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THE DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAMME

Our country runs programmes like the global investor programme. Airlines run frequent flyer programmes. Our offices run recycling programmes. Our schools run gifted education programmes.

Our church runs programmes.

Programmes have these in common – they are informative and knowledge-based. They are prepared for the masses, and there is low personal accountability. Consider the millions who tune in to TV and radio programmes every day. The viewer soaks in the information being put to him, and whether he responds appropriately to what he has seen or heard is unknown.

Sunday school, children and youth ministries, adult bible classes, other needs-based workshops, and even Sunday sermons all have the effect of herding masses of people through the church “system”, and are intended to contribute to discipleship development in some way. One of the main ingredients that such programmes lack is person-centred growth. **Programmes cannot give an individual specific attention. Only another individual can.**

Jacob Cheng, who is one of TMC’s missionaries in Cambodia, said: “It is a long journey of discipleship. [We have to] walk with them.” He does this with the staff at Barn Barn Restaurant.

A “barn” is a place where harvest is gathered. In Khmer, “barn” means “can”. The restaurant has been so named to remind its workers that God is their Helper and that “faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” (Heb 11:1)

The heartwarming story of how Barn Barn succeeded in making soy milk for sale illustrates the close walk that Jacob has had with the staff in teaching them to

trust God. Faced with the almost-daily spoiling of the soy milk, Jacob gathered the staff to pray. Immediately after the “Amen” was uttered, there stood at the door a Hong Kong missionary who knew how soy milk was made and taught the skill to Barn Barn staff. Thereafter, a Hong Kong chef was led inexplicably to deliver two thermometers to the restaurant. He taught them how to check the temperature of the fridge so that the soy milk would store well. Someone else taught them to reduce the air gap in the bottled soy milk so that it would last even longer. It is in these circumstances where the Lord leads with a pillar of cloud by day and fire by night that the income earned is all the more sweet, and faith all the more strong.

A discipler teaches a disciple to rely on the Word of God as a method for living.

At Harvest Inn, a guest house run by Jacob, the housekeeping team is told to refer to the parable of the 10 virgins (Matt 25) when they are late in making up the rooms.

When the Communication team requested that the Inn provide some grape juice for holy communion, we were offered a bottle of red wine which a guest had given to the Inn. Being good Methodists, we politely declined. We were embarrassed - and rightly so - by the spiritual maturity of Chamtol, a young man whom Jacob has been discipling, who enquired why red wine would not be acceptable since Jesus turned water into wine at Cana (Jn 2).

“The Cambodians are like onions – need to peel them to know them well,” said Jacob. The relational part of disciple-making reveals each individual disciple’s joys and sorrows, rejoicings and woes. For Jacob, even the process of food preparation can reveal things in the spiritual lives of his staff. Sometimes when he samples the nonya



Jacob with the staff of Harvest Inn (left) and Barn Barn (right)



kueh they make, he can tell from the sub-standard kueh produced that there is some sadness in the cook’s life. Out of empathy, Jacob lent money to one of the cooks to pay off the last instalment for a motorcycle purchase so that her travelling time to Barn Barn is cut down. She has enough problems of her own with a young son who has been the victim of physical abuse by male relatives.

Rarely do most Christians think of themselves as disciple-makers. Yet, Jesus said, “As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” (Jn 20:21). This is a biblical model of missions, and we are clearly to derive a parallel of Jesus’ mission with the one that we have been entrusted with. God the Father sent Jesus to live among His people as man. Christ’s mission involved the incarnation which has been described as the most spectacular instance of cross-cultural identification in the history of the world. **“I am sending you” tells the Christian unequivocally that all Christians have been commanded to live among God’s people, entering other people’s lives and worlds.** John Stott said: “All authentic mission is incarnational mission.”

Jacob is learning to be a Khmer more and more each day. This is evident from his fluent Khmer when he greets and talks to patrons of Barn Barn and Harvest Inn, the retailers who greet him warmly at Central Market, and his easy banter while bargaining with them. **It is about knowing the history, cultural worldview and lifestyle of one’s disciples, including the reason for the narrow throat of the toilet cistern.** Paper is expensive and is used sparingly resulting in no good reason for a large throat to be built.

When asked by visitors to Cambodia how they would know if they were suited to missions work, Jacob asks whether they can make new Khmer friends in Cambodia. Would you go for a coffee break with this kaki? Would you hang out with them?

Once an air stewardess with manicured nails, Jacob’s wife Wai Cheng had to battle the marketplace in the wee hours of the morning to purchase produce for Barn Barn when it first started. Jacob tells with loving pride and a tinge of sadness that she waded through filth and blackened her feet in the process. Wai Cheng had set about identifying with the life of the Khmers,

and the staff modelling her example have now taken over the marketing chores with confidence.

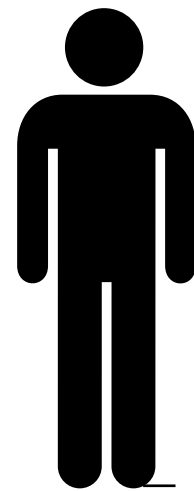
“Discipleship training is the spiritual work of developing spiritual maturity and spiritual reproductiveness in the life of a Christian,” wrote Gary Kunhe. To train a disciple is to train a reproducer.

N, who grew up in the Care for Cambodia (CfC) orphanage and has now graduated from it, told us that she found hope in life when she met a lady who loved her like a sister and cared for her. N received love and warmth from this lady so much so that she now wants to be a missionary to serve God. N, together with other graduates, meets up with other girls in CfC every first Friday night of the month to give encouragement to the other CfC children. N tells the children to trust God because He loves them and will be with them in the good and bad times. The lady and N are reproducers.

Personal investment in discipleship-making is not without its heart-breaking moments. The Chengs have encountered low moments when a disciple demonstrated great promise yet in the last hour, lied and betrayed trust. During these times, the Chengs remind themselves that Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus, and that only one leper out of ten returned (Lk 17). In their own discipleship journey, the Chengs too learn to look to God, and identify with Christ’s heartache at Gethsemane.

Taking short cuts through programmes might be more efficient and orderly, but disciple-making is not a cookie-cutter process or the product of a factory assembly line. We need to aim for a high estate of discipleship through the Christ-modelled route of person-centred growth. **The Son of God did not stay in the safe immunity of His heaven. He left His heaven behind, emptied Himself of glory, and lived among people. We need to do the same.**

Some materials taken from Greg Ogden’s Transforming Discipleship (see Bibliotheque on p. [1]) and the late Rev John Stott’s sermon preached at All Souls Langham Place on 17 August 2003.



MAKING DISCIPLES: PRAY, GROW, SERVE



by William Goh
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Trinity Methodist Church's mission is to share the love of Jesus in our neighbourhood and beyond, and to become a community of love and grace. Our mission is a call to obey the Great Commandment (Matt 22:36-40) and to fulfill the Great Commission (Matt 28:19-20).

To do this, we need to focus on our spiritual formation, and cultivate our Christian lives so that our hearts are aligned with the living Word. In essence, discipleship.

Our focus for the next four years is **Making Disciples**. Not just new disciples in the sense of new converts, but just as important, making disciples of existing Christians, that is, each one of us. This focus will drive our priorities as a church, and the nature and scope of our ministries.

