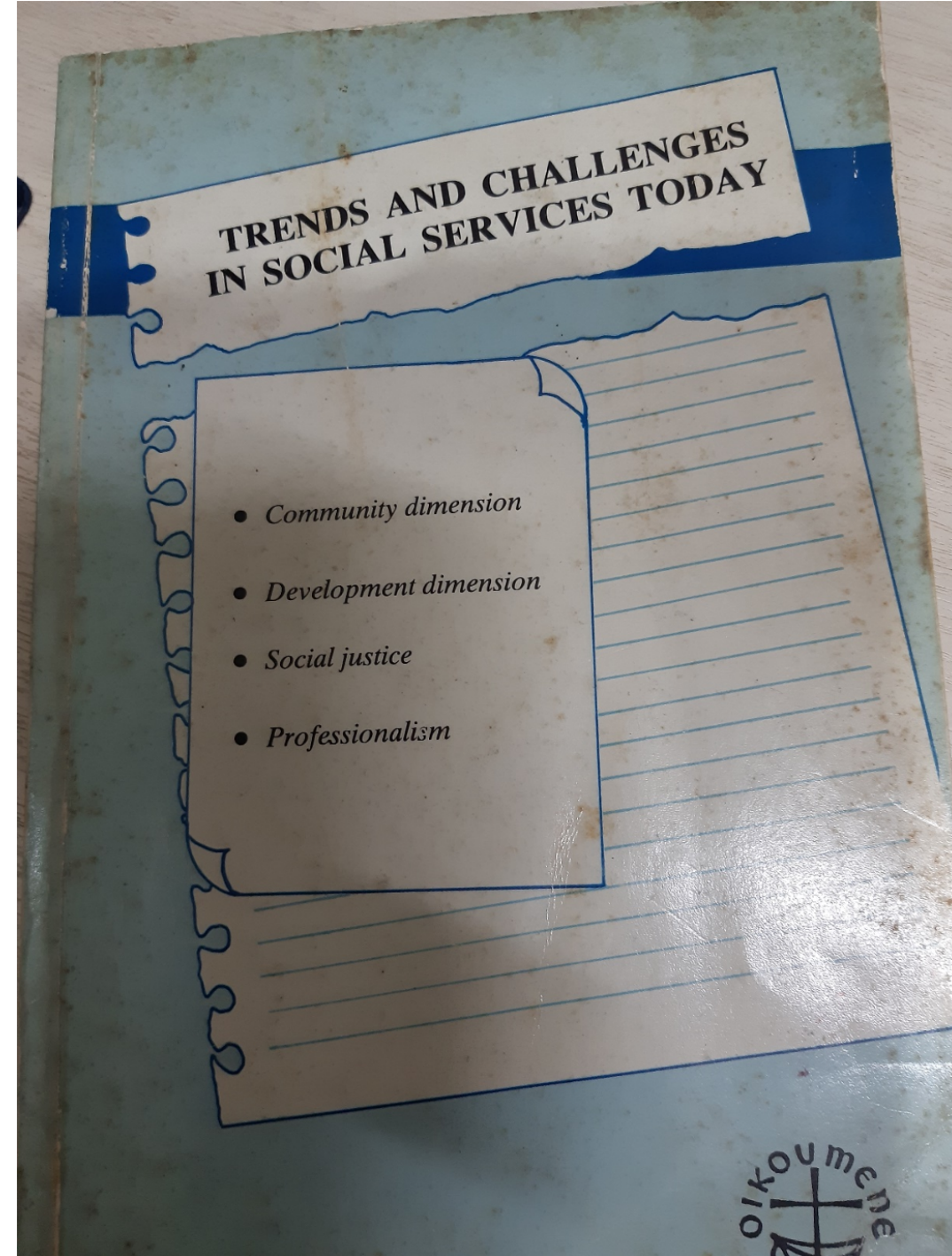


BANKING FOR THE POOR DISCUSSIONS

- Dr Ben Quinones (APDC) came to Malaysia and started as Banking for the poor conversations & MFIs- (1996)
- Micro-Credit Summit 1997 in Washington DC
- Paul was part of these discussions & in this book (2000) there is a case study of there is a reference to **Kooperasi Kredit Rakyat (KKR)** which Paul was part of often presented
- Pg 189 – *“KKR brought financial services to a section of Malaysian society ... have not reached”*
- Pg 197 – *KKR –taken internal resource mobilization. Reference to savings*



