

## Which 'Jagas' do you belong to?

The small groups Watchmen 1 and Watchmen 2, affectionately known as Jagas, started meeting in the home of Colin Yip on Monday evenings as 1 group of young working adults and tertiary students. A typical meeting would begin with praise and worship, then bible study and end with prayer, either corporately or in smaller groups. Similar work life and personal experiences resulted in the group developing very close bonds with one another.



*JAGAS GATHERING AROUND A TABLE OF KFC,  
A FAVOURITE OF BOTH GROUPS*

As the years went by, the Lord blessed the group and it grew in numbers. The inevitable had to be faced – the prospect of multiplying into 2 groups. Members worried that parting ways would result in the loss of closeness and chemistry, the hallmark of the Jagas. Plus, how would people be grouped? Would both groups do the same bible study material? Would they meet on the same night and would this be the basis for determining the split? After much hesitation, prayer and discussion, the 2 groups finally multiplied.

As breaking up was hard enough to do, no one had the heart to come up with a new name, so today, the groups are still known as Watchmen 1 and Watchmen 2.

Even though members attend different services (including the Chinese service), they still meet together regularly and sometimes meet all together for combined fellowship in what becomes a rather crowded apartment!

Both groups work well together especially when it comes to organizing projects such as church outreach programmes. Recently they had another chance to lend a helping hand to 2 members who will be getting married in May. The wedding couple, Daryl and Carine, needed to fold and tie bows on 200 wedding invitations, and who else to rise to the occasion but their small groups!

After being comfortably fed with KFC and sushi, and having their hands inspected to meet ISO2009 hygiene standards, the labourers got down to serious work of folding, gluing and tying. Some discovered hidden talent while others decided they had to keep their day jobs. Before anyone got too bored, the work was all over, but not before a sweet reward in the form of delicious donuts for supper.

Aside from sharing good times together, the groups will continue to evolve over time as they welcome new junior members into their midst.

While it remains to be seen in which Jagas the wedding couple will settle down in, (as both currently attend different Jagas groups), in the end it does not matter which Jagas you are in. You will surely experience the same warmth and Christian fellowship in both.



*TUTORIAL ON HOW TO TIE THE PERFECT BOW ON A WEDDING INVITATION CARD. BABY COLETTE IS PAYING ATTENTION SO SHE WON'T MAKE A MISTAKE.*



*WORKERS HAD TO PASS A STRICT HYGIENE INSPECTION BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO HANDLE WEDDING INVITATIONS*



*THE REWARD!*

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