

# *Saltshaker*

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# *Shaking Salt* A HOT COFFEE RELATIONSHIP

About two years ago, a new colleague, Ms A joined my department. In the beginning, she was very cheerful and enthusiastic in doing her work.

After about a year, she couldn't concentrate on her work. Her performance deteriorated.

I started talking to her about casual stuff like family members and friends, and had lunch with her.

Then she started to share about personal issues that affected her badly.

I gave her a listening ear and tried to understand what she was going through. I became closer to her and got to know her better.

Through our conversation, I learnt that her parents were worshipping at a particular church and she sometimes followed them to church. Although she was brought up in a Christian family, she did not know much about God except from what she gathered from sermons.

I invited her to visit TMC as she stayed nearby, but she declined.

At that time, I heard about the Alpha course over the pulpit and attended the Introduction to Alpha. I learnt that it was a 10-session course to learn all about God and who Jesus is in a friendly environment. I began to pray that Ms A would accept my invitation to attend the Alpha course.

During one of my conversations with Ms A in the office, I asked if she would like to attend the Alpha course. She said "yes" immediately!



*Katherine Loh*

I invited her to our 11.15am service and accompanied her for the first couple of Alpha sessions.

However, when the course ended, she stopped coming to TMC. Some church friends tried to reach out to her, and invited her to their small group but she did not respond. Whenever I asked her, she said she was attending church service with her parents. I have also encouraged her to be more active in church and try to serve in a particular ministry...she just smiles.

I will continue to pray for Ms A to be like "hot coffee" and not "lukewarm coffee". I remember what was mentioned in the movie, War Room - nobody likes to drink lukewarm coffee.

Our God also does not like our lukewarm type of relationship with Him.

I will work with Ms A towards having a HOT COFFEE type of relationship with God!

***Katherine first gave this testimony over the pulpit on Sunday 25 Sep 16.***







# MAJULAH BLESS



Olivia Ng

During one of our small group sessions, we discussed how we could reach out to communities that were disadvantaged in society. We decided to attend an event called 'Majulah Belanja' that could possibly put that into action.

Majulah Belanja – literally translated from Malay means "Onward to Treat". Organised by Geylang Adventures, the social initiative intended to bring together migrant workers and Singaporeans, to bridge cultural gaps through food. It was an invitation to Singaporeans to cook and dine with the migrant workers at their dormitories.

Although the idea was great, I was extremely apprehensive about actually doing it! However, it turned out to be an enlightening experience. Each person was teamed with three migrant workers, many of them from Bangladesh, China and India. The main task: cook a traditional dish from their hometown.

The event was a mix of chaos and laughter cooked into one, as the migrant workers were very enthusiastic. Despite the cramped kitchen and hot weather, the migrant workers



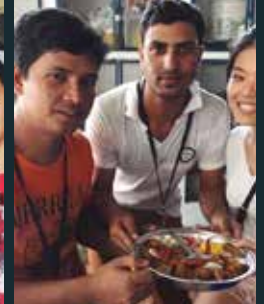
took great pride in the cuisine they cooked. Some even brought out their own blenders and steamers from their dorms. Extra ingredients were given to those who needed it and cooked dishes were shared for others to try.



"They were very warm and welcoming. The event allowed us to step into their world through food. They were generous and caring even though they may not have realised – such as making a dish less spicy because I cannot take spicy food, cooking chicken dishes because I said I liked it even though their favourite meat is mutton. They shoo-ed me into the shelter while they cleared up because it was very hot. My hope is that people will look beyond and see the strengths and resourcefulness they too possess."  
– Blossom Chan, 24

Although it was just a few hours, it was a unique time spent. The act of completing a task together helped to break barriers.

Despite our differences, the



migrants are very similar to us. When asked about who he missed most, the Chinese father I spoke with said that he missed his wife and young daughter back home – proudly showing me a video of her dancing. They echoed love for their family and aspirations, just as we do. Beyond the labels that Singaporeans give them, they are someone's brother, father, family, neighbour. They have people they care for. The migrant workers are much more than the negative labels some Singaporeans too easily assign them.

While it may seem like we were "BLESSing" them, they were the ones who blessed us with their kindness and time spent. As a small group, I hope we can continue to actively seek out and BLESS others, be it in our families, within or outside our community, even if they may be strangers – because it is what Jesus did.

**"The King will reply,**

**'Truly I tell you, whatever**

**you did for one of the least**

**of these brothers and sisters**

**of mine, you did for me'".**

**- Matt 25: 40**

# SOMETHING'S COOKIN' FOR THE LORD



James Tang



**There are several ladies in the KAIROS small group and they are very good cooks.**

Two of our members are sisters, who are very good friends with a pair of sisters who are also good cooks. They speak Mandarin and other Chinese dialects. We invited the latter pair of sisters to cook for us for a few of our meetings.

At our last gathering, the younger sister, Swee Hong (We always call her 'Ah Hong' (wearing yellow)), shared that she wanted to know more about Christ. She had even attended Mandarin services at another church. She was also keen on bringing her brother back to his church.

We invited them to join us at the table for lunch, and shared our experiences with them. We also invited them to join us in our worship session.

To our surprise, Ah Hong opened up and shared her personal testimony.

Would you believe that she saw Christ one day – and, of all places, in her refrigerator?

She had been asked to make a yam cake for our very own WSCS Food Sale one Sunday and was in great haste. When she hurriedly opened the fridge door, Christ was there and HE spoke to her!

She admitted that she was very, very scared but, deep in her heart, she knew that she was being blessed.

After that, Ah Hong attended our Mandarin service a few times but, because she wanted to accompany her brother, she found it more convenient to attend his church. The latest update is that they are continuing to do so.

Ah Hong herself had in fact just returned from a trip to Canada with our two KAIROS sisters. Hallelujah!

In our bible studies on the book of 1st Corinthians, we in

KAIROS constantly remind ourselves that God has given each of us special gifts and talents to be used to bless others and be witnesses for Him. For example, one of us is still in touch with a single mother from the days her child attended Contact 123 (now known as Youth Avenue). Another serves as a worship leader at Yum Cha @ 10 and the St Luke's ElderCare Centre devotions. As several of us are retirees, you can see us helping out at Yum Cha @ 10, WSCS, home visitations, and even the Fellowship of Ukulelians, the crèche and the Resource Centre.

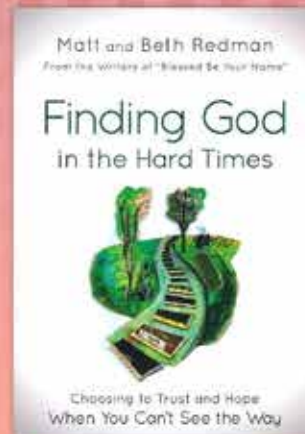
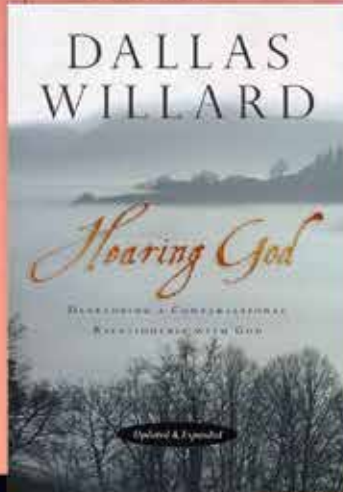
This year's sermon series on 1st Corinthians has been a timely reminder to us. We pray that we have planted the seed of the Gospel with our blessings and we know that our God will do the rest. Indeed, He will transform our weaknesses into witnesses for His Glory!

*James first gave this testimony on behalf of the KAIROS small group over the pulpit on Sunday 30 Oct 16.*



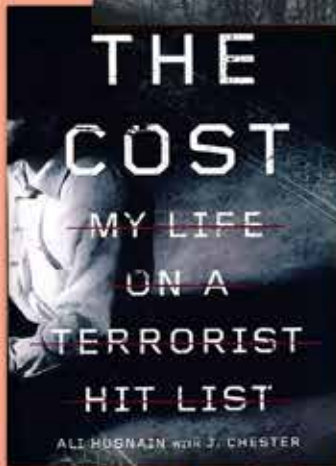
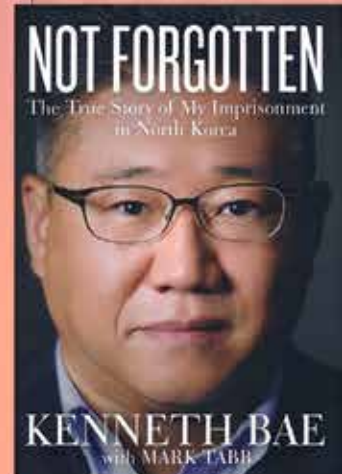
# BIBLIOTHEQUE

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Hearing God: Developing a  
Conversational Relationship  
with God  
~ Dallas Willard

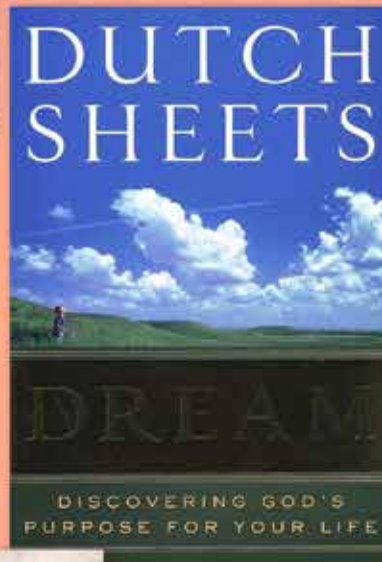


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Choosing to Trust and Hope When  
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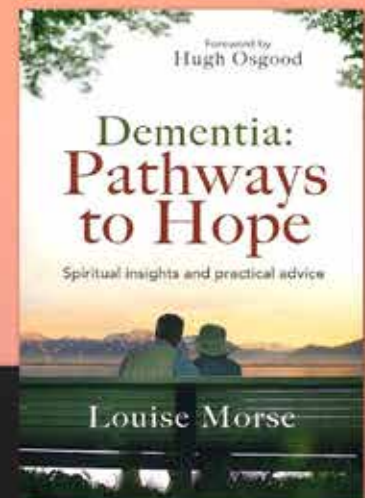
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My Imprisonment in North Korea  
~ Kenneth Bae



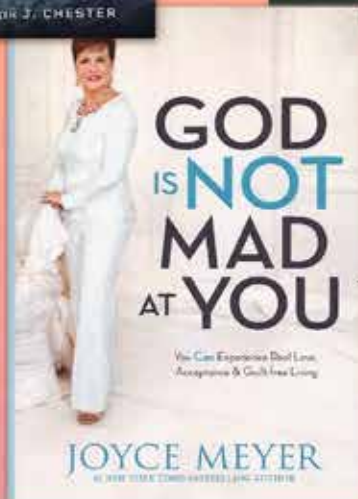
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a Terrorist Hit List  
~ Ali Husnain



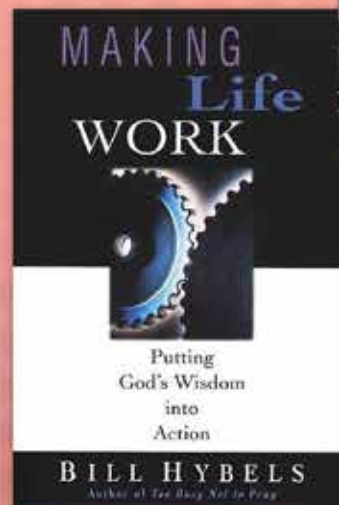
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Dream: Discovering God's  
Purpose for Your Life  
~ Dutch Sheets



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Dementia: Pathways to Hope,  
Spiritual Insights and  
Practical Advice  
~ Louise Morse



248 MEY  
God is Not Mad at You: You Can  
Experience Real Love, Acceptance  
and Guilt-Free Living  
~ Joyce Meyer



248 HYB  
Making Life Work: Putting God's  
Wisdom Into Action  
~ Bill Hybels

These books and many other resources are available for borrowing from the TMC Resource Centre, situated at Benjamin Room on Level 2.