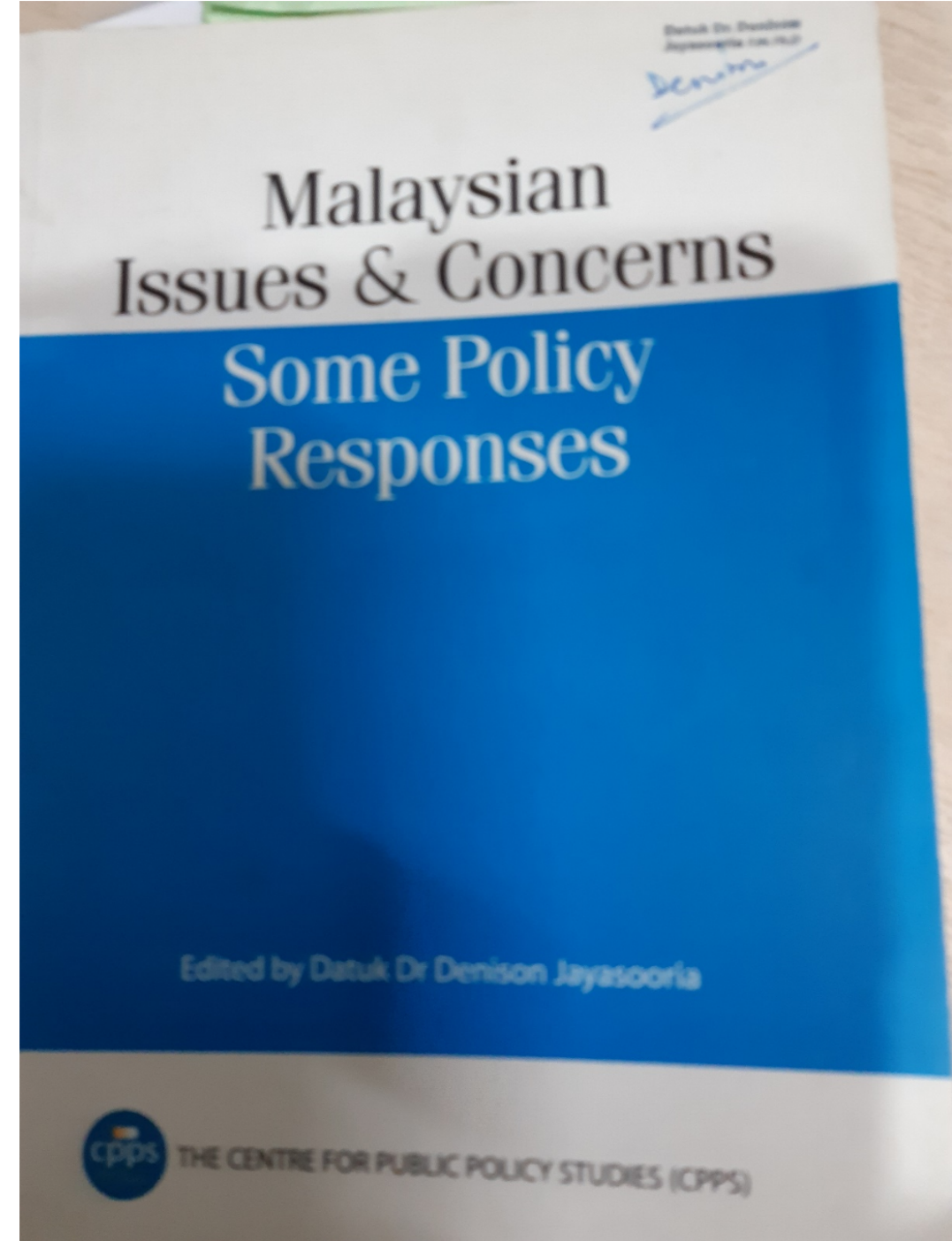
- In 1988 Malaysian CARE hosted the first National Symposium- *“Trends & Challenges in Christian Social Services for the 90s”*
- Paul was part of this discussion as he was with NOHD then and in the section Development Dimension of Social Services by presenting a case study on *Upliftment programs among the Plantation People: Credit Union*
- Paul wrote: *“the community is moving towards discovering itself of its needs, aspirations, talents, local resources and future goals”* (pg 44)
- In the final statement: *“... not just serving the victims but also tackling the root causes of social problems* (pg 93)



