

Five Loaves and Two Fish

TMC Fundraising Dinner

@ Orchard Hotel



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The TMC Fundraising Dinner was held at Orchard Hotel on 1 Aug 08, and what a grand night it was! With more than 500 guests in attendance, the ballroom was packed with church members and guests dressed to the nines for a night of wonderful dining, good music and warm fellowship.

The evening kicked off with a speech from Pastor Dianna Khoo, at the end of which, each table was presented with a basket of "Five Loaves and Two Fish", comprising five buns and two fish-shaped cakes, as part of the traditional first course.

The first performance of the night was an adorable handbells performance by the children from TMC Kindergarten, followed by two video presentations showcasing TMC's history and ministries, and a personal testimony from Ms Angie Tan. Guests were also treated to musical performances by our church members Serene Chew and Irene Ooi throughout the dinner.



The highlight of the evening was the live auction, where the most sought after item up for grabs was a pair of Grandstand tickets to the inaugural Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix in September 2008. After several rounds of exciting bidding, the tickets were finally sold for the princely sum of \$2,950 to the highest bidder. While it may have been rather nerve-wracking for the bidders, it was certainly entertaining for the rest of the guests! Other items snapped up included a series of beautiful glass sculptures depicting the theme of "Five Loaves and Two Fish", specially designed and donated by one of our church members for the dinner.

At the end of the evening, guests took home lovely key pouches sewn by the ladies of Tabitha Services, an NGO in Cambodia supported by TMC.

As at press time, more than \$425,000 had been raised through this fundraising dinner and the pledges and donations are still coming in. It is truly a testimony of God's faithfulness, in prompting so many guests, sponsors and donors to give so generously from their hearts, exceeding all earlier expectations. Indeed, the theme of the night was wonderfully manifested through how God multiplied the efforts of the organisers to bless His church. To God be the glory, great things He has done!

