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WHILE THEIR FIRST NAME WAS SENGKANG SMALL GROUP, NONE OF THEM LIVE IN THAT ESTATE ANY LONGER. MONICA HO-CHIA RECALLS HER JOURNEY WITH THIS GROUP OF FAMILIES WHO ARE NOW KNOWN AS THE SK GROUP.

"Do you know how to get to Sengkang?" I asked my husband, Alvin, in the middle of 2004. We had just moved from Jurong, where we lived for 8 years, to the central part of Singapore.

During that time, we dutifully made the weekly journey to Serangoon Gardens to worship at TMC. While we knew many in the congregation, we were not part of any Small Group as we felt we lived too far from most worshippers and moving around with 2 small children (aged 5 and 2) then was not convenient. With our shift, we discussed the possibility of joining a Small Group as we both longed for a deeper fellowship with and spiritual support from our brothers and sisters in church. Bringing up a young family in the faith by ourselves was lonely at times. Khia Teck, the Small Group Co-ordinator then, graciously invited us into his own Small Group - Sengkang SG, comprising his and two other families with young children around the same age as ours.

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"OVER THE PAST 2 YEARS, MY WORK HAS REQUIRED ME TO TRAVEL FREQUENTLY, TAKING ME AWAY FROM FAMILY AND CHURCH. THE SMALL GROUP PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART KEEPING MY SPIRITUAL LIFE ON AN EVEN KEEL. WE STUDIED GOD'S WORD AND PRAYED TOGETHER, CAREFUL NOT TO LET THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF WORK AND FAMILY LIFE CROWD OUT GOD'S STILL SMALL VOICE."

KHIA TECK

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That was almost six years ago. We have not looked back since. Sengkang SG has grown to a group of 6 families. Initially, the concerns we shared with each other were superficial, such as children's health (cough and running nose) and our busy schedules. Over time, as we grew to be more comfortable with each other and in love with the Lord, our friendships became stronger and our sharing deeper. Our relationship with God, with our spouses and children, our children's faith, the salvation of our pre-believing family members, our careers and the sacrifices we have to make, are just some of the issues that we share and pray about.



The bible studies we have covered and the retreats we have gone for are but just some of the activities that the group has undertaken to help members grow in the understanding of His word and His purpose for us in our lives.



The security and serenity of knowing that there are fellow brothers and sisters who are going through a similar stage of life as me, and with whom I can share my innermost thoughts, fears, victories and failures, without judgment but unconditional love, has really been an encouragement in my spiritual walk.

Seeing the children in the group grow up together, both physically and in the faith, is also another blessing. I know that when my children grow older and drift away from us parents, they will have their own friends in the faith to turn to and rely on.

Being part of a Small Group has definitely been a turning point (for the better) in my Christian faith.

ABOUT SMALL GROUP CONNECT...

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"TWO THINGS HAVE ESPECIALLY ENCOURAGED ME. THE FIRST IS THE WILLINGNESS OF MEMBERS IN THE SMALL GROUP TO EACH TAKE ON SOME ROLE, BE IT LEADING WORSHIP OR BIBLE STUDY OR PROVIDING YUMMY TREATS, IN SERVICE OF THE GROUP GROWING IN FAITH. THE SECOND IS THE WAY WE CAME TOGETHER TO SERVE THE CHURCH THROUGH ORGANISING LAST YEAR'S CHURCH ANNIVERSARY LUNCH. MANY HANDS UNITED IN LOVE REALLY DOES MAKE LIGHTER WORK."

KHIA TECK

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