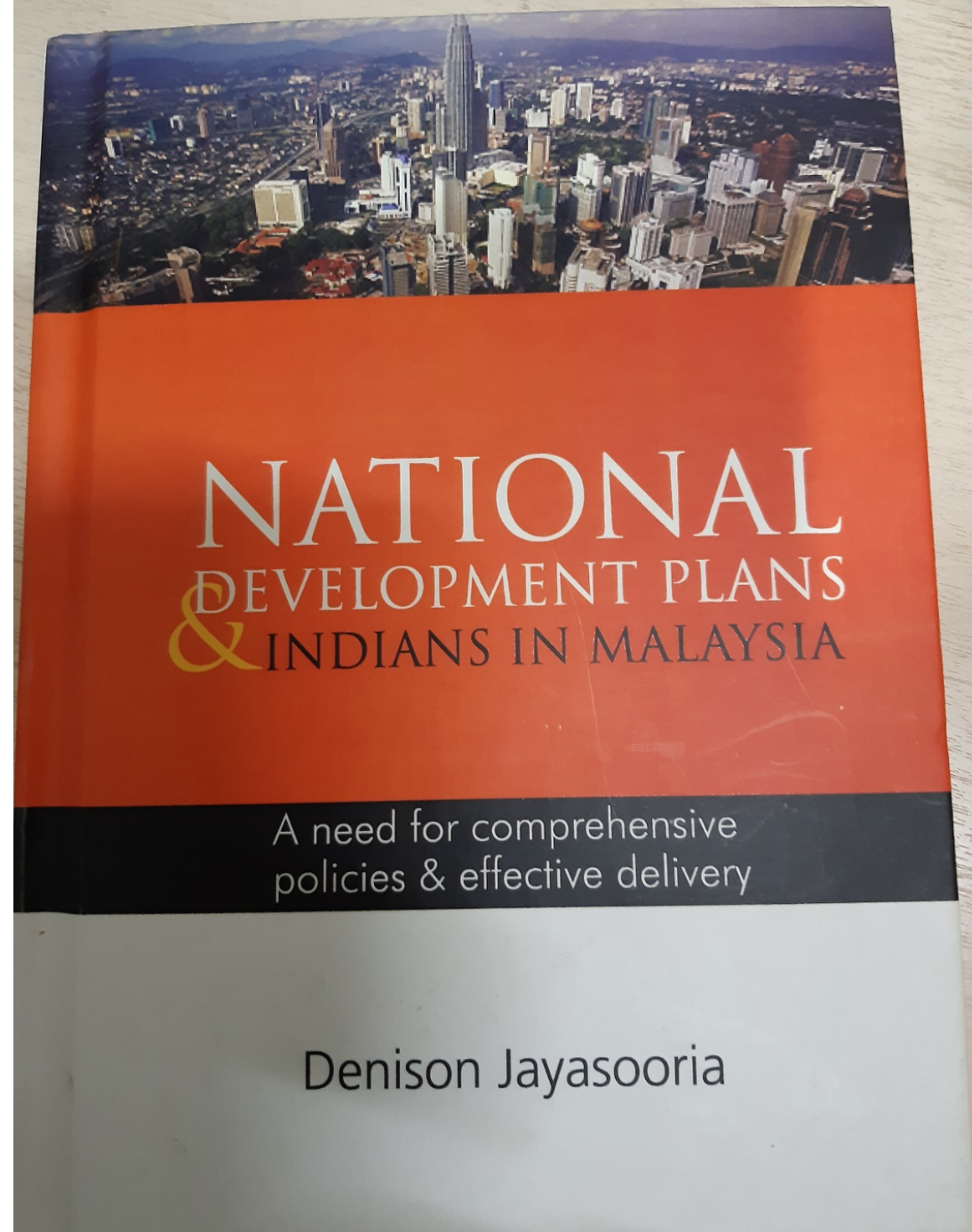
Paul at a GMM & ASEC Meeting on Social Economy



- The Centre for Public Policy Studies (CPPS-ASLI) hosted a series of 12 RTDs in 2012 & Dato Saifuddin who was then Deputy Higher Education Minister was also involved in this RTDs & publication (2013)
- Paul participated in these discussions like the one of Low income Families held on August 16, 2012
- A number of thoughts (pg 58)
 - *In assisting the low income, we need to address alienation & deprivation*
 - *Empowerment of the poor with financial literacy*



- A series of policy discussions were held in Putrajaya in 2009 in the preparation of a paper to EPU as input to the Tenth Malaysia Plan.
- Paul participated in this discussion & it is documented in the 2010 publication (pg199) along with 47 others in these policy discussions
- One major policy recommendation was “*seeing the Indian concerns as national concerns*” (pg 187)



Paul at a YKPM discussion in Cooperative formation for the Orang Asli



Time of Sharing & Remembering

- Datuk Yusof Kassim
- Ms Ooi Kiah Hui
- Mr Kon Onn Sein
- Dr Ben Quinones
- Yb Dato Saifuddin Abdullah
- **OPEN TO ALL**
- Word from Paul's family
- Closing reflections & Prayer:
Bishop Julian

*HONOURING A CHAMPION OF THE POOR
He worked on building inclusive communities
through cooperative formation*



bro Paul Sinappan

April 24, 1950 – May 24, 2021

MEMORIAL SHARING

Date : Saturday – June 26, 2021
Time : 10.00 to 11.30AM (KL/Manila)
Venue : Zoom – Meeting ID : 997 0087 6287

Datuk Yusof Kassim (on behalf of COMMACT & Cooperative Movement)
Ms Ooi Kiah Hui (Former Malaysian CARE)
Mr Kon Onn Sein (YKPM)
Dr Ben Quinones (on Behalf of ASEC)
YB Datuk Saifuddin Abdullah (Malaysia Information Minister)
Session Moderated by Datuk Dr Denison Jayasooria

*A memorial organized by friends in the social solidarity economy network
Asian Solidarity Economy Council and COMMACT Malaysia.*