# FIND CHRISTMAS



Tricia Tong

This column is about the things that little people can teach us about our relationship with God.



**Last Christmas, when Vicky was 22 months old, I pointed out Christmas decorations whenever we went out.**

The beautifully decorated Christmas tree with their pretty twinkling lights, and the cute reindeer drawing sleighs resulted

in her saying: “Find Christmas! Find Christmas!” (or rather, “Find Kiss-muss”) whenever we were driving. Her search continued long after the Christmas decorations were taken down.

Since we knew that what she meant was for us to point out the

trappings of Christmas – the fairy lights, the tinsel, the trees and snowmen - it made us redouble our efforts to help Vicky find the real Christmas, especially since her father was and is adamant on making her understand that Santa Claus does not exist.



So out came the bible story books with illustrations of the Christmas story. We were also blessed to come across some material that allowed us to make the Christmas story more interactive, like physically moving the Star of Bethlehem across the pages to show how the Magi found Jesus.

Now that Christmas decorations are put up in shopping malls in October, and the Orchard Road light-up takes place in November, it is easy for our pre-believing friends and even our church-going selves to get lost in parties and gatherings held in the name of the season, and the exchange of gifts at the office party.


We can intensify our efforts to strip the wrappings of what is commonly thought to be a celebration of Christmas – for God’s glory, for the sake of our pre-believing friends... and for ourselves.

And there are opportunities to help your pre-believing friends Find Christmas - at and through TMC. We can illustrate the real Christmas through certain simple activities.

From 11 December, there will be several opportunities for us to invite our pre-believing friends to join us in extending a warm hand and heart to many who are marginalised or ignored in our society. From residents of the Institute of Mental Health to those who have lost their sight. From the elderly and needy, to the many domestic helpers who have left their hometowns to eke out a living in Singapore.

If we can explain to our friends

that this is more than “do-goodery”, we may well succeed in helping them be on their way to Finding Christmas ... and finding Jesus.

For in Matt 25:34-40, the King says to the righteous that those who fed the hungry, gave the thirsty something to drink, entertained a stranger, clothed the needy, visited the sick or the imprisoned – those persons did it for the King. 

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**34 “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’**

**37 “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’**

**40 “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’(Matt 25)**

## B.L.E.S.S.

### SOMEONE THIS CHRISTMAS

Invite your friend to join you in bringing  
Christmas cheer to the poor and needy among us.

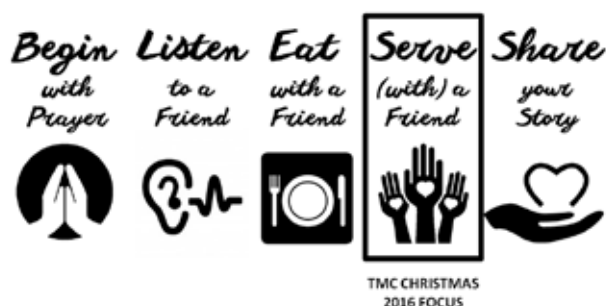
### OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

- Institute of Mental Health
- Youth Avenue
- Gospel Mission for the Blind
- Domestic Helpers' Party
- Outing with elderly and needy to River Safari

## B . Y . F

### BRING YOUR FRIEND WHOM DO I BRING?

1. A pre-believing relative or colleague
2. An unchurched friend e.g. a Christian who is not baptised or doesn't go to church
3. Someone who comes to TMC but is not involved in any ministry or not in any small group



Find out more at the BLESS  
booth in the Plaza or  
[www.tmc.org.sg/xmas2016.html](http://www.tmc.org.sg/xmas2016.html)





BRING YOUR FRIEND

B.Y.F.

CHRISTMAS  
AL FRESCO  
DINNER

BY CANDLELIGHT



*Friday, 23 December*

*7:00 - 10:00pm*

*Al Fresco Dining at the TMC Plaza*

*Give your pre-believing friend(s) a Christmas treat!  
Program includes: Live band | Table games & prizes |  
Christmas message by Pastor Timothy | 4-course dinner*

*Find out more at the BLESS booth in the  
Plaza or [www.tmc.org.sg/xmas2016.html](http://www.tmc.org.sg/xmas2016.html)*

# IN AND AB

YOUR CHURCH LEADERS 2016-7 .....



**Pastoral Cluster:** Pa1: Ps Timothy Yong - Pa2: Wee Eng Hock (Pastoral CareNet Ministry) - Pa3: Kenga (Associate Lay Leader) - Pa4: Tan Seng Hee (Small Groups) - Pa5: Carol Lie (Mandarin Service) - Pa6: Mary Foo (Women's Society of Christian Service) - Pa7: Nerine Seng (Glowing Years Ministry) - Not in photo: Ang Poh Kit (Associate Lay Leader)

**Evangelistic Cluster:** E1: Lee Hui Ling (Girls' Brigade) - E2: Koh Eu Beng (Boys' Brigade) - E3: Keegan Ong (Associate Lay Leader) - E4: Jestyn Koh (Lay Executive Staff) - E5: Claire Lowe (Lay Executive Staff) - E6: Katherine Loh (Witness & Evangelism) - E7: Eugenia Koh (Outreach & Social Concerns) - Not in photo: Kelvin Tan (Missions, LCEC Vice-chairperson)

**Prophetic Cluster:** P1: Tricia Tong (Communications) - P2: Rev Alvin Chan - P3: Richard Seng (Associate Lay Leader) - P4: Pamela Lim (Prayer & Intercession) - P5: Daryl Ong (Worship & Music) - P6: Christabel David (Steward)

**Teaching Cluster:** T1: Emily Tan (Youth Ministry) - T2: George Sathiasingam (Children's Ministry) - T3: Albert Yeo (Discipleship & Nurture) - T4: Rev Paul Nga - T5: Daniel Hum (Young Adults Ministry) - T6: Lee Park Ming (Lay Executive Staff) - Not in photo: Ang Hern Shung (Lay Ministry Staff)

**Apostolic Cluster:** A1: Tan Kim Lam (Church Administrator) - A2: Paul Chong (Governance) - A3: Wong Ting Ling (Property) - A4: Robert Yeo (Associate Lay Leader) - A5: Lim Sue Yien (Finance) - A6: Tan Sue Ann (Recording Secretary) - A7: Hum Sin Hoon (LCEC Chairperson) - A8: Dexter Chia (Asst Recording Secretary) - Not in photo: Andy Chew (Lay Leader), Eugene Koh (Treasurer), Tan Sin Guek (Church Archivist)

**Honorary Stewards:** HP1: Khor Tong Hong - HP2: Judy Yip - Not in photo: P Sathiasingam

**Local Preachers:** LP: Violet Khor - Not in photo: Kwa Kiem Kiok, Jacob Cheng, Kevin Lowe, Eddie Goh, Ang Hern Shung

**Lay Delegates to the Annual Conference:** 1st Lay Delegate: Hum Sin Hoon (A7) - 2nd Lay Delegate : Andy Chew (not in photo) - 3rd Lay Delegate: Robert Yeo (A4) - 1st Reserve Lay Delegate: Lim Sue Yien (A5) - 2nd Reserve Lay Delegate: Kelvin Tan (not in photo) - 3rd Reserve Lay Delegate: Paul Chong (A2) - 4th Reserve Lay Delegate: Lee Park Ming (T6)

**Pastor-Parish Relations and Staff Committee ((PPRSC):** A4: Robert Yeo (Chairperson) - a: Caroline Lim - b: Ronnie Tan - c: Debbie Tng - A7: Hum Sin Hoon - A8: Dexter Chia - Not in photo: Andy Chew

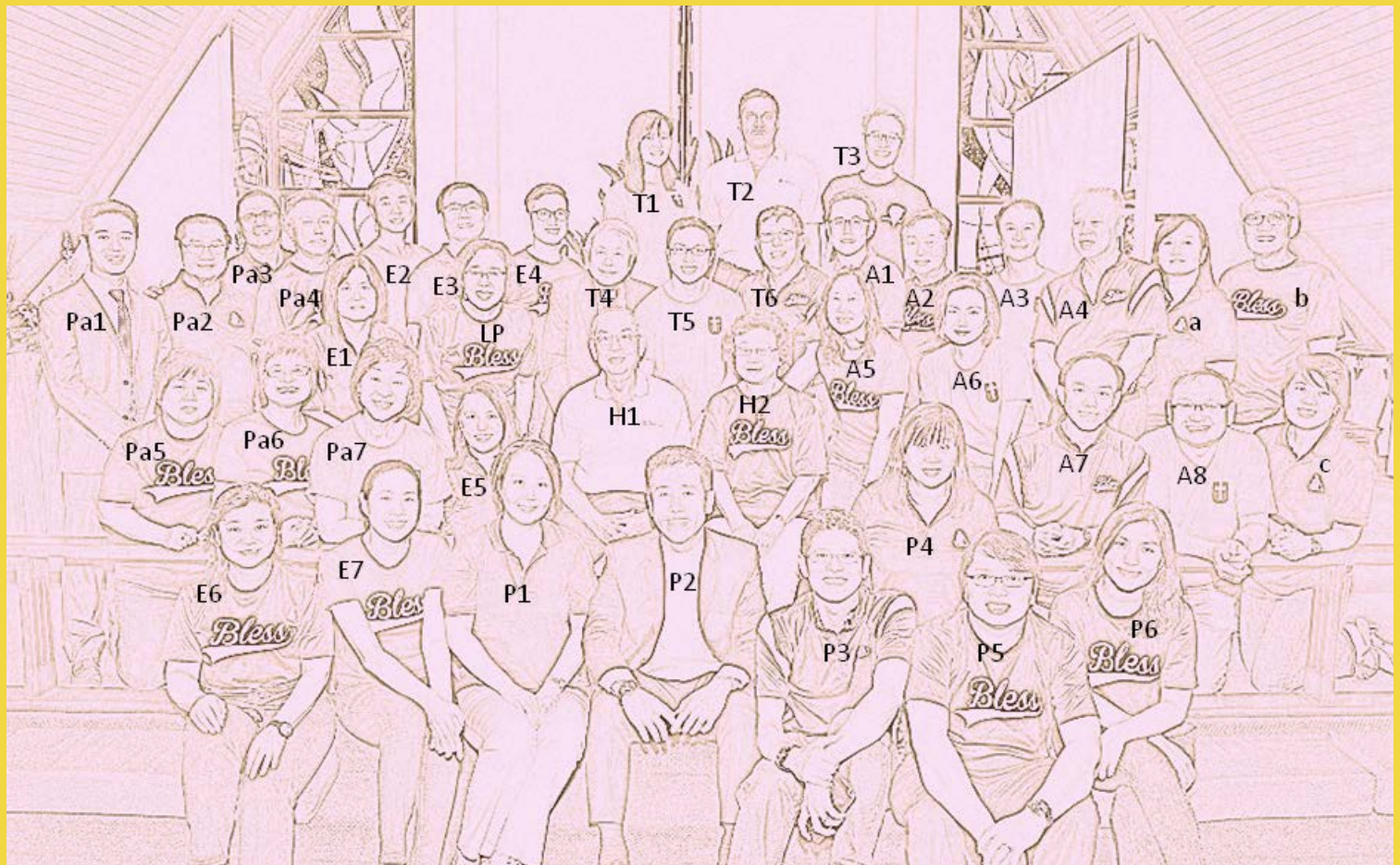


# OUT TMC

## COUNTING TEAMS



TMC has three teams of 22 people who faithfully spring into action each and every Sunday after the end of the 8.45am service to count and record the offerings made at the two English services, Mandarin service, two Children's Ministry sessions and Youth Ministry. May God continue to bless those who labour for Him behind the scenes each week.





