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Genesis

By God's grace and blessings, and after much prodding by Lee Park Ming, our small group KAIROS took off in 2010. After the completion of the Disciple I class, which I facilitated, my wife Veronica and I were asked by Violet Khor to start a new small group. Some were new members of the church while others had been at TMC for a long time. Most came from the just completed Disciple I class. Along the way, more members joined us and today we number over 15.

We began meeting in church once a month to get to know and interact with one another. As we gathered in the name of the Lord, we became more familiar with one another and began Bible Study together. We also prayed for one another and shared our cares and concerns.

HELPING EACH OTHER

When one of our members, Richard Tay, had a relapse with his knee problem, he was hospitalised for a long period and needed several rounds of surgery to rectify and mend his knee. Group members rallied around and helped him in his recovery. When he was discharged from hospital, he was still unable to move around. By then, he had also shifted to a new place that was undergoing lift upgrading.



To make it more convenient for him to attend our small group meetings, we moved our meetings to his house. We encouraged him and prayed together for his speedy recovery. One of our members, Evangeline, a trained nurse from India who is working at NUH, moved in to stay with Nancy and Richard. She helped to provide medical care for Richard when she was at home and helped Nancy in other household chores.

The Tays' new place was also just a block away from two members - Ella and Willie. They helped to provide transportation for Richard and accompanied him at home when Nancy had to be out to run errands.

Other members like Lucy and Alice would visit in the afternoon to play the game Rummikub with the Tays. All of them have since developed into good players and Richard even took part in the recent GYM Rummikub Competition! Geok Kee and I helped out as drivers when there was a need. Other members would also pop by to lift their spirits.

Tan Poh Liang, who was serving in Outreach & Social Concerns (OSC) activities with Nancy, also joined small group. Other than meetings, the ladies have fellowship together, learning from one another how to cook and bake. We have meals together during festive seasons. We are all united in one body of Christ.

At one of our recent meetings, we held a house blessing at the request of Lelia and Lilian who had just completed their recent home renovation. And finally, our newest member, Rose Tung, joined us in April this year after being invited by the ladies who were all helping out in Contact 123. Most of our members are now serving actively and faithfully in the OSC ministry programmes like St. Luke's Eldercare Centre and Contact 123, the GYM ministry programmes like Yum Cha and Tea@3, and WSCS activities like the Good as New Sale, food sales, home visitations and mission to Cambodia.

Due to health reasons, I have stepped down and James Tang has assumed the responsibility of being the leader of the group.

Coincidence or God's Hand at Work?

Upon reflection of all that has happened, is it coincidence that everything has been so well planned? Richard's illness, followed by Evangeline's appearance, the Tays' moving into a flat in the block next to Ella and Willie's, and the availability of our members to help as drivers and friends to accompany the Tays...only God knows for His thoughts are much higher than ours. We are just faithful followers of Christ Jesus our Lord. When we are united in the body of Christ and pray in unison, our prayers will be answered. What happened is our testimony of God's hand at work.

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