Here are three practical ways of disciple-making:

Upward (Pray)

We need to deepen our relationship with our Father God, to understand His plan and purpose for each of us, not only in life's major decisions, but also in the decisions to be made in the day-to-day grind.

As a church, we not only want to speak to God, we need also to practise listening to God in earnest. Often, we rattle through our prayers but do not stop to listen to what God is telling us. To really listen to God we need to adopt a posture of surrender.

Let us remember to seek the empowerment of the Holy Spirit residing in us, to enable us to pray powerfully for ourselves and also intercede for others.

In everything, let **"Prayer be our First Resort, not our Last Resort"**.

Inward (Grow in Christ-likeness)

In his last book, *The Radical Disciple*, the late John Stott was asked for his thoughts on the church today. He used the description "growth without depth". Others have described the church today as a mile wide but an inch deep.

We need to learn the Word and be deeply rooted in it. It is not about knowing about God. It is about knowing God in a personal way, and experiencing and understanding God's Word, His truth, acknowledging our sinfulness and being thankful that we are saved because He loved us so much as to sacrifice His Son. When we truly understand and experience God's love for us, our desire to obey and live out the Word will increase.

Outward (Serve Joyfully)

When the Upward and Inward aspects of our lives are in order, we will serve joyfully, not in a state of busyness but in a state of peaceful rested-ness, without frustration or seeking recognition for the work we are doing. The affirmation of God is more precious than the affirmation of man. He is pleased when we obey the Great Commandment and the Great Commission as it is from that place of obedience that we will realise that serving God is essentially serving others.

We can help to multiply God's kingdom when we live transformed lives. "Don't tell me about your Bible. Let me see your life". Our lives are the first bible for pre-believers. We need to live godly lives to draw others to God. We need to reflect His goodness in our lives to tell of His goodness to others.



培育门徒: 向上、向内、向外

卫理公会三一堂的使命是要在我们的邻里和更远的地方分享耶稣的爱，成为一个充满爱及恩典的社区。我们的使命是遵行大诫命（马太福音22：36-40），和去实现大使命（马太福音28：19-20）。

要做到这点，我们必须专注于属灵生命，培育我们的基督徒生命，以至我们的心与神的活话一致。重要的是培育门徒。

在接下来的四年，本堂将着重于“培育门徒”。门徒培训的对象不单单是初信者，对于已经是基督徒的我们也一样重要。这项焦点将成为优先推动教会各事工的原有的活动范围。

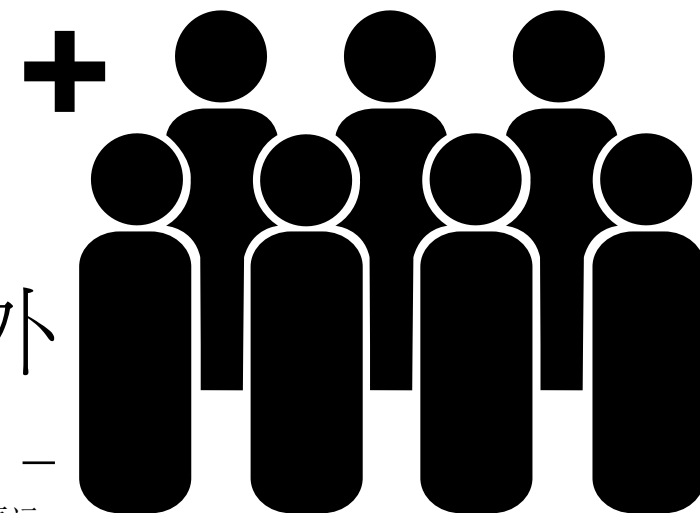
以下为培育门徒三项实际可行途径：

向上（祷告）

我们须加深与天父的关系，了解祂对我们每一个人的计划及目的。不止在生命需要作出重大决定时依赖神的指引，而是在每天的生活当中都需要。

作为一个教会，我们不单要向神说话，也必须学习诚恳地聆听神的话语。我们常常喋喋不休地向神祷告，却不停下来聆听神要告诉我们什么。我们必须要有降服的姿态，才能真正听见神的话。让我们切记，恳求那赐我们能力的圣灵内住在我们里面，好让我们满有能力的为自己和他人祷告。

总的来说，让“祷告成为我们的首要采取的行动，而非最后的途径”。



向内（成长像基督）

已故牧师约翰·斯托得在最后一本著作“基本门徒”中被问及对当今教会的看法时，他形容教会“有成长没深度”。也有其他人以“虽有一里宽，只有一寸深”来形容现今教会。

我们必须学习和扎根在神的话语中。这不光是对神有所认识，而是切身地认识神，亲身体会了解神的话语及祂的真理，认同我们有罪的人性，并为神爱我们，牺牲他的独生子，让我们得救而感恩。当我们真正了解及经历神对我们的爱，我们才会加添地渴望和顺从活出神的话语。

向外（喜乐的事奉）

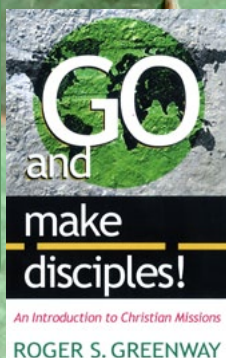
只有在向上祷告及向内灵命成长这两方面落实后，我们才能喜乐的事奉。不在忙碌的状况下，而是在安静平稳当中，同时不感到烦躁，不要求我们的事奉受肯定。能得到神的认可，比得到人的认可更为可贵。神喜悦我们遵从大诫命及大使命，就在这种情况下，我们会觉察到，事奉神其实就是在服侍他人。

当我们活出被改变的生命时，就能扩展神的国度。“不要告诉我有关圣经的事，让我看你的生命”。我们的生命对于未信主的人就是第一本圣经，我们必须活出神的生命，才能引导他人信主。我们需要在我们的生命中彰显神的美善，好让他人知道神的美善。



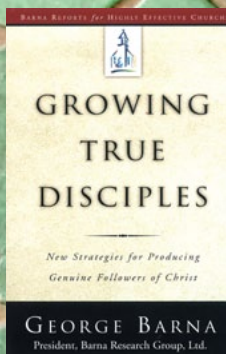
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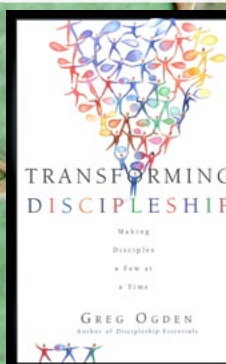
Go And Make Disciples!
Author: Roger Greenway
Format: Softcover
Price: \$18.00

Writing in layman terms, Roger Greenway helps readers understand what is involved in trying to fulfil the Great Commission. Not only does he look at the biblical foundation of missions, he helps readers understand the challenges that they will face in the mission fields from healing to raising funds, and even the ethical implications of missions work.