# The Sixth Decade

2007-2016

2007

**Theme: Service - Our Offering**

## JULY 2007

An opportunity arose for TMC to take over the Contact 123 Centre (now known as Youth Avenue) at Blk 123 Serangoon North Ave 1 to serve the community.

The premises had been an e-club (which was to be moved to Serangoon Community Club). There was a lifestyle corner at end of block. There is a large field and fenced-off street soccer pitch with running track behind the block.

The ministry of outreach was to be shared with Yio Chu Kang Chapel.



Contact 123



Setting up Contact 123 (2007).

## SEPTEMBER 2007

There was a combined worship service for all 3 congregations at 9.30am in celebration of our 51st Church Anniversary. Rev Melvin Huang was the guest speaker. A buffet lunch followed within the church premises thereafter.

## 19 SEPTEMBER 2007

Golf Tournament to raise funds was held.



Golf Tournament (2007).

## 22 SEPTEMBER 2007

Kindergarten Mid-Autumn Outreach saw 89 guests (including 32 children).

## 1 DECEMBER 2007

TMC was invited to participate in a Christmas Event at Serangoon Village. "The Colours of Christmas @ SGV" was held outside the present Maju Mall on Maju Avenue. 4 churches (TMC, St Peter's Church, Church of St Francis Xavier and Yio Chu Kang Chapel) participated.

Our 30-minute performance consisted of funky carols, a handbells item by the Kindergarten children and song items from the seniors from the Mandarin Service.

Lyrics of carols were distributed to the public, and contained an invitation to the public to our Christmas Eve/Day services.



## 1 NOVEMBER 2007

Contact 123 was officially handed over to TMC.

The purpose of our participation in Contact 123 was:

- a step into the neighbourhood;
- to be a blessing to residents (Gen 12:3);
- to practise hospitality.

## 4 DECEMBER 2007

Start of the IT Centre at Contact 123.

On its commencement, the Centre opened on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, with the mornings manned by the existing Contact 123 volunteers and afternoons (1pm to 6pm) manned by TMC.

The operation of the Centre provided opportunities for interaction with the regular visitors and their families.

To ensure that the activities of the centre would not distract students from their school work, the Centre adopted a policy of denying entry to students in uniform. A time limit was also set so that computers could not be booked for more than 3 hours at one go. A "homework help" programme was started, with volunteers helping students with their homework for free, while the students earned credits for playing games on the PCs if they completed a certain number of hours with the "homework help" programme.



*Supervising gaming sessions at Contact 123.*



*Volunteer receptionists at Contact 123.*



*Helping with homework at Contact 123.*



## Theme: Outreach – His Commission

### 13 JANUARY 2008

Updated Membership Directory was circulated to members. This was the last of the circulated membership directories before the enactment of personal data laws.

### APRIL 2008

Contact 123 assisted with tax e-filings as the Centre, prior to being taken over by TMC, had been an e-filing centre.

### JUNE 2008

Church Camp was held at Holiday Inn, Melaka. Theme was Connect Three @ TMC.



*Church camp 2008.*



### JULY 2008

Small Group Conference was led by Dr Christine Pohl. The emphasis was on the practice of, and practising, community living. A total of 127 participants took part in the Conference.

### JULY 2008

WSCS initiated *hanyu pinyin* classes at Contact 123. The teacher taught from the Bible.



## 1 AUGUST 2008

Five Loaves and Two Fish Fund-Raising Gala Dinner was held at Orchard Hotel.

The opening dish was fish-shaped pancakes, served by the Girls' and Boys' Brigades.

Miss Angie Tan, formerly resident at Chen Su Lan Methodist Children's Home, shared a testimony.

A 'silent' auction was held at the dinner. Auction items included:

- (a) a Renoir print, uncollected from an art gallery for more than 10 years;
- (b) Chinese calligraphy with characters for "Faith, Hope and Love" by Lim Tze Peng;
- (c) Glass sculptures from one of our members, Florence Ng, whose company designed TMC's stained glass.
- (d) Antique tea cups (with certificates);
- (e) Pages from a Bible from 1600s (taken from Chronicles & Corinthians);
- (f) F1 Grandstand tickets
- (g) an original Manchester United jersey belonging to Carrick.

The total net amount raised from table ticket sales, the auction and donations was approximately \$422,000.



5 Loaves 2 Fish



*A Glorious Morn, a water colour painting by Dr Choong Chee Pang (Lot No. 2 at Five Loaves Two Fish auction 2008).*



*Faith, Hope, Love calligraphy by Cultural Medallionist, Lim Tze Peng (Lot No. 4 at Five Loaves Two Fish auction 2008).*



*Information about Ministries at Five Loaves Two Fish Dinner (2008).*



*Admiring the glass sculpture at Five Loaves Two Fish Dinner (2008).*



*A basket of of Five Loaves Two Fish (2008).*

## 30 AUGUST 2008

Children's Ministry staged an evangelistic musical, "Nic at Night".



## SEPTEMBER 2008

The 52nd Church Anniversary was held in church with Rev Dr Wee Boon Hup as the preacher.

A new website was launched that day.

## 8 NOVEMBER 2008

Operation Connect was launched. This was a year-long project which encouraged worshippers to connect with others outside the Christian community through everyday activities.



*Operation Connect (2008).*

## 23 NOVEMBER – 14 DECEMBER 2008

"Christmas Tree Project" in support of the Bethany Home was assisted by the Acts 29 small group. Members were encouraged to donate and also write a Christmas greeting to the residents at the home. The tree was transported from TMC to the home on 14 Dec.



*Ministry to Bethany Home residents (2008).*

## DECEMBER 2008

First mission trip to Cambodia by Children's Ministry.

## 19 JANUARY 2009

Chinese New Year door-to-door visit to Blk 147 Serangoon North Ave 1.

## MARCH 2009

Discipleship and Nurture Ministry re-launched its training road map, called "Connecting Faith & Life". The roadmap comprises 3 phases - Growing as Christian, Living as Disciples, and Becoming Servants. For the second and third phases, the courses were organised along the themes "Connecting with God", "Connecting with One Another" and "Connecting with Others".

## MARCH 2009

Contact 123 conducted its first IT course.

## APRIL 2009

The first monthly legal clinic started at Contact 123.

## 3-4 JULY 2009

Small Group Conference.

## 19 JULY 2009

Mandarin Service organised a Chinese evangelistic concert.

## SEPTEMBER 2009

Rev Malcolm Tan was the preacher at the 53rd church anniversary. The lunch was a catered buffet, organised by SK Small Group.



*53rd anniversary celebrations (2009).*



## 3 OCTOBER 2009

Operation Connect and Witness & Evangelism organised a mooncake festival programmes at various venues anchored by small groups.



*Operation Mooncake (2009).*

Heartbeat of God small group conducted the home visitations to six Contact 123 families.



*Heartbeat of God small group (2009).*

## NOVEMBER 2009

Mandarin Ministry held a family evangelistic camp, targeted at Chinese-speaking pre-believers. It was held at Pulau Springs Resort, Desaru.



*Mandarin Service Evangelistic Camp at Desaru (2009).*



# 2009

## 21 NOVEMBER 2009

The Andrew Lee Memorial Fund, established in 1980 to remember Andrew Lee's contribution to the Sengois mission was closed at the request of the Lee family. The remainder funds were transferred to a TRAC Malaysia endowment fund, to support the Sengois.

## CHRISTMAS EVE 2009

Children's Ministry led a pageant, with backdrops by the Youth Ministry.



*Preparing for Christmas Eve 2009.*



*Christmas Eve pageant (2009).*



*The Magi bearing gifts (2009).*

# 2010

## FEBRUARY 2010

Project Lunch Box was started by the BASIC small group. This involved a monthly lunch after the 1115am service in the Plaza, sometimes with games thrown in, but always with good food, including a barbeque on one occasion.



## 7 APRIL 2010

Yum Cha @ 10 was started for the elderly.  
The target audience was friends of our own seniors.



## 30 MAY 2010

Mandarin evangelistic service with guest speaker-singer, Raymond Looi



Raymond Looi (2010).

## 11-14 JUNE 2010

The Church Camp to be organised by Footprints Small Group with Mr Edmund Chua as the speaker and held at Hotel Equatorial Bangi was postponed to 2011 due to religious unrest in Malaysia.

## JULY 2010

The relocation of Takhmao Trinity Methodist Church (TTMC) was considered. The proposal was to purchase a site (following the survey of four potential locations) which was of a sufficient size to house the current members and which would provide room for future expansion. The asking price for the site was US\$70,000. Including legal and administrative fees, the total project cost would amount to US\$75,000 (S\$105,000). The purchase did not proceed in the end as the seller could not wait for our due diligence to be completed.

## JULY 2010

Official opening of St Luke's Eldercare Centre in Serangoon North Ave 4. This was a collaborative effort between the CCC, Yio Chu Kang Chapel, St Luke's Eldercare Centre and TMC.



Official Opening of St Luke's ElderCare Centre in Serangoon (2009).



Therapy at St Luke's ElderCare Centre.



## AUGUST 2010

Ang Mo Kio Methodist Church was allowed the use of our church premises for their Sunday 5pm service, while their church was being rebuilt.

## 26 SEPTEMBER 2010

TMC's 54th Anniversary and Church Dedication at 5pm, with the theme "Overflowing with Thanksgiving". One of the highlights was the donation of Khmer bibles to Cambodia; 4,000 bibles were eventually distributed. The Worship Hall was renamed the "Emmanuel Hall". Collections that day were channelled to the Social Concerns Fund.

## 5 OCTOBER 2010

The LCEC approved of support for Ms Violet Khor to serve as a short-term missionary to Cambodia (in the Methodist School in Cambodia).



*Violet Khor being sent as a missionary to Cambodia (2010).*

## 25 DECEMBER 2010

Children's Ministry donated 100 radios to Khmer families through Transworld Radio (Singapore).

Christmas Musical Concert by Enoch Fernando from the US.



*Enoch Fernando post-concert (2010).*

## 21 JANUARY 2011

Serangoon CC Neighbourhood Party was held in the TMC Plaza.



## 1 MARCH 2011

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Serangoon Citizens' Consultative Committee and TMC in respect of the operations of Contact 123. TMC's contribution would now extend beyond IT services.

## 4 APRIL 2011

Mandarin Service evangelistic service, with Zhang Han Lin as the guest speaker.



## 10-13 JUNE 2011

Church camp was held with the theme "Deeply Rooted". The speaker was Bishop Dr Wee Boon Hup.



## 15 JULY 2011

Ivan Tan was admitted as a deacon at the ministerial session. The ordination service took place on 24 Nov.

## 1 AUGUST 2011

Rev Peter Goh joined the pastoral team.

## 4 SEPTEMBER 2011

During the Mooncake Festival, mooncakes were distributed to Blks 105-108 Serangoon North.



*Mooncake Festival outreach*



## SEPTEMBER 2011

There was a combined service to commemorate our 55th anniversary. TRAC Vice-President, Mr Kim Seah, was the speaker. The theme was on celebrating God's goodness as a family.

## OCTOBER 2011

We took over the chairmanship of St Luke's ElderCare Centre in Serangoon North Ave 4.

## 19 NOVEMBER 2011

Seniors' Ministry was renamed Glowing Years Ministry in line with other TRAC churches.

## 24 DECEMBER 2011

Christmas Eve Outreach Party was held at TMC, with catered food and entertainment stalls. About 125 guests attended from Contact 123, St Luke's Eldercare, Chen Su Lan Methodist Children's Home, TMC Kindergarten, Boys' and Girls' Brigades.



*Christmas Eve Celebration (2011)*



## 26 MAY 2012

Mandarin Service Parents Night Appreciation Dinner.



## JULY 2012

Takhmao Trinity Methodist Church in Phnom Penh changed its name to Glory Trinity Methodist Church, to remove all associations with 'Takhmao' which is the name of the town but also of an idol worshipped by some Khmers.

## 22 SEPTEMBER 2012

Actor, Li Nanxing, spoke at our outreach event. Invitations were distributed to the 8 blocks in the Serangoon North community during the mooncake distribution. The event was host to 500 visitors and church members, with 450 seated in the Emmanuel Hall and 50 in the Sanctuary.





### 3 AUGUST 2012

Ps Chamnap was ordained by Bishop Dr Robert Solomon. He then proceeded to administer his first Holy Communion on Sunday.

### AUGUST 2012

The Hospitality Booklet or Visitors' Pack was conceptualised and designed, offering visitors a glimpse of the history of our church and other generic information.

### SEPTEMBER 2012

The owner of an adjacent plot of land to Glory Trinity Methodist Church reiterated his wish to sell his land to GTMC. GTMC's expansion plans included a kindergarten, a youth ministry, a women's ministry reaching out to the nearby garment factory ladies. The purchase was eventually abandoned due to the owner's lack of commitment.

### NOVEMBER 2012

Contact 123 was re-positioned as a youth centre, a key consideration being an estimated catchment of 18,000 9-19 year-old youths living around the Block 123 vicinity.

Over the years, the main activities had gravitated toward tuition services for primary school students, holiday programmes for children, an informal soccer training programme, and general befriending to these youth resulting in 6 of them attending our church youth camp in 2012.

The 5 key strategies to this repositioning are:

- Repositioning the centre's premises as a drop-in place conducive to youth.
- Refurbishing the centre's premises to appeal to youth
- Provide academic, social and emotional help for youth
- Organise fun, interesting and wholesome programmes to engage youths including leadership training
- Touching lives and making a difference to youths.

### 16 DECEMBER 2012

First formal Christmas celebration for foreign domestic helpers at TMC, organised by WSCS.





## JANUARY 2013

The tenure for Contact 123 was extended from 2015 to 2020. The objective of the centre was to have a more youth-centric focus.

## 13-17 JUNE 2013

Church camp organised by GIED Small Group at Zenith Hotel Kuantan. Mr Edmund Chua, a former pastor at the Hiding Place, was the camp speaker. The theme was "Discipleship - my Lord and I".



## 1 AUGUST 2013

Jacob Cheng successfully applied to be a diaconal minister attached to the Methodist Missions Society.

Rev Alvin Chan joined the pastoral team.

## 4 AUGUST 2013

Missions Fair was held in the Plaza, where our work in Cambodia was featured in 9 stations through photography and installations. It was prayer-centric, with a prayer booklet filled with missionaries' prayers made available to everyone in the congregation.



## SEPTEMBER 2013

The theme this 57th anniversary was Our Family - TMC, with Rev Stanley Chua delivering the sermon.

## NOVEMBER 2013

Ivan Tan was ordained as an Elder.

## 21 DECEMBER 2013

Star of Christmas - a Christmas carnival - was held in an open space near Contact 123 to bless the neighbourhood of Hwi Yoh Ville in Serangoon North, a catchment of 27 blocks where Contact 123 is situated, where an estimated 2259 families reside. Attendance was estimated at 1,000.

This was organised by the Serangoon Residents' Committee, Serangoon Citizens' Consultative Committee, Inter-Racial and Religious Confidence Circles and Contact 123.

The entire venue was transformed into a Bethlehem Village, with the Christmas story told through diorama depictions of the nativity scene, Christmas storyboards, roving emcees to facilitate interactive participation, stage performances by the church choir, ukeleli group, youth band, neighbouring churches' participation etc. In addition, external service providers such as the Ageless Theatre, food and games stalls, bouncing castles were engaged.



## 27 DECEMBER 2013

Medical missions to Cambodia by GLED Small Group.



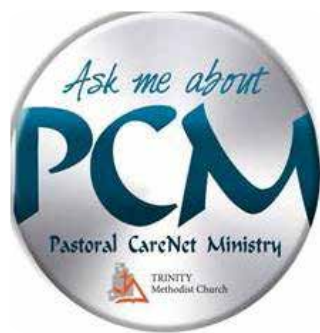
## DECEMBER 2013

The choir resumed service at the 8.45am service after a hiatus of 3-4 years.



## APRIL 2014

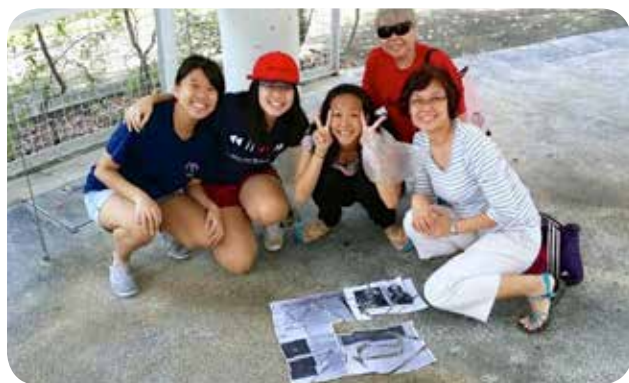
Pastoral CareNet ministry (PCM) was formed. The PCM mission is to support through equipping, edifying, and encouraging one another in giving pastoral care with the love of Christ. It formalised visitations to the hospitalised and the bereaved. It also started helming the visitors' point in the Plaza, renamed The Connection Café. Long-term plans include connecting those who are not in any small group/involved in any ministry, identifying and reconnecting absentee members or visitors, and planning workshops and seminars.



PC Badge

## 7 JUNE 2014

Car Rally organised by Youth Ministry.



## 20-24 JUNE 2014

First ever Mandarin Service camp at Katerine Hotel in Batu Pahat.



## JULY 2014

A new Discipleship Roadmap was launched, focussing on the journey in both being and making disciples, using small groups as a key platform, using internal resources wherever possible, and taking responsibility for the spiritual formation of one another.



<http://www.tmc.org.sg/dn/roadmap.pdf>

## AUGUST 2014

The LCEC gave its support to Violet Khor to take on the post of principal at Glad Tidings International in Cambodia.

## SEPTEMBER 2014

We decided to relinquish our partner status at St Luke's ElderCare Centre, but continue with our outreach activities there.

Rev Peter Goh conducted training to pastors in Cambodia on the theme of Making Disciples.

## 10 SEPTEMBER 2014

Lantern Walk at Botanic Gardens organised by Discipleship & Nurture Committee.



## 13 SEPTEMBER 2014

Official opening ceremony of Youth Avenue, formerly known as Contact 123.



## 14 SEPTEMBER 2014

58th Church anniversary.

## 15 SEPTEMBER 2014

Youth Avenue mooncake celebration.



## 27 SEPTEMBER 2014

Discipleship Conference held in TMC.



## 17 NOVEMBER 2014

Ang Hern Shung received his Local Preachers' Licence.

## 22 NOVEMBER 2014

Retirement Service for Rev Dr Kang Ho Soon held at Paya Lebar Methodist Church.

## 20-21 NOVEMBER 2014

Community outreach near Blk 123 Serangoon North Ave 1 was targeted at 400 persons living around Youth Avenue, including the 90 youths and their families frequenting Youth Avenue, 30 Boys' Brigade boys and 37 Girls' Brigade girls.

This was followed up by activities in church as well as the Alpha Course.



## 1 JANUARY 2015

Rev Paul Nga joined the pastoral team.

## 14 FEBRUARY 2015

A Personal Data Protection policy was adopted in TMC.

The LCEC decided to convert TMC Kindergarten to a child care centre run by AceKidz, an external provider.

## MARCH 2015

The Precept-upon-Precept bible study series was introduced to TMC.

## 16 MAY 2015

Ang Hern Shung graduated from Trinity Theological College.

## 24 MAY 2015

Parents' Appreciation Night was organised by the Mandarin Service.

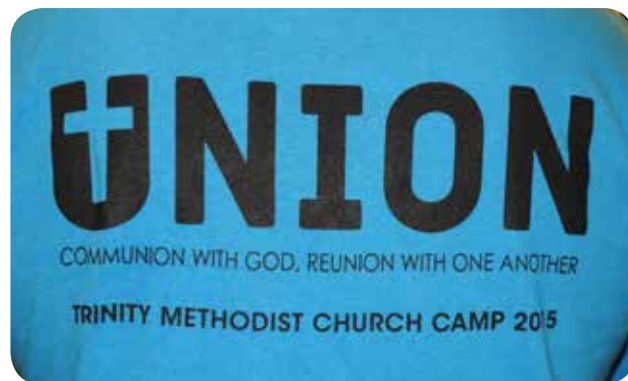


## 30 JUNE 2015

TMC Kindergarten closed.

## 5-8 JUNE 2015

Church camp held at Pulau Springs Resort, with Mr Edmund Chua as the speaker. The theme was "Union - Communion with God and Reunion with One Another". This was organised by the Young Adults Ministry.



## 25 JULY 2015

The LCEC approved a proposal to develop and construct a 2.5 storey building on the original site of Glory Trinity Methodist Church in Phnom Penh.

## 1 AUGUST 2015

AceKidz commenced operations in TMC. This was formalised by a Memorandum of Understanding between TMC and AceKidz.

## 15 AUGUST 2015

Inaugural Festival of Praise organised by Fellowship of Ukulelians.



## 13 SEPTEMBER 2015

59th Church Anniversary, with Rev Melvin Huang as the preacher.



## 19 SEPTEMBER 2015

Lead Like Jesus full-day workshop, led by Luke Kuepfer.



## 19 NOVEMBER 2015

First Primary 6 graduation ceremony where bibles were handed by parents to their children.



## 24 - 26 NOVEMBER 2015

Rev Peter Goh was the camp speaker at the Glory Trinity Methodist Church Camp in Cambodia.



## 5 DECEMBER 2015

Retirement service for Rev Peter Goh.

## DECEMBER 2015

Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade Scholarships for the brigades in Serangoon Garden Secondary School were approved by the LCEC.



60th anniversary celebrations kicked off with the launch of the TMC60 logo and the 60-Minute BLESSing.

The 60-Minute BLESSing encouraged all worshippers to BLESS someone for at least 60 minutes whereupon they would “earn” a BLESS t-shirt. Worshippers were also asked to share their testimonies.

A TMC Creed was crafted by the lay leaders, and an anniversary song was composed by the Youth Ministry.

The Saltshaker ran regular columns of interviews with some of The Old Guard, those who were celebrating their 60th birthday in the same year, and those of our old boys and girls who had now gone into full-time Christian ministry.

## 16 JANUARY 2016

Ground-breaking ceremony / service was held at Glory Trinity Methodist Church, Phnom Penh. Fund-raising activities in support of the Missions Fund were held, including pledge cards and the sale of glass bricks etched with the words “Love”, “Hope”, “Joy”.



Glass bricks in support of the Missions Fund (2016).

## 19-22 MAY 2016

A 60-Hour Prayer was organised in conjunction with Aldersgate Sunday as part of the TMC60 celebrations.



## JUNE 2016

The 11.15am service saw a change in its format. Sub-named “5 Kuehs and 2 Kopis”, the new format included a time of fellowship over coffee, praise and testimony time and community time during the service.



## 6 JULY 2016

Church Family Camp – a carnival of sorts with laser tag, inflatables, kampong games etc – was organised within TMC's grounds.



## 13 AUGUST 2016

2nd Ukulele Festival of Praise, with a BLESS element.



## SEPTEMBER 2016

The Theological Study Awards and Scholarship paper was finalised.

## 11 SEPTEMBER 2016

60th anniversary service was held in TMC, with Bishop Dr Wee Boon Hup as the speaker.

The lunch was held at Ban Heng Restaurant in Harbourfront at a heavily-subsidised cost of \$15 per seat. Six 40-seater buses were chartered and special permission was sought from the LTA to permit the use of the public bus stop along Serangoon Garden Way.





## OCTOBER 2016

The Local Conference approved the purchase of a plot of land adjacent to the Glory Trinity Methodist Church site.

## 22 NOVEMBER 2016

Our Church Administrator, Tan Kim Lam, received his Local Preachers' licence.

## DECEMBER 2016

The focus for this year's Christmas was to BLESS a pre-believing friend by serving with him / her in one of the outreach activities of TMC.

## 23 DECEMBER 2016

Christmas Al Fresco Dinner by Candlelight to be held in the TMC Plaza.

# PASTORS in the sixth decade



Rev Lai Kai Ming  
*Pastor*  
(Jan 2004 - Dec 2007)



Rev Dianna Khoo  
*Pastor-in-Charge*  
(Jan 2007-Dec 2013)



Rev Bernard Chao  
*Pastor*  
(Jan 2008 - Dec 2011)



Rev Peter Goh  
*Pastor*  
(Jan 2012 - Dec 2015)



Rev Dr Kang Ho Soon  
*Pastor*  
(Jan 2013 - Dec 2014)



Pastor Timothy Yong  
(Aug 2016 - present)

Rev Alvin Chan  
*Pastor-in-Charge* (Jan 2014 - present)

Rev Paul Nga  
*Pastor* (Jan 2015 - present)

# 60 WITH TMC

## TURNING 60 IN STAGES...



Hum Sin Hoon

I was requested to write a piece for the Saltshaker, as I will be turning 60 this year, the same age as TMC.

Perhaps, let others write, I told the Lord.

I am too busy, and there is no need to profile me.

Lord, do you want me to write?

For many days after that, I did not hear from Him...or, was I just in denial? After all, turning 60 is not like turning 21?

Alas, in my quiet time, I read from Num 33:2: "At the Lord's command Moses recorded the stages in their journey..."

It was obvious that the Lord had spoken: write, and it will be about My Hand being upon you through every stage of your life. It is hard not to hear the Lord, and harder still not to obey when He made it so obvious.

**Stage one** of my life would be my growing-up years in old Chinatown before it became today's People's Park.

My mum and dad were uneducated but hardworking, selling chicken rice to earn a living for my three younger siblings and I. We lived in a tiny bedroom on top of a real kopitiam. Two other families, with 11 children between them, were also there, each in their own equally small bedroom. We

shared a common kitchen, where the single toilet was also located. Not today's toilet bowl with seat, but a squat toilet with a bucket, which was cleared only once every few days.

In spite of the poor living conditions, I grew up happy, roaming the streets with the other kids, rummaging through garbage bins, fighting and oftentimes running away from bullies. On one particular rainy day, I remember I was alone and I slipped and fell into the swift flowing waters of the quickly flooding open drains. I couldn't swim of course, and I struggled for my life. Miraculously, a hand came out from nowhere and pulled me up. I don't remember thanking the one who saved me, fearing instead that I would be in trouble when mum saw me soaking wet. In fact, mum caned me for not taking care of myself.

Nonetheless, in growing up on the streets, I realised I could run really fast. By the time I went to Primary 1, though I knew not a single word of English, I was eager for school because there would be Physical Education and sports. Throughout school, I felt a strong sense of achievement because I would win every sprint and jump medal on every sports day, and I would miraculously score near the top of my class. And so, while my family was poor, my self-esteem was not.

My father was overjoyed when I miraculously made it to Raffles Institution (RI) after the PSLE.





Front row, L-R: Sin Hoon, Eunice, Daniel  
Back row, L-R: Samuel, Jasmine, Eliza

*Happy 60th Birthday, Pa!  
We thank God for you in our lives and for  
blessing and watching over you all these 60  
years.*

*May He continue to keep you strong and  
healthy and safe for many more years of  
wonderful blessings.*

*With our love & prayers,  
Eunice, Sam and Dan.*

***“Reflect on your life, stage by stage,  
and remember all the ways God has  
shown you His faithful, covenant love”  
(Our Daily Bread, 27 Oct). And “Now to  
Him who is able to do immeasurably  
more than all we ask or imagine...to Him  
be glory...for ever and ever!” Eph 3:20.***

This marked the start of **stage two** of my life.

My dad couldn't believe it when I came home at the end of Secondary 1 to tell him I was fifth in the standard and had scored a Best in Mathematics book prize.

Though uneducated, dad was a smart man. Every time I showed him my results, he would always ask me how I did in English, for he knew language was my weakness. I remember dad would tell me: see, with your 50 marks in English, you lose out to the top boys easily by 30+ marks, so you will soon fade off the top league in RI.

Indeed, my academic performance dipped soon enough. I remember having to work very hard, memorising much content because, though I could understand them easily, I couldn't express them in my own words. Then came another miracle.

My neighbours were spring-cleaning and throwing out books. I stumbled upon them, and carried some of them home. Mum scolded me for rummaging through garbage again. But these books were precious. They would be my secret weapons against my RI competitors. After all, my family couldn't afford to buy them. I paid attention to one of these books. It was a vocabulary book, “Word Power Made Easy” by Norman Lewis. It was a book that changed my life. My English improved dramatically, allowing me to score a P1 (80+ marks). More importantly, I found myself studying less strenuously because I knew the contents, and could now express them easily in my own words! I went on to do well academically and won a Colombo Plan undergraduate scholarship that sent me to Australia.

Being in Australia marked **stage three** of my life, with two major life-changing miracles.

I was young and really fit, having just completed three months of Officer Cadet training that saw me conquering the 10-mile run in full battle order. I felt on top of the world. My parents sent me off from old Paya Lebar Airport, proud to have a scholar son. But they were soon to be disappointed, because miraculously, I met Jesus in my second year of study.

After much struggle in seeking a reasonable basis for belief, I couldn't turn myself away from the Lord Jesus. I had to obey His calling and opened my heart to Him, knowing full well how I would break my pre-believing parents' hearts. My fellow believers in

Australia helped established me in the faith quickly, and encouraged me to be baptised. But I wanted to be baptised back in Singapore as a witness to my parents. It was very difficult. Mum told me not to come home if I went through with the baptism. After a couple of delays, I was baptised. But by then, I knew both mum and dad had seen how much more I now loved them compared with before.

There was to be yet another miracle in this stage three of my life: I met the then Miss Eunice Chew, an economics major in the same university, and Prayer Coordinator of the Overseas Christian Fellowship group, where I grew as a young Christian. I was attracted to this God-fearing lady, and began to woo her. Before long, with His marvellous grace, I succeeded. Because I graduated a year before Eunice, she suggested that I visit her home church - Trinity Methodist Church. As the Lord would have it, I was baptised at TMC, and Eunice and I were married three years later in TMC. And I grew and served at TMC to this day.

I am currently in a very long **stage four** of my life. It includes my married and family life where the Lord has blessed me with Eunice as my dear wife of more than 33 years. The Lord has also blessed us with two miracles in our two sons, Samuel and Daniel. These two boys have now blossomed into fine young Christian men whom any parents would be proud of. Eunice and I are particularly proud of them, and we

are not ashamed of our obvious bias.

This stage also includes a miraculous career for me as a professor. As a boy growing up in old Chinatown who knew no English, I couldn't have asked for more.

And then there is the miracle of salvation: all my siblings and my parents came to know the Lord!

I am convinced of the reality of the Holy Spirit in my life. Indeed, through each stage of life, the Lord has kept His Hand upon me, even in times before I came to know Him. Why would He pull me out of the swiftly flooding drain waters? Why would He challenge me in my sports and studies and offer His help in my language deficiency? Only so that He could send me to Australia so that I could come back as His child to grow and serve Him in His local church in TMC.

“Reflect on your life, stage by stage, and remember all the ways God has shown you His faithful, covenant love” (Our Daily Bread, 27 Oct). And “Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine...to Him be glory...for ever and ever!” Eph 3:20.



*Sin Hoon (1st from right) with Methodist Adults' Fellowship (late 1980s circa)*



*Did you know Sin Hoon plays a sprinkling of guitar?*



# THE OLD GUARD



Lim Sue Yien

## Dr Khor Tong Hong

***As TMC celebrates 60 years of God's faithfulness, we remember the people who answered the call from God to establish a Methodist church in Serangoon Gardens. They will remind us what life was like in the early days, and how their service in church shaped their spiritual journey.***

A young houseman dating a lady living in Serangoon Gardens in 1965 attended services at the newly-built Trinity Methodist Church whenever his time permitted.

In 1967, Rev Chew Hock Hin married the young couple with a caveat – that the groom, who was at the time a free-thinker open to Christianity, would agree to attend one-to-one weekly sessions with the Reverend at his home. After several months of these intense sessions consisting of bible study and fundamental Christian teachings, the young doctor was baptised at TMC and became No. 149 on the baptismal roll.

Dr Khor Tong Hong was that young doctor, and as the saying goes, the rest is history.

Knowing what you believe in has always been important for Dr Khor. While searching for spiritual answers in his youth, he had attended lectures at a Buddhist Centre in Geylang for two months. He gave up after not being able to “make head or tail of it”. One of his early spiritual milestones was being able to explain clearly and account for his beliefs and Christian faith to young curious students in the UK while doing his postgraduate studies.

Dr Khor is no stranger to the TMC family. Over the years, he has been at the pulpit leading worship services, in the choir pews carrying a low bass tune, singing in concerts held in TMC's open-air car park and Sanctuary steps, and at Victoria Concert Hall to raise funds for TMC's redevelopment. He has held all positions of church leadership, including the chairmanship and vice-chairmanship of the LCEC, Worship and Music, Missions and Outreach, Governance, and sat in our various redevelopment

committees. There is very little of church life that Dr Khor has not been involved in. Today, he holds the post of Honorary Steward, and is still seen leading worship services at the 8.45am service and occasionally, sharing a hymn with us.

Along the way, several people and experiences shaped his spiritual formation. Besides being discipled by Rev Chew, Rev Christopher Smith was instrumental in bringing him to the next level.

After he completed his postgraduate studies in the UK, Dr Khor moved his young family to 68 Chartwell Drive, becoming a regular worshipper serving in the choir. One day Rev Smith asked, or rather simply “told” him, that he was to become an LCEC member, overseeing the Worship and Music Committee. And so he did. (We should try this simple technique in recruiting members to join our leadership team today).

After several years of service in the LCEC, it was discovered by chance that Dr Khor was in fact not a member of the church. The mistake was quickly corrected, and Dr Khor subsequently enjoyed many years serving God at TMC.

Not long after he moved into Chartwell Drive, a young Victor Goh and Chan Chong Hiok moved into a house at Brockhampton Drive, just around the corner. The gentlemen struck a friendship, and before long, the three would meet regularly to share spiritual experiences. This continued through the 1970s. In the 1980s, Chong Hiok started forming men's breakfast groups which met on a Thursday morning for accountability and prayer, and Dr Khor was in one of them. This was so effective that they never stopped meeting. Up till today, Dr Khor





*Singing has been a life-long passion for Dr Khor, pictured here with the choir in 1991, standing in the last row (3rd from left)*

still meets up, now several times a year rather than every week, with three other men from that group, to fellowship and pray for one another. True Christian friendship rooted in accountability transcends the test of time.

Dr Khor credits his small groups for helping him to get through some tough times. In the old days, there were only three parish groups, all benefiting from a pastor's teaching during meetings. This was common in the very early days of most churches in Singapore. He belonged to the one aptly named "Drives", as residents from the various Serangoon Garden "Drives" would congregate to become a parish group. As time passed and members either moved out of Serangoon Gardens, or lived in other parts of the island, small groups flourished all over. The City Group was birthed from those who had moved to the town area. That included Dr Khor, and Chong Hiok who led the group for many years. This group saw him through a very difficult period in the mid 1990s when he was fighting a high profile lawsuit in court filed by a patient, which he subsequently won on appeal. Their prayers and support were invaluable then, and also when his first wife faced a long battle with cancer.

One never knows how one's life will turn out, but we trust that God is in control. In 1967, after graduating from medical school, Dr Khor was posted to Radiotherapy, a department famously known to lead to a dead-end job. His life has been anything but that, and God willing, even more lies ahead.



*Presenting a love gift to missionaries, Chong Hiok and Margaret*



*Giving away prizes during Care Family Day, (circa 1990s)*



# THE OLD GUARD



Koh Shuwen

## *THERE BUT BY THE GRACE OF GOD, GO I*



1. Doing Christmas light-up duty with the boys
2. Choo Siang (1st from left) with the boys and their Character Quest 2016 trophies
3. BB doing community service
4. On the occasion of Serangoon Gardens Secondary School's Founders' Day
5. & 6. Enrolment of Boys' Brigade (Mar 2016)

Choo Siang came to Trinity Methodist Church (TMC) in 1967, largely because of TMC's proximity to his home which was in Serangoon Gardens at that time. Before that, he was attending Christ Methodist Church at East Coast Road, together with his parents and two brothers.

Choo Siang first heard the gospel of Jesus Christ from a friend in primary school. But despite having said the sinner's prayer more than once and professing faith while spending some years at Sunday School as well as the Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF), he felt he still did not know God personally.

Spiritually, life was running on empty.

The yearning for a personal relationship with the God of the Bible did not go away.

In fact, it ebbed and flowed like the tide over the years and this became a constant struggle, both in and outside of church. Still, Choo Siang clung on to church, as it were, because of friendships built from young.

With hindsight, he now believes that it was the abundant grace of God that prevented him from giving up and leaving church altogether.

In the years following Choo Siang's apparent conversion, life remained virtually the same. His faith was merely a mental assent to the facts of the Gospel. He had not surrendered his life to the Lord Jesus Christ, and *metanoia* (repentance) was also an unfamiliar term then.

The focus on career, family and attraction of the things of the world continued to take centre-stage in his life. The "born-again experience" he had hoped for did not materialise and the ensuing years were years of wandering in spiritual wilderness. In truth, God and his kingdom were just an afterthought.

But praise be to God who saves, He was not done with Choo Siang yet.

In the early 2000s, Choo Siang was at the point of giving up both faith and church when God mercifully stepped in. In a final attempt to find God, Choo Siang approached the cross of Christ on bended knees seeking a true, saving relationship with God accompanied by a willing submission to Christ. (He

recalled the words of the beautiful hymn written by Augustus M Toplady - *Rock of Ages*).

The meeting with God was life-changing.

It brought tremendous peace and joy beyond words.

To be sure that this was not just his wild imagination, Choo Siang sought confirmation from the Lord. One of the signs given to him was an enduring love for God's Word which he had never been able to sustain on his own in the past, no matter how hard he tried.

Another sign was of God's providence. The Lord graciously answered his specific prayer request for his identity card to be returned after he dropped his wallet.

A few weeks had passed and he had given up hope of any recovery. But in God's chosen time, the wallet was found and mailed to his home address from a police post - emptied of all the cash and credit cards but with his NRIC safely ensconced. Well, exactly what he asked of the Lord, you might add.





## Serving in The Boys' Brigade (BB)

Choo Siang firmly believes that a faith that saves leads to a hunger to serve the Lord.

So back in 2001, he responded to the BB's call for helpers, since he had some Scouting experience in the past. He joined them with the objective of volunteering for two to three hours a week, but God turned it into a ministry of reaching out to young souls who were outside His Kingdom.

The 47th Company that TMC supports is based in Serangoon Garden Secondary School. Choo Siang shared that he and his fellow BB officers from TMC, Eu Beng and Jestyn, are very mindful that they are making disciples for Christ in a public space, which has its constraints but also brings many opportunities.

One such opportunity is the annual Character Quest. Although Character Quest is a national competition based on rudimentary Bible knowledge, it is the perfect platform for the officers not only to teach the boys Christian values, but also to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to them.

This year has been a good year for the boys as God chose to bless the Company with honours that had previously eluded them. Besides attaining the "gold honours" award, one of the two teams from 47th Company was placed seventh out of more than 150 teams amid stiff competition from more established companies and higher-ranked schools. Through this, the boys had the opportunity to witness the reality of God and the outworking of His grace by enabling them to achieve beyond what they had thought possible.

## Discipleship

Choo Siang's personal faith journey impressed upon him the importance of ministering to new believers. It has given him much joy over the years to guide those he has been discipling to seek God through His Word and prayer and grow towards *teleios* (maturity) in Christ.

## Wishes for TMC 60

Choo Siang's prayer for TMC is for our personal and collective life and ministry to be rooted in God's Word and centred in Christ so that Christ alone will be exalted.



*The Saltshaker thanks everyone who agreed to be interviewed for their discipleship testimony during TMC's 60th anniversary celebrations. Regrettably, there were many more Old Guards that we could not get to due to limited resources. If anyone is willing to write their story, we would be pleased to consider it for printing.*



Cheryl Sim

## FAITHFUL IN SERVICE

The year was 1964, and 24-year-old Janet, was a teacher at ACS Primary in her hometown of Ipoh, Perak.

“I was on fire for God from a young age”, she recounts, “serving God whole-heartedly”.

One evening, the principal of ACS Secondary in Ipoh and his wife invited her over for dinner. The man had a brother they wanted her to meet; his name was P Sathiasingam.

He was the answer to her prayers.

“I had asked God - whoever you send me, he must be a God-fearing man, serving you whole-heartedly in church,” she says.

At the time, she was, herself, actively involved in evangelism work in Ipoh, and it was clear to her that the man she married had to have the same calling and love for God.

P Sathiasingam was that man.

The couple married in 1965, and Janet would shuttle between her job as a teacher in a school in Johor Baru, and Singapore, only being able to attend service at TMC during the school holidays.

During those early years, she would spend awhile feeling like “a fish out of water”, not knowing many people in Singapore or TMC.

In 1984, she put in her application for early retirement.

It was then that she settled in Singapore for good, and began to serve the Lord through a whole range of church activities: the WSCS



Janet as a teacher in the TMC Kindergarten



The Sathias (Lynette not in photo)



including two terms as President, and the Outreach and Social Concerns team, which would among other things make weekly trips to organise church services for patients at the then-Woodbridge Hospital.

“It was so wonderful. A group of us – Adeline Chia, Lucy and Jason, Emily and William Wilfred, Ng Eng Kiat, Pauline, Nancy and Richard Tay – had a little bus and would drive down with tidbits for them each week.”

The Sathias also set up the Seletar Parish, which is still thriving today.

Janet taught in various capacities: as Bible teacher in the TMC Kindergarten, volunteer in the Kids’ Read programme by Kampong Kapor Methodist Church’s Family Centre, and tutor in the Educationally Sub-Normal (ESN) Children programme by the WSCS.

To know Janet - Aunty Janet, to most of us - is to know this faithful love for serving God and his people.

“Serving God, even at my ripe old age, gives me great joy,” she says. “There is nothing like it.”

She cites how she has seen children whom she taught in the Kindergarten and the ESN programme grow up to serve in TMC and become contributing members of society.

“God is so good – we do not labour in vain. Give yourself to serve the Lord faithfully. He will bless you.”

She attributes her unwavering faith in God and desire to serve Him to her upbringing: she grew up in a Christian home, where her parents and siblings all loved and served the Lord, and raised her to do the same.

She herself has three children – a daughter, Lynette, and a pair of twins Linda and George.

She encourages parents to “never lose them as young children. Help them to come to know the Lord (Proverbs 22:6). Put Christian storybooks out for them, read the Bible with them, keep on praying. Keep all the venues at which they can hear God speak open, encourage them, and they will be led.”

Her steadfast love for the service of God and the next generation echoes clearly in her hopes for TMC as TMC turns 60.

“The people of yesterday must pass the baton on. My prayer is for the younger generation to take on leadership. This can only be done if the baton is passed on well,” she says.

“Children often take on the footsteps of their parents – their learning is through seeing rather than teaching. It is hence wise for us (as the older generation) to put into practice the things of God, the disciplines of a Christian: we must keep the fire burning.”

To the younger generation, she offers the words of Psalm 37:23: “The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and He delights in his way.”

She adds: “Do not stop meeting in small groups for Bible Study, fellowship, games, and interaction – especially with your church peers. From my point of view, ‘Give of your best to your Master, give of your strength of your youth’ and give Him first place in your heart. God makes all things beautiful in His time. He is the true author and perfecter of our faith (Hebrews 12:2).”



*P Sathia (1st from left) and Janet Sathia (3rd from right) about to commence a missions trip (1987)*



*Seletar Parish October babies*



# THE MINISTRY OF A CHILD OF GOD



*Lynette Sathiasingam*  
*Pastor, Paya Lebar Methodist Church*

## EARLY YEARS

My father, Mr P Sathiasingam, arrived in Singapore in 1956 and joined a small group of worshippers who would eventually form the first congregation at Trinity Methodist Church (TMC).

At that time, there was no church building so a few families and individuals used to gather at the homes of Mr and Mrs Andrew Lee and Mr and Mrs Tong Kum Toh.

I attended TMC since birth.

My mum, Janet, was a teacher in a school in Johor Baru, Malaysia. She taught on Sundays and wasn't able to attend church with the rest of the family so the sole responsibility of getting my brother George, my sister Linda and I ready for Sunday School on Sunday fell squarely on my father. He would faithfully prepare our breakfast and ferry us to church every Sunday. While we were at Sunday School, my father would attend the worship services and then proceed to serve in the "counting house."

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

In those days, we didn't have enough classrooms. We often gathered in open spaces in the church compound for Sunday School. While all my Sunday School teachers left an indelible mark on my life, the one who made the greatest impression was Mrs Doris Gwee, mother of the now-Rev David Gwee.



*Outdoor Sunday School classes*

Growing up, Auntie Doris Gwee was my favourite Sunday School teacher. She was very diligent in preparing for Sunday School classes. She encouraged us in our faith and spurred us on in our walk with the Lord. She would reward us with bookmarks and stickers if we were able to achieve perfect attendance at Sunday School or if we were able to memorise our weekly bible verses. It was during that time that I truly came to understand what it meant to be a disciple and follower of Jesus Christ. I gave my life to Jesus. I knew then that being born into a Christian family did not automatically make me a believer.

## METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

In my teenage years I was very active in the Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF).

The MYF met every Saturday afternoon. We would have times of prayer, worship, games and study God's Word. The MYF was a vibrant and growing ministry at TMC. Many youth would join the MYF and eventually attend Sunday School on Sundays. I especially looked forward to the fellowship over food at Chomp Chomp after MYF meetings and the inter-church games tournaments. I was given the opportunity to serve as Secretary of the MYF.

When I was in the MYF, Rev Daniel Koh was the Pastor-in-Charge at TMC. In spite of his busy schedule, Rev Daniel Koh would "drop in" on our MYF meetings. Personally, I will always remember him as a shepherd and a servant-leader.

In 1984, Matthew Wilfred, the eldest son of my cousin William Wilfred, was stricken with leukaemia. One night when Matthew was critically ill, William, contacted Rev Koh. It was almost midnight when he made that call. Rev Koh's first response was: "I'll be there". He arrived promptly and stayed





*Lynette (front row, 5th from right) with the MYF Christmas Choir*

several hours with the family. As I observed Rev Koh in those early hours of that morning, I learnt a precious lesson which I have taken with me into ministry and that is the importance of embodying the presence of God especially for those who are wounded and in need.

### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

I was away for almost nine years from 1986 to 1994 pursuing further studies first in Canada and then in the UK. When I returned to Singapore and to TMC, I felt like a fish out of water. Many of my close friends had left the church. I had to begin the process of making friends again.

I discovered that the best way to get to know people is to serve and so I served as an usher until one day when I was invited to volunteer in the Children's Ministry as my friend needed help with his class. Over time, I moved from being a volunteer to a worship leader to a teacher and eventually the chairperson of the Children's Ministry. (Today, my brother George is serving as chairperson of the Children's Ministry).

### **TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE**

In December 1999, I left the legal profession. As I was waiting on the Lord, Rev Philip Lim, Pastor-in-Charge of TMC at that time, invited me to serve as an intern. He gave me the opportunity to develop the Children's Ministry – something I had always wanted to do but could not due to lack of time and heavy work commitments. As an intern, I had the luxury of time to meet with teacher-volunteers, parents, and to better prepare for the ministry.

Rev Lim would allow me to accompany him

on visits to those in hospices, hospitals and the homebound. I always had a lot of questions for Rev Lim but he would always patiently answer my questions. He taught me the importance of being authentic. As a disciple of Jesus Christ, I am reminded that: "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." (Theodore Roosevelt).

Rev Philip Lim insisted that I be equipped at Trinity Theological College (TTC) especially since I had shown signs of wanting to serve full-time in church. I was naturally worried about who would helm the Children's Ministry in my absence. Rev John Benedict Foo Fook Heng, then the pastor overseeing the Children's Ministry at TMC, reminded me that I wasn't indispensable. He reminded me that the ministry belongs to God and that God would raise up someone to take over the ministry in my absence. I was humbled and till today, those words are a constant reminder to me that I do not "own" whatever ministry I oversee.

### **PASTORAL MINISTRY**

While in TTC, it became clearer to me that God was calling me to the pastoral ministry and not to the Children's Ministry.

Rev Lim and Rev Dianna Khoo, my mentor during field education at TTC, were keenly aware of this and would quietly encourage me in my journey of discovering this call for myself. Children still hold a special place in my heart. However, God has given me a tender heart for His people. Isaiah 61:1 is a constant reminder to me that: "The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim freedom for

the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners”.

As I reflect on my years in the pastoral ministry, I can see that my life and my ministry have been deeply enriched by people and pastors from TMC who have invested in my life. TMC can be a place where disciples make disciples if her people will heed the command of our Lord Jesus in Matthew 28: 19-20 and, “[Therefore] go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Congratulations, Trinity Methodist Church, on your 60th Anniversary!



*Lynette (middle row, 6th from left) with the MYFers and Rev Dr Daniel Koh (front row, 4th from right) and Rev Dianna Khoo (middle row, 5th from left)*



*Lynette (seated in front, 1st from right) at a CM Teacher's gathering in the Superintendent's home*



# Prayers & Thoughts

## OF TMC'S SHEPHERDS

### A Prayer of Thanksgiving and Renewal of Commitment

O Lord, our God, thank you for raising and blessing Trinity Methodist Church  
where we can gather to worship you,  
fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ  
and get involved in Christian ministry.

As we look into the past,  
we thank you for the founding members who obeyed your prompting to establish a Christian  
presence in Serangoon Garden;  
we thank you for their pioneering spirit in building this church with a handful of members;  
we thank you for their foresight in obtaining the land where our church now stands.

As we look at the presence,  
we thank you for the growing church membership and expanding ministry;  
we thank you for both the older and younger members who have made this church their home  
for worship, witness, nurture and Christian service.

As we look into the future,  
keep us faithful in our Christian Discipleship  
transforming our character, shaping our life  
reminding us to love you with all our heart, our soul, our strength and our mind;  
and to love our neighbour as we love ourselves.

We ask of you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit to grant us courage and commitment to reach out to others,  
both in our neighbourhood and the wider community with the Gospel of Christ  
through human kindness, Christian witness, and social outreach.

Help us to claim the calm assurance that with you by our side our future is  
secured; our future is bright.

In the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

REV DR DANIEL KOH  
Pastor-in-Charge (Aug 1981 – July 1986)





To all at TMC

Thanksgiving to God for His faithfulness for 60 years and praying that all of you will continue to be faithful in service to Him. May you also have a truly blessed Christmas and New Year as you end 2016 and seek to follow Jesus into 2017. May God Bless You Richly As You Continue To Serve Him.

REV MELVIN HUANG  
Pastor-in-Charge (Aug 1986 – Dec 1994)



“I pray that love may be the ground into which you sink your roots and on which you have your foundation. This way, with all God’s people you will be able to understand how wide, long, high, and deep His love is. You will know Christ’s love, which goes far beyond any knowledge.” Eph.3:17-19

While serving at TMC, I made monthly visits to shut-in members; who cannot attend church due to ill-health. Amongst these was Mrs Ruth Wong at All Saints Home at Poh Huat Road.

About 8 years earlier, Ruth suffered a stroke. She was bed-ridden and unresponsive. Once, she teared after we had sung and prayed with her.

On our visits, her husband, Mr Wong Yeow Chuen would join us. I witnessed his tender love toward Ruth. Some days he was unable to join us on our visits. But I always noted a fresh red rose in Ruth’s room; a sign of his visit. He brought Ruth a fresh rose every morning; visiting her once if not twice daily.

My best memory of this elderly couple was that of Mr Wong bending over the bed and kissing Ruth on her forehead. They incarnated, to me, faithful and persevering love; that which I hoped for the couples I guide in their promises: “to have and to hold, for better, for worse, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish...”.

Thank you, TMC, for the privilege of journeying with you as your pastor.

REV LIM JEN HUAT  
Pastor-in-Charge (Jan 1995 – Dec 1998)



Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your past sixty years of faithfulness to Trinity Methodist Church and for anchoring her foundation in Jesus Christ.

We thank You for raising generations of faithful and diligent leaders and members, and for the sacrifices they had made which brought TMC to what she is now.

We thank You for present members who continue the good work started by the pioneers.

In every ministry at TMC, Father, we ask for Your guiding hand and divine blessing.

We pray for Your presence and light to wrap around Your people at TMC: the pastors, leaders and members, that they will be Your light in their community. Bless TMC richly that she will be a great blessing to all. Use her as Your instrument of love and peace to draw the lost into Your fold at TMC.

Let there be godly and humble leaders to bring Your people into a deeper love for You and greater commitment to help fulfill the Great Commission.

May You always find pleasure in the worship that Your people at TMC offer to You in Your church and in their daily lives.

We ask all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

REV JOHN BENEDICT FOO FOOK HENG  
Pastor (Jan 2000 – Dec 2003)



More like Jesus?

Towards Maturity in Christ - this slogan, coined by Rev Melvin Huang, was once what TMC stood for. Honestly, I didn't like it at first. I would have preferred something more missional and adventurous, like "Lighting up Serangoon Gardens for Christ"! Yet, having left TMC for 9 years and been a pastor for 13 - I now see the wisdom of that simple slogan. I believe it was John Stott, who after a long and distinguished Christian career, came to the conclusion that all that really matters is whether the people of God have become more like Jesus. Yes, I believe this really matters to God more than the size of the congregation, the vibrancy of our Sunday worship, and even how well we know the Bible.

Therefore, as TMC walks into her 61st year as a beacon near Chomp Chomp, my prayer for all her saints would be that of Paul from Ephesians 4:12-13. May God continue "to equip His people (in TMC) for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."

Amen.

With love from a son of TMC,  
REV LAI KAI MING  
Pastor (Jan 2004 – Dec 2007)



### **A Prayer for TMC (based on Ps 23)**

The Lord is our Shepherd, we have everything we need.  
He led through years of growth and development.  
He has always directed our paths in Serangoon Gardens and beyond.  
He continues to empower us and watch over us.  
He guides us in the paths of victory as promised.  
Even when we face challenging times, we are not afraid,  
For He is with us.  
His enduring presence empowers, loves and protects us.  
He prepares us for our triumph where enemies can witness His providence;  
He welcomed us as honoured though undeserving guests to His fold;  
He filled our cups with righteousness and peace.  
We have experienced our Lord's goodness and love all the days of our lives  
and in His embrace we have established our eternal home.

REV DIANNA KHOO  
Pastor-in-Charge (Jan 2007-Dec 2013)

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Dear God

The Bible reminds us: "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."  
So on this 60th anniversary of this church established in the name of Jesus Christ, we turn our thoughts and hearts to you, our God and Saviour, and adopt the posture of Mary, of singular devotion and attentiveness at your feet.

We celebrate you, O God –  
our Father who created the universe, and formed us in our mothers' wombs;  
our Lord Jesus who lived amongst us, and saved us from sin's mortal wounds;  
the Holy Spirit who convicts, teaches, sanctifies, and empowers us to be a blessing to the world.

We boast in a God we have experienced for ourselves to be real, and true, and active.

We declare a God whose actions have matched His words, in human history, and in our history.

You – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – are the God we boast of, the God we thank,

And the God who is the same, yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

To you be the deepest thanksgiving, and the highest praise, AMEN!



REV BERNARD CHAO  
Pastor (Jan 2008 – Dec 2011)



As we celebrate the 60th anniversary of Trinity Methodist Church, we thank God for those who first had a vision of a church in this place, those who put their names on a loan, those who gave of their labour of love, their treasure, their time and sacrifices to make it happen.

May God continue to bless the church as His love compels her to enlarge her tent, stretch the curtains of her habitation, lengthen her cords and strengthen her stakes. May she be bold and courageous to move out of her comfort zones, stepping out in faith to bring His love to the lost, the least, the distressed and the disadvantaged both in our community and across the seas.

May TMC continue to be obedient to Your Word, be blessed by You to be a blessing in serving others, to be sensitive to ministry opportunities, to give your Word first place in their lives, to walk in your love and to be prayerful always. Amen.

REV PETER GOH  
Pastor (Jan 2012 – Dec 2015)



### A Blessing for TMC

May all things be well with  
TMC.  
May TMC remember well,  
do well,  
choose well,  
think well,  
love well,  
serve well and stay well,  
as TMC continues to trust in  
the only One,  
God the Father, the Son and  
the Holy Spirit,  
Who does all things well.  
AMEN



REV DR KANG HO SOON  
Pastor (Jan 2013 – Dec 2014)



**T**aking the Gospel of the kingdom to the world  
**M**any will be your exploits for Jesus  
**C**hrist's presence be yours always

REV DR KOW SHIH MING  
Pastor (Aug 1992 – Dec 1995)



I rejoice with you as you celebrate 60 years of faithful ministry. I thank God for the faithfulness of the pioneers who had the vision to plant the church and pray that succeeding generations of leaders will continue to carry the torch into the future.

REV PHILIP LIM  
Pastor (1989 – Jul 1992;  
Pastor-in-Charge (Jan 1999 – Dec 2006)



(L-R) Pastors Timothy, Alvin and Paul

Dear TMC Family,

My prayer and hope for us as the Body of Christ, the Family of God, is that ...

1) we continually maintain and recover our Wesleyan roots and distinctiveness, in particular, the strength of clergy and lay persons working together; the Small Groups system; and the Person and Power of God's Holy Spirit in the life and ministry of TMC (both individuals and corporate);

2) we continually identify, groom, nurture, and "release" home-grown talents in various areas (e.g. evolving Lyrics and Music, producing articles and books on relevant topics, etc);

3) we continually Tune in to God individually and as a church, to be Moulded by God individually and as a church, and to be Connected to God (and God's people and the world) ... even as we continue the on-going process of "Becoming Disciples ... Making Disciples".

God bless us all, even as we seek to be God's blessing to others.

REV PAUL NGA  
Pastor (Jan 2015 - present)

Dear God,

I want to lift up the people of TMC before you. What is a church but the people! I pray that everyone in the church will seek you and by so doing, become the people we are meant to be.

I pray that we will make time for you. To spend time with you, to study your Word and to allow your Word to transform us. Help us to recognise what a privilege it is to be able to have this vibrant relationship with you. Give us the desire to seek you always!

I pray that we will make time for our family and friends. I pray that your people will be known as good friends, who are always there for their loved ones. I pray that we will always choose our friends and families over material things. Help us to realise that it is only by making time for our loved ones that we will be able to share with them your love and draw them closer to you.

I pray finally that we will make time for those who have yet to know you. Help us to be great witnesses of the gospel. Help us to shine through our character. Help us to be kind and caring to the underprivileged. Help us to bring your peace and hope, especially to those who are in despair. Help us to be like you. I pray that through us, many will come to know and experience you personally.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

REV ALVIN CHAN  
Pastor-in-Charge (Jan 2014 - present)

Father, I ask that you will enable our church to do your will. Make us vulnerable that we may speak with humility. Make us outward-looking that we may care deeply. Make us a community of peacemakers and bridge builders. And in the midst of turbulence, let the church make space for the hearing of your still small voice.

PASTOR TIMOTHY YONG  
(Aug 2016 - present)



# EVENTS

## *Wed 30 Nov - Sat 3 Dec*

Youth Avenue Camp at National Service Resort and Country Club  
[www.tmc.org.sg/osc.html#ya](http://www.tmc.org.sg/osc.html#ya)

## *Thu 1 Dec - Sun 4 Dec*

Children's Ministry Camp  
[www.tmc.org.sg/cm.html](http://www.tmc.org.sg/cm.html)

## *Wed 7 Dec - Sun 11 Dec*

Youth Camp  
<http://trinityyouthmin.tumblr.com/>

## *Sat 10 Dec*

4.00pm  
GYM Thanksgiving dinner

## *Sun 11 Dec*

9.00am  
Institute of Mental Health Christmas Party  
[www.tmc.org.sg/xmas2016.html](http://www.tmc.org.sg/xmas2016.html)

## *Tue 13 Dec - Wed 21 Dec*

Youth Ministry Mission Trip  
<http://trinityyouthmin.tumblr.com/>

## *Thurs 15 Dec*

12.00pm  
Antioch Toa Payoh Outreach Christmas Outing  
[www.tmc.org.sg/xmas2016.html](http://www.tmc.org.sg/xmas2016.html)

## *Sat 17 Dec*

9.00am  
Gospel Mission for the Blind  
[www.tmc.org.sg/xmas2016.html](http://www.tmc.org.sg/xmas2016.html)

7.00pm

Youth Avenue Christmas Party  
[www.tmc.org.sg/xmas2016.html](http://www.tmc.org.sg/xmas2016.html)

## *Sun 18 Dec*

9.00am  
Foreign Domestic Helpers' Christmas Party

Children's Ministry Christmas Party  
[www.tmc.org.sg/cm.html](http://www.tmc.org.sg/cm.html)

## *Fri 23 Dec*

7.00pm  
Christmas Al Fresco Dinner by Candlelight  
[www.tmc.org.sg/xmas2016.html](http://www.tmc.org.sg/xmas2016.html)

## *Sun 25 Dec*

9.00am  
Christmas Day Service  
Baptism of Adults, Infants & Children

## *Mon 26 Dec*

12.00pm  
Young Adults Ministry Christmas Party

## *Sat 31 Dec*

10.30pm  
Watchnight Covenant Renewal Service

9.00am

Domestic Helpers' Fellowship  
[www.tmc.org.sg/xmas2016.html](http://www.tmc.org.sg/xmas2016.html)

## *Sat 7 Jan – Sat 25 Mar (10 sessions)*

1.00pm  
Marriage Preparation Course  
[www.tmc.org.sg/highlights.html#mps](http://www.tmc.org.sg/highlights.html#mps)

## *Mon 16 Jan – Thurs 19 Jan*

Ministry Team Retreat

## *Sat 21 Jan*

8.00am  
1<sup>st</sup> Local Conference 2016-7

## *Every Sun*

9.30am  
Mandarin Service Prayer Meeting

## *Every 2nd Sun*

After the 11.15am service:  
Young Adults' Lunch Fellowship

## *Last Sun of the month*

9.00am  
Visit to Institute of Mental Health by Outreach & Social Concerns.  
Contact Yvonne Tan at 9091 8589 / [yvnn\\_tan@yahoo.com](mailto:yvnn_tan@yahoo.com)  
[www.tmc.org.sg/osc.html#imh](http://www.tmc.org.sg/osc.html#imh)

## *Every Wed*

8.00pm  
Church Prayer Meeting  
[www.tmc.org.sg/prayer.html](http://www.tmc.org.sg/prayer.html)

## *Every 1st Wed (not 7 Dec, but 14 Dec)*

10.00am-12.00pm  
Yum Cha@10 is an opportunity for people to come together for fellowship, and serves as a platform for TMCers to meet one another as well as non-Christians in the community mid-week.  
Contact the church office / [churchoffice@tmc.org.sg](mailto:churchoffice@tmc.org.sg)  
[www.tmc.org.sg/ministries.html#gym](http://www.tmc.org.sg/ministries.html#gym)

## *Last Thurs of the month*

10.00am-12.00pm  
St Luke's Eldercare Centre Devotions at Blk 217 Serangoon Ave 4. TMC's ministry to SLEC brings hope, help and the love of Christ to many needy elderly. If you wish to join in, contact Eddie from the church office / [eddie@tmc.org.sg](mailto:eddie@tmc.org.sg)  
[www.tmc.org.sg/osc.html#slec](http://www.tmc.org.sg/osc.html#slec)

## *Every Fri*

8.00 – 10.00pm  
Healing Ministry at the Prayer Chapel

## *Every Sat*

9.00 – 11.30am  
Fellowship of Ukulelians  
[www.tmc.org.sg/regular.html#ukulele](http://www.tmc.org.sg/regular.html#ukulele)

## *Monthly*

WSCS Visitation to Homebound. Those interested to bring the church into the homes of the homebound, please contact Lucy Chan at 9678 4046.

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