Growing True Disciples
Author: George Barna
Format: Hardcover
Price: \$36.50

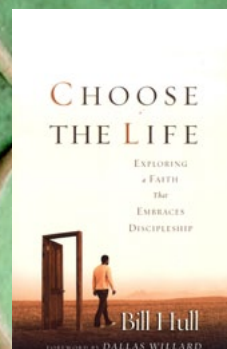
The Great Commission is very clear. We are to make disciples wherever we are. Building disciples is about helping others know Jesus as Lord and Saviour, and helping them to mature so that they can do the same for others. In this book, George Barna helps readers understand and assess how well they are fulfilling this role. He also provides models and examples of how we can be more effective in fulfilling our commission.



Transforming Discipleship
Author: Greg Ogden
Format: Softcover
Price: \$22.00

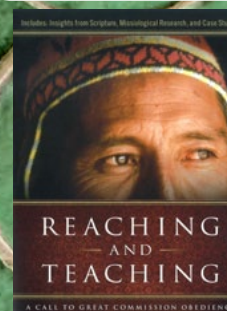
In this book, Pastor Greg Ogden addresses the need for personal discipleship to recover Jesus' method of changing lives by investing in just a few people at a time. He also shows readers how the process by which one makes disciples can replicate itself in the disciples' lives will continue to impact generations of Christians to come.

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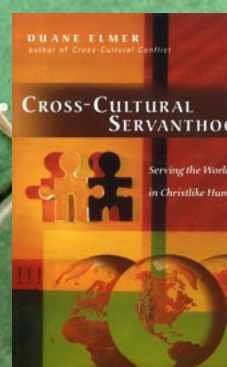
Choose The Life
Author: Bill Hull
Format: Softcover
Price: \$20.50

Bill Hull breaks new ground in this book and challenges the pre-conceived ideas that we have about the Gospel. He believes that the Great Commission is not just about strategies and structures but more to do with spiritual maturity. He shows readers how they can live the way Jesus did, think the way He thought and most importantly, minister to those around them the way He did.



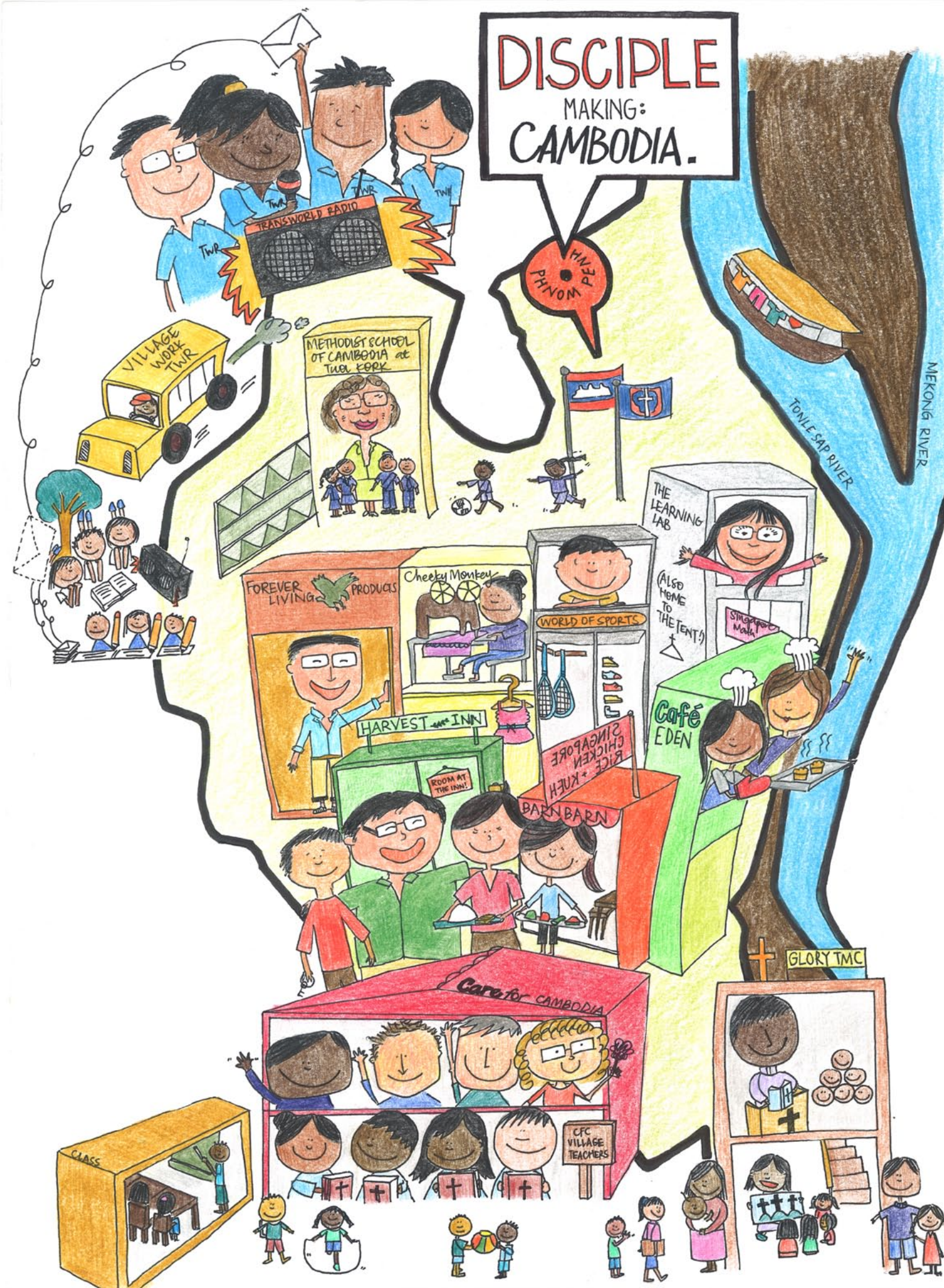
Reaching And Teaching
Author: M. David Sills
Format: Softcover
Price: \$25.00

While evangelism and church planting are essential parts of a mission program, they are only the first part of fulfilling the Great Commission. In this book, the author surveys contemporary missions methods and advocates a return to the biblical task of reaching and teaching the nations. Rather than just providing methods on how to establish a ministry that will produce disciples and trained believers, he provides examples of what will happen when we reach people but leave before they are fully rooted in Christ.



Cross-Cultural Servanthood
Author: Duane Elmer
Format: Softcover
Price: \$23.50

Today, most outreach missions are done outside our own country. Often, due to the cultural differences, the missionary's behaviour is inadvertently considered patronising or even outrightly arrogant by the local community. This is a practical guide on how one can serve with sensitivity and humility while avoiding misunderstandings and building relationships that will honour God.



Letters to God Revealed:

THROUGH My Camera Lens & My Heart

by Rachel Lim



Lord, Cambodia is uncharted territory for me.

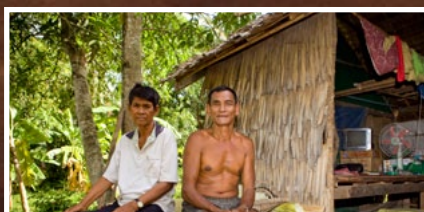
Right up to the day of departure with the Communications team, I still felt unprepared deep within. Despite all the training, I didn't know what to expect, except for Your assurance that You will speak to us and enlighten us on Your work to save Cambodia and change our hearts as we yield to You. Many questions were on my mind as I spoke to You.

"Lord, what is Cambodia like through Your eyes? What are You doing in her life? What are Your thoughts? What else can I do with You? Whatever can I do, Lord?"

As I walked the ground with my camera for 6 six days, I began to understand and experience Cambodia - the people's morale and attitude, the struggling economy, poverty, corruption, irreversible damage caused by the cruel atrocities of the Khmer Rouge and the people's struggles in trying to rebuild their country.

Everywhere I turned, it was so evident that poverty, and the lack of educational infrastructure and work opportunities have taken a grievous toll on Cambodia's people. Both their physical and spiritual needs are vast! There is only a small percentage of wealthy elite who are living the high life while the vast majority is living below the poverty line. "Lord, what does it mean to get out into the mission field (be it Cambodia or back home)? What model should we adopt?" I felt overwhelmed and acknowledged my ignorance before You.

Silently, while I was lost and helpless, You quietened my heart and reminded me once again: obedience is better than sacrifice. You reminded me that acting in obedience (as You speak to us personally and corporately) and serving You faithfully (regardless of the cost) brings You much pleasure and allows us to be truly effective for Your Kingdom. You also reminded me not to shoulder the burden that is Yours alone to carry and that the size of any problem in this world is nothing compared to Your greatness.



Many Cambodians in the rural areas live in small dwellings or huts made of wood or bamboo. These families live from hand to mouth, suffer economic hardship, malnutrition and premature death from diseases.



Scarcity of schools, lack of ongoing support and awareness for the need of education for sustainable development limit the number of impoverished children's access to education.



Poverty ridden rural areas suffer from an almost total lack of basic infrastructure.

Lord, in the following days, You surprised me with your guidance. You brought me to meet with brothers Jacob Cheng, Kevin Lowe and sister Claire Lowe. I am so encouraged by their faithfulness, testimonies, passion in discipling others as a lifestyle through daily situations and how they build and touch lives across various marketplace platforms as they go about performing their daily activities. Lord, You have been so real and faithful to them especially in dark and challenging moments. God, You are awesome and our source of everything!

Through their lives, You've allowed me to witness what it means to "walk by faith and not by sight" and "to step out and walk on water". This is an issue that I struggle with in my life because of my fear of the unknown. You caused me to hear Your voice and got my attention when Kevin uttered his favorite quotation - "It is better to be on the dangerous water where Jesus is than to be in the safety of the boat where Jesus is not". I literally froze. You reminded me, "It doesn't matter where you go, what you do, or how much you have... It is WHO you have beside you. Set your eyes on Me." You reminded me that it is an issue of obedience. If we believe, we will obey and exercise our faith with our actions and works. You promised to be with us in every storm of life.

Thank You for helping me to see Your Kingdom as described in the parables of the growing seed and the mustard seed (Mark 4:26-43). You have caused me to realise that it's not the size of the seed that matters but what happens when the seed is sown and planted. You've helped me to understand that we have a part to play in:

*PREPARING THE GROUND
THROUGH BUILDING HEALTHY BRIDGES WITH PEOPLE*

*PLANTING THE SEEDS
THROUGH SHARING YOUR message of salvation AND YOUR WORD*

*PROTECTING THE SEEDS
FROM THE PARASITES OF FALSE TEACHINGS*

PRAYING FOR THE KHMERS AND ENTRUSTING THE WORK TO YOU.

Sovereign God, You alone can cause Your word to take root, grow in their hearts and transform their lives.

Lord, I am grateful for the invaluable lessons learnt and the privilege of serving You. Thank you for opening my eyes to see that where you've placed me is my mission field. Lord, we need to yield and surrender our lives to you daily. May we be Your beacon and living gospel bread to a hungry and dying world. Your will alone be done on earth as it is in heaven - in and through our lives. Lord, we will not give up doing Your work because in due time, You will reap the harvest.



Rachel Lim was a photographer with the Communications team during their trip to Cambodia in July 2012.

Letters to God Revealed is a column that features excerpts from TMC members' journals to God.

Do you have a journal entry that you'd like to share with us? If you do,

email your letter to God to tmccomms@gmail.com !

We'd love to share your contributions with the TMC family.

Let's Hear It Again!

A FATHER'S LOVE

by Jonny Hamill



A very "Happy Father's Day!" to all fathers.

I am not a father and my work is primarily with orphaned, abused or abandoned children, many of whom have a very negative memory of their fathers. Perhaps I am not the best person to be speaking on this subject.

Let me begin by discussing our earthly fathers' love.

OUR FATHER'S LOVE

THE REDMONDS

Derek Redmond was a member of the British team that shocked the athletics world by beating the much-favoured American team into second place to claim the gold medal in the 4 x 400 metres relay at the 1991 World Championships (source: Wikipedia).

Before the 1992 Olympics, Derek Redmond had undergone eight operations due to his past injuries. In the semi-finals of his race, Derek started well, but at about 250 metres from the finishing line, his hamstrings snapped. He hobbled to a halt, then fell to the ground in pain.

Derek began to hobble along the track. His father Jim rushed forward to join Derek on the track and they completed the last lap together. As they crossed the finishing line, the crowd of 65,000 spectators rose to give them a standing ovation.

THE HOYTS

Rick Hoyt was born in 1962 to Dick and Judy Hoyt. As a result of oxygen deprivation to Rick's brain at

the time of his birth, Rick was diagnosed as a spastic quadriplegic with cerebral palsy (source: www.teamhoyt.com). Since 1977, Dick and Rick Hoyt ("Team Hoyt") have competed together in marathons, ultra-marathons and "Iron Man" events. After their first race together, Rick said: "Dad, when I'm running, it feels like I'm not handicapped."

As of November 2011, Team Hoyt has competed in 1,069 endurance events. At 72 years of age, Dick continues to push himself physically to the maximum so that his 50-year-old quadriplegic son can feel the joy of sports and competing.

I am sure that many of you would be able to share many similar stories that demonstrate your father's love for you.

N, a student whom we work with, is an orphan and her parents died of AIDS when she was very young. She is representative of nine per cent of the children in Cambodia.

When a foreign lady visited our church in Cambodia, this lady shared about her earthly father's love for her, the great lengths to which he would go for her, and therefore how God the Father would do so much more. N was not able to identify with the experience of this lady visitor.

"How can I love God as a father?" asked N.

She prayed about this. A few days later, while worshipping, she prayed: "I want to experience you, God". She raised her hand in worship and she felt Someone take her hand and hold it. She felt God say to her: "I am big. You are small. I am your Father. I will take care of you."

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER'S LOVE

"Children, do what your parents tell you. This is only right. 'Honour your father and mother' is the first commandment that has a promise attached to it, namely, 'so you will live well and have a long life' Fathers, don't exasperate your children by coming down hard on them. Take them by the hand and lead them in the way of the Master. (Eph 6:1-4)

Paul says very clearly that both parent and child have a responsibility. If the children honour their parents, then it will be easier for the parents not to exasperate the children. If the parents do not exasperate their children, then the children are more likely to honour their parents.

In our relationship with our heavenly Father, both sides, too, have a role to play. God desires a relationship with us which continues to deepen. He also requires us to respond. It is a Christian's journey of discovery where we continue to learn more about God and continue to strengthen our relationship with Him.

Do you remember the first time when you wanted to ask someone out for a date? The first move brought a risk of rejection, the risk of misunderstanding and the risk of embarrassment (especially if you had misread the signals).

In the relationship that God desires to have with us, we are privileged that He has made the first, second and third moves. He is waiting for us to respond to His moves. There is no risk of rejection. There is no risk of embarrassment and the reward of a strong relationship is beyond measure.

Here are some of God's pleas to us.

I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love. 1 JOHN 4:16

And it is my desire to lavish my love on you. 1 JOHN 3:1

This is an abridged version of the sermon delivered by Mr Jonny Hamill on 17 Jun 12. Jonny works at Care for Cambodia(CfC) in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. CfC is a non-government organisation that promotes and provides supplementary education in various academic subjects, as well as a Christian education, in 76 villages in rural Cambodia. CfC also provides child protection for children who are at risk from, or have been rescued from trafficking, at risk from or rescued from abuse. Trinity Methodist Church supports CfC as part of its Missions ministry.

Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand. JAMES 1:17

For I am your provider and I meet all your needs. MATTHEW 6:31-33

My plan for your future has always been filled with hope. JEREMIAH 29:11

For you are my treasured possession. EXODUS 19:5

For I am your greatest encourager. 2 THESSALONIANS 2:16-17

When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you. PSALM 34:18

I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love. ROMANS 8:31-32

My question is...will you be my child? JOHN 1:12-13

I am waiting for you. LUKE 15:11-32

God is desperate for a relationship with you. He has made His move, He has made His plea.

If you do not know Him today, will you respond? If you do know Him already, will you seek a deeper relationship?

Maybe He is waiting for you, like N, to lift up your hand to Him. He is waiting for you.

SMALL GROUP CONNECT

Fruitful at All Ages The Grapevine Small Group

by Amanda Yong



THEY started out as the “young ones” in a small group made up of elderly folk.

Today, things have come full circle for the two couples in their early 50s who have been friends since their youth.

Small group leader, Fang Yea Yee and his wife Sin Guek, together with David Gwee and his wife Dawn, now find themselves in the position of being the senior members of the Grapevine small group, their current small group and one they have been with for the past decade.

The four of them started Grapevine after leaving another small group that met in the Bishan area for about five years from the late 1990s. This small group consisted mostly of elderly church members, “spiritual giants who shared their life experiences with us, studied the Bible lessons and enjoyed the vibrant fellowship,” said Sin Guek.

In the past few years, a role reversal of sorts has taken place for the four of them. Since 2009, Grapevine has grown to include five new members in their late 20s and early 30s, significantly changing the demographics of the small group. Today, the 16-strong small group has an equal mix of those in the younger age bracket and those who are in the same age group as the Fangs and the Gwees.

This infusion of young blood has been unexpected.

But the diversity that a mixed-age group brings is something that its group members treasure.

“I must say I am surprised to find that our group is consisting of more and more 20 and 30-somethings.

Long ago, when Yea Yee, Sin Guek, Dawn and I got together because of our friendship, I envisaged that similar ‘oldies’ would eventually become part of our group,” said David.

“Now I am greatly encouraged by the presence of the younger ones. I am pleased to hear younger and more contemporary views when we go into discussion. I wouldn’t change our group, and I would say our multi-generational group is more fun than if it were just us oldies. Apologies to the over 50s!”

Younger members like Melissa Koh and Ng Con Nie say they have gained much from their friendships with the older group members.

“(From them), I can see the older generation’s perspective. They have been through things and they share them and we can learn from them because they have gone through them before,” said Melissa.

Con Nie added: “We can gel quite well even though we’re from different backgrounds. It’s a very open group. There’s no pressure even though there are pastors around.”

Two members of the small group, David and Ivan Tan, are pastors at other Methodist churches while Ivan’s wife Kiem Kiok lectures at a theological college.

Jasmine Tham said that she was initially intimidated when she first joined the group. “I was shocked that there were so many (spiritual) heavyweights,” she said. “But now I actually think it’s an advantage.”

She believes the diverse backgrounds and age groups the members come from have led to a greater level of openness and acceptance in the group. Sin Guek agreed. “All of us are very different from each other but somehow there’s this space we give each other,” she said.

“There’s a certain easiness in the group. You don’t have to be on your guard. You can just be yourself,” said Yea Yee.

And while the group meets only once a month, the ties that are fostered between members go beyond the superficial. “We don’t need to meet very often. But it doesn’t mean that we don’t bond because of that,” said Jasmine.

“We don’t show it very much in this small group but we do care for one another, and we show it in small ways. Sometimes in my life I do sense that things are moving and I think it’s because of prayers by the small group members,” she said.

How the name Grapevine came about

After they left the Bishan small group, the Fangs and the Gwees continued meeting together on an informal basis. For years, they did not have a name for their group and only started thinking seriously about a name when a number of people started calling their group the No Name small group.

Inspiration came in the form of a restaurant in the Kovan area that they would often meet at. The eatery was called Grapevine. But they eventually decided on the moniker because they found it an appropriate Biblical name.

What the small group means to them

I always believe we’re on a journey together. We will all be tested. Having fellowship together helps us. We’ll all have our own challenges and it’s always easier if you have support from your small group.”

- Yea Yee

How the small group has encouraged and helped them

“Four years ago, my parents passed away within six months of each other. Before I could recover from my dad’s passing, my mum became very ill with cancer and was in a bad state. The small group rallied around us. There were a lot of prayers covering us. My father gave his life to God and my mum followed not knowing that she was going to go in a couple of months. It was a time that shook me (and so)... it was very heartening to know that we were not alone. It was so comforting to get SMS messages from the small group members to say ‘We’re praying for you.’ (I appreciated) the group’s support, not only prayer but encouragement and knowing that they were there praying with me in the hospital and during my parents’ funerals.”

- Sin Guek

“I went through a lot of scary moments because of various health scares and had to go through many tests. The group prayed for me. I was also working like crazy at one time and felt very stressed out. I always longed to come to small group because I always saw it as a sanctuary. It’s always been very good to be in this small group where I can just share my problems and have caring people pray for me.”

- Cho Mei Chan

Grapevine meets once a month, on a Saturday afternoon, at the Fangs’ beautiful and tranquil home in the Kovan area. The writer is a Grapevine small group member who can testify to the Fangs’ hospitality and the warmth and sincerity of the group’s members.

More about small groups at TMC can be found at www.tmc.org.sg/smallgroup.html. Or contact Park Ming at Parkming@tmc.org.sg, Tel: 96717100



The young ‘uns Charlene, Con Nie and Melissa



Digging in! From left, David, Charles, Amanda, Sin Guek, Eugenia, Hui Min, Mei Chan & Dawn



Happy birthday! From left, Kiem Kwok, Ivan and Yea Yee.



Singing praises to God at a small group meeting

Missionary Care

Have you wondered what happens after we lay hands on, pray over our missionaries in church and happily send them off to Cambodia?

On the recent trip to Cambodia with the TMC Communications Team, I had the privilege to catch a glimpse of the daily lives and struggles of our missionaries out in the field.



by Koh Shuwen

KEVIN AND CLAIRE

As a post-war country, Cambodia is faced with needs at every level. Ministry is approached from many angles, and meeting only the 'spiritual needs' of the Cambodians would be considered a luxury there.



Kevin and Claire have been in Cambodia with their three young children Titus, Tabitha and Faith since 1998. Their lives have been eventful, to say the least. On the home front, the family has grappled with bouts of dengue fever, severe skin problems as well as frequent cuts in the water supply and power outages during the hottest months.

In the early years, Kevin had to arm himself with an AK47 for protection. On the ministry front, Kevin and Claire face challenges dealing with the

crutch mentality of the Cambodians, an attitude cultivated due to years of handouts from NGOs, UN, churches and mission agencies. This trend is reversing, albeit slowly, as those born after the shadow of the war have new hopes and aspirations.

Another challenge is that most agencies assume that once churches and people are equipped with skills, they would be on their feet. In reality, there are just not enough industries and jobs to go around.

In the midst and because of these challenges, Kevin and Claire have become tentmakers to equip and empower Cambodian Christians to be self-supporting. They have created opportunities for evangelism and discipleship in the market place. Claire has set up a school, The Learning Lab, and Kevin is managing two businesses, Forever Living and World of Sport. These help to raise the living standards of the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised, either directly or through those who have been helped.

VIOLET KHOR

Violet joined Tuol Kork Methodist School in 2011 as its principal.

By the end of her three-year stint, she hopes to have trained a local cadre of capable and Christ-like teachers and a vice-principal ready to take over and continue the work of shaping the lives and education of the students.

The needs of the students and the school extend beyond financial resources and physical infrastructure. In an education system rife with cheating, Tuol Kork Methodist School needs leaders with integrity and who can be role models in society.

Violet lives on the school compound in her own apartment. Although lively and filled with activity in the day, the school premises are dark and quiet at night with only one other neighbour (a fellow Singaporean Methodist worker) and the school caretaker for company. Driving in Cambodia is quite a challenge and Violet has to rely on public transportation and/or the school's driver to get around.



JACOB AND WAI CHENG

When Jacob and his wife Wai Cheng moved to Cambodia in 2007, they went not knowing how God would use them.

With God's help, they have set up a bed-and-breakfast, Harvest Inn, and Barn Barn, a small restaurant, from scratch. By teaching life skills and livelihood tools, creating jobs and labouring daily with their disciples, Jacob and Wai Cheng are empowering local Christians to impact their society.

The decision to answer God's call to serve the Cambodians was an easy one for Jacob himself to make, but the impact on his family often takes an emotional toil. Their two children, Coen and Creda, do have a less hurried childhood in Cambodia. However, Creda's tearful struggle with the Khmer script (all 35 consonants as well as 25 dependent and independent vowels!) pains Jacob. In her journey of faith, Wai Cheng also struggles with the fear of how their children will cope in their studies should they return to Singapore.

Our missionaries' faith in, and gratitude for, God's providence really stands out for me. From these full hearts, there has been an outpouring of love for the Cambodians and a joy of living and serving among them.

Let us honour and support our missionaries' faith, sacrifice and obedience in their journey of responding to God's call.



Jacob, Wai Cheng, Coen and Creda

ANDREW CHONG

Andrew is the newest kid on the Cambodia block who has joined his sister, Claire, at The Learning Lab to lend his corporate expertise and experience to develop it into a viable business with long-term sustainability.

Andrew represents a large group of Singaporean Christians who do not put on the conventional missionary hat. He flies to Cambodia every couple of weeks to serve the Cambodia people with the talents God has given him, returning to his wife and two young sons in Singapore periodically.



Comprehensive missionary care requires a team. There is a lot to do, more than any person can do by himself or herself. If you have been blessed with the spiritual gifts, talents, experiences and resources that can help our Cambodian missionaries, please contact Park Ming through the church office at or parkming@tmc.org.sg to learn more about how you can care for our missionaries.

What's New on TMC's Website

by Vinitha Jayaram



Care for Cambodia on the Missions webpage

connect with one another



TMC supports Care for Cambodia ("CfC") in their work with more than 60 orphaned and rescued children and with an offshoot ministry which provides humanitarian care and educational support for 61 rural villages throughout Cambodia.

TMC's Missions Committee has a web page (www.tmc.org.sg/missions.html) with web links to CfC, giving you information about the organisation and highlights a variety of ways in which you can support their work.

On it you'll find out about...

How CFC Started



Monthly Updates of CFC's News



Watch Out!!!

Keep up to date with all the latest goings on at CfC by watching out for updates on our news blog.

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WEDNESDAY, 4 APRIL 2012

Alternative Gift Distribution

Today we distributed the 2011 Alternative Christmas Gifts to village leaders. Leaders from each province collected the gifts on behalf of their villages. They expressed their thanks for the generosity of the people who have supported this project, and explained that the gifts would be used to help improve the lives of the children in their villages who are most in need.

We want to add our thanks to...

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WEDNESDAY, 14 MARCH 2012

March News

March prayer points: Our children's home

- Thank God for the continued football training. It has been a real benefit to the young people, physically and socially. Jonny will begin to use this time as an opportunity to discuss 'Christian Manliness' with the older teenagers. Pray that this goes well.

- Last month, the older girls began a mentoring programme. One time a month...

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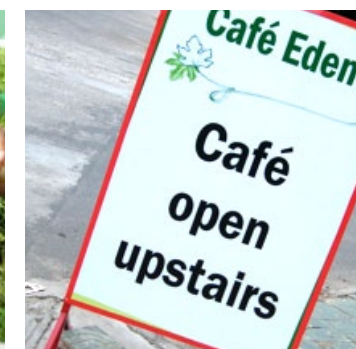
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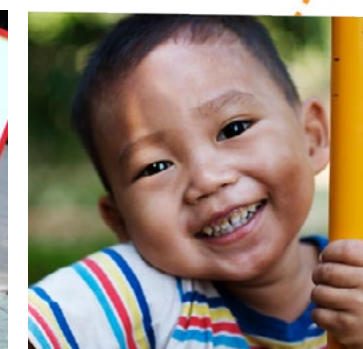
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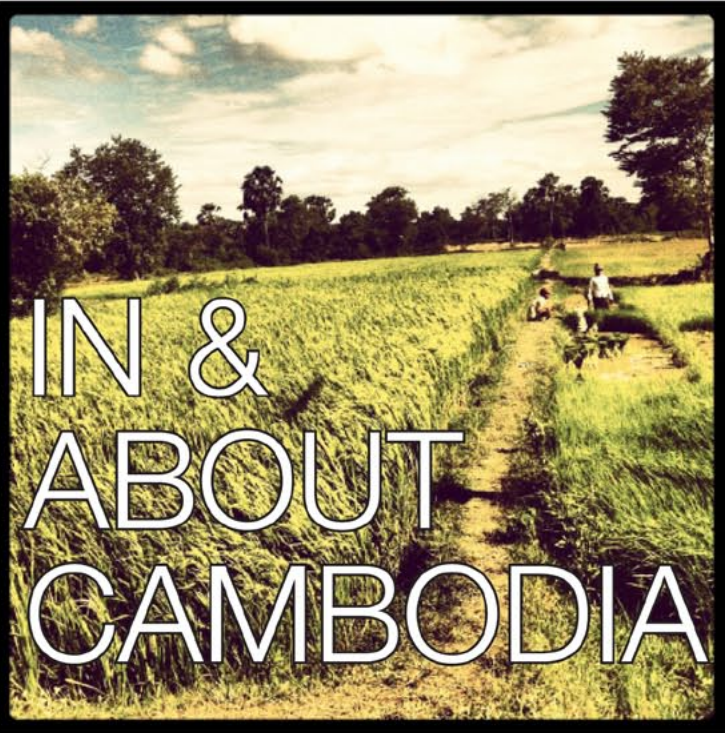


Café Eden



Sponsoring
a child

For more information on Care for Cambodia, kindly contact Kelvin Tan at kelvinls@singnet.com.sg or through the church office.



IN & ABOUT CAMBODIA

This is the first part in a series of articles which feature the work of the Communications Team which went to Phnom Penh from 30 June to 5 July to do a photo-journalism project. The team included Rev Peter Goh. In conjunction with TMC's celebration of her 56th anniversary, this issue of the Saltshaker focusses on churches and disciple-making in Cambodia.



(left) Arriving at the airport in Phnom Penh, the team raring to go. (right) Squeezing into a tuk-tuk on one of many journeys with Chamti kindly ferrying us around to various locations.

The Tent



Kevin Lowe (centre), now a tentmaker in Cambodia, giving a Sunday sermon at the Tent.

Sue and Ps Chamnap outside Setbo Methodist Church.



Interior of Setbo Methodist Church.



Setbo Methodist Church

Jacob sharing a joke with Pastor Tangsamol in Khmer.



When this man (middle) came to know the Lord, he cleansed his own house of idols and talismans. He is now a church elder.

Sue and Terri (2nd and 3rd from left) praying for a lady who walked in to receive Christ.



The local worshippers at Glory Trinity Methodist Church (GTMC) on Sunday morning.



Glory Trinity Methodist Church (formerly known as Takhmao Trinity Methodist Church)

(from right to left): Pastor Chamnap, his wife Socheat, and their daughter in front of the former church site to be redeveloped.



Terri (point to self), learning how to say various body parts like the word "nose" in Khmer from the children at GTMC.



Rev Peter Goh leading GTMC in prayer for Pastor Chamnap and Socheat.

Emmanuel Methodist Church

Worshippers gathering outside Emmanuel MC.



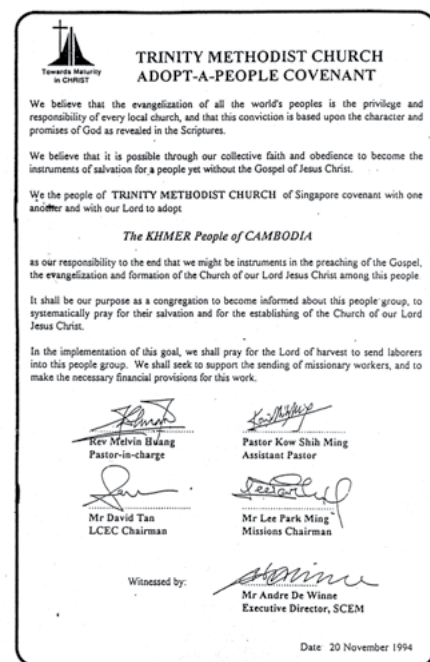
Sam having a chat with a worshipper at Emmanuel MC.



The faithful at Emmanuel MC who were in church to fast and pray.

DOPE

How Trinity Methodist Church Came to Adopt Cambodia



TMC has been involved in missions work since the 1950s, beginning with the Iban tribes in East Malaysia. The ministry later shifted its focus to the Sengois in the Central Highlands of West Malaysia.

In TMC, it was one of our church pioneers, the late Mr Andrew Lee who was very active in driving the work of missions. So how and why did TMC eventually choose Cambodia and the Khmer people group whom we have been reaching out to? Why not Laos, Myanmar, Tibet or Turkmenistan?

Around 1993, Rev Melvin Huang, then pastor at TMC, encouraged the church to think about adopting an unreached people group. This was to focus the church's missions efforts and "not to try and save the whole world because Jesus already has," said Rev Huang.

Rev Huang calls this the DOPE principle - Doing Our Part Enthusiastically.

On 27 Apr 94, nine TMC members visited Phnom Penh, led by Rev Kow Shih Ming. They aimed to learn first-hand from the Cambodians about their past, their fears and their beliefs. The team also went to share the message of hope in Jesus Christ. Upon visiting the Choeung Ek Killing Fields and the Tuol Sleng Museum of Crime, the team became emotionally burdened. A sense of depression and hopelessness hung over their spirits. One even said that he "uttered feeble and half-believing prayers". Could Cambodia be delivered from her precarious political situation? Could there be hope for her? "The one thing I will not forget is mass grave number five where the children, together with the women, were buried. How could anyone be so inhuman? How could anyone kill a child, a crying child?" said Jane Lim.

This sentiment was echoed by Bee Choo who "didn't dare take a close look at the photos because I was afraid they might haunt me in my memories." Little did Bee Choo and the other ladies in the team realise at that time that their accommodation in Phnom Penh had been used as a prison and execution site.

It is easy to criticise the Khmer Rouge regime as having been cruel and sadistic, but as Rev Kow pointed out: "Are we any better? Wasn't it our sins that nailed the most wonderful Being on the cross?"

The team returned to Singapore, having shared their testimony at Solomon Church, worshipped with other Khmer Christians at Far East Broadcasting Corporation, ministered to mothers and children at Youth With A Mission (a welfare group which looked into the needs of street children), and evangelised to staff of the Daewoo Centre.

Later in June of the same year, another team from TMC made a mission trip to Thailand, again led by Rev Kow Shih Ming.

It was after both these mission trips that the church waited on the Lord for a decision.

Along the road to decision, by God's design, Rev Kow also came upon Norman Teece in Marine Parade. Norman and his wife, Fi, had been called by God out of their comfortable lifestyle in the United Kingdom into the barren

land of Cambodia in 1992. Mr David Tan (then LCEC chairman, and who now lives in New Zealand) also knew Cambodia reasonably well, having started a business in Phnom Penh.

After much discussion at a church leaders' meeting, it was decided that TMC would adopt the Khmers of Cambodia as TMC's unreached people group.

On 20 Nov 1994, an Adopt-A-People Covenant was signed.

In 1999, TMC adopted Takhmao Trinity Methodist Church (now known as Glory Trinity Methodist Church).

In the mayhem of the spilled-over US-Vietnam war into Cambodia, Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge defeated the pro-American Khmer Republic and took over Phnom Penh in April 1975. To transform the Cambodian people into a group which would follow orders blindly, Pol Pot caused many innocents to be killed, abolished the marketplaces, monetary value, education systems and national culture. The bloody purges resulted in the death of two million Cambodians, and left a society in poverty and near bankruptcy.

Information for this article was obtained from Rev Melvin Huang, Rev Kow Shih Ming, Andy Chew, Lee Park Ming, Peter Lim (the latter three are former Missions Chairpersons) and the archives of TMC.



CAMBODIA

His people. His children. His church

by Ong Hon Yuh



A boat ride on the Tonle Sap River in Phnom Penh can be unexpectedly illuminating. Thoughts such as “What is the heartbeat of the churches in Cambodia? How are our brothers and sisters in Glory Trinity Methodist Church growing in the Lord? What lessons do Cambodia have for TMC in our call to make disciples?” whizzed around in my head. Amid all that, one reminder shouted itself out loud - the God Whom we worship in Singapore is also the Creator God of Cambodia. He loves me a Singaporean as much He does a Cambodian. He loves the church in Singapore as much as the church in Cambodia. Even though they may not represent all that God is doing in that land, the four Cambodian churches we visited portrayed a spectrum – of decline, budding growth, fertility, and hopeful anticipation. At which part of the spectrum does TMC and her mission fit in?

Church Decline

By the time Pastor Chamnap was sent to pastor Setbo Methodist Church (before his posting to Glory TMC), the church attendance had plummeted from 80 to five worshippers. It currently averages around 10 persons. The shrinking of the congregation was mostly due to the unloving behaviour of the previous pastor’s wife whose antics included walling up a path which villagers used to commute from one side of the village to another, as well as quarrelling with villagers. This ugly past has hardened the hearts of the villagers against the gospel and church. A sense of loss and helplessness was evident on the face of the current pastor, Pastor Tangsamol when we visited him. What to do? How to do it? Could God really have given up on Setbo? Can the present desolation brought about by human hands be made fertile again? As we prayed with Ps Tangsamol and members of Setbo MC for the revival of the church, God gave an immediate response. A lady was ushered into the room where we were praying. She wanted to believe in Jesus! The worry lines on Ps Tangsamol’s face smoothened a little as he, together with Ps Chamnap and Jacob, ministered to the lady.

A Budding Church in the City

The Tent is a new church started by Kevin Lowe. The Tent seeks to reach out to Christian expatriates and *tent-makers already residing in Cambodia to challenge them to serve in the marketplace, to engage in evangelism, discipleship-making as well as provide employment opportunities to the locals. This is a different approach from challenging overseas missionaries to go to Cambodia to serve. It is early days yet for The Tent. The present congregation numbers less than 10 but never has attendance been down to only two. May this nascent shoot in the city find her place in the Cambodian church landscape, and make Christian influence felt and visible right in the heart of the capital city of Phnom Penh.

A Fertile Church in the Village

A heartwarming picture of joy greeted the team as we descended upon Emmanuel Methodist Church at Ampelpray Village, or Sugar Cane Forest in Khmer.



The crowd waiting for us were part of the congregation that had completed a morning of prayer and fast for the church’s direction and ministry. They outnumbered our team easily by two to one. That certainly trumps the attendance we have at TMC’s fortnightly corporate prayer meetings! What was gratifying about our experience at Emmanuel MC was the intense desire of the worshippers to seek the Lord’s will for their church, and the perseverance of the pastor, Ps Chen Sokon, in meeting the physical and spiritual needs of the community for the past 10 years. Ps Chen Sokon is preparing to build a fish pond behind the church. Beside this fish pond, there is a one-eyed man who lives in a hut in the church’s compound, and watches over the ducks and ducklings. He was given shelter and a livelihood by the church. Sinna, the pastor’s daughter runs the school in the church during the week, and travels 10km each way from home just to do so. Although we saw no sugar canes in the village or its vicinity, the sweetness

of the Lord’s fruit and work in Emmanuel MC left a delectable taste in our mouths. A bitter-sweet feeling descended however, as a yearning for similar encouraging growth from churches with whom we have a close connection – Glory TMC and our own TMC – came over us.

Living in Suburban Anticipation - Glory TMC

Glory TMC currently worships in a rented townhouse. It has plans to relocate to its former site. The present congregation is visibly younger compared to 10 years ago, although attendance has remained largely the same. On the Sunday that we visited, Ps Chamnap preached from 1 Corinthians 15:3-16 and encouraged the congregation to do three things: “Share the good news, learn God’s Word for ourselves, and teach God’s Word to others”. Discipleship, he said, is important and members were encouraged to participate in bible studies and training to deepen their spiritual growth.

*A Tent-maker functions like a minister, receives little or no pay for his church work, and supports himself by additional, unrelated work. Also used to term a missionary who supports himself by working full-time in the marketplace with his skills and education, instead of receiving financial support from a church. The biblical provenance of the term is from the apostle Paul who supported himself by making tents while living and preaching in Corinth (Acts 18:1-4). He also worked in Thessalonica so as not to be a burden to the church (2 Thessalonians 3:7-8).

Prayers for:

- Ps Tangsamol, pastor of Setbo MC and his wife, to be strong and faithful, and to persevere in sharing Christ’s love in a godly manner
- Theam Sreynam, the lady who wanted to believe in Jesus at Setbo, for her protection, growth and not to be worried about superstition.
- Ps Chamnap and Socheat, as they build up the disciples at Glory TMC and prepare to return to the former site to fulfil the vision God has placed in their hearts.

Takhmao... oops... Glory Trinity Methodist Church

by Ong Hon Yuh



“Celebrate, Jesus is risen.”

A drawing of the risen Christ and the empty tomb at the chancel looks down on the congregation as praises and prayers rise up to the Lord at the temporary premises of Glory Trinity Methodist Church (GTMC). The risen Christ brings hope for Christians, who are not only delivered from eternal judgement by God, but also granted an eternal inheritance in glory. Hope is indeed what awaits our sister church in Cambodia as she looks forward to relocate to her former site. Plans for development are underway. In preparation of this relocation, the name of the church has also been changed from Takhmao TMC to Glory TMC. Takhmao means “Black Man” in Khmer, and an idol whom the locals worship. A new name foreshadows the hope of a new beginning and signifies a new calling. When God called people in the Bible, He gave them new names – Abraham from Abram, Sarah from Sarai, Peter from Simon, and Paul from Saul. Pastor Chamnap and his wife, together with the GTMC leadership, have a vision of GTMC reaching out to female factory workers. Central to this vision is the rebuilding of GTMC with facilities to cater to the needs of those being reached out to.

Following an event last year with the factory workers, which also involved our WSCS ladies, the GTMC leadership senses that God is calling them to minister to these workers who are mostly from the villages. GTMC plans to accommodate about 15 female factory workers for a two to three-year period on the redeveloped premises to disciple them. They hope that when these disciplined workers return to their villages, they will become witnesses of Christ in their community. Another batch of ladies would then take their place at GTMC to be similarly disciplined. The leadership also aspires to minister to children, youth and adults. TMC’s partnership with GTMC in her ministry work to the people extends beyond fund-raising for the new building. A new building may draw people, but only lives can touch other lives. Only disciples can make other disciples.



How sad it would look if the same 20 people were in the worship service Sunday after Sunday in a sanctuary built to seat 150? And even sadder if the renaming of GTMC were only a commemorative exercise which exhibits more form than substance.

Let us pray with our Khmer brethren for these changes to GTMC to be a transformation of substance. With renewed hearts, minds, and strength, may we who are in Singapore, and they in Cambodia, learn to love God with our hearts, minds, souls and strength, and to love our neighbours as ourselves as we seek to “make disciples... baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything (that Jesus has commanded).”

A new name. A physical rebirth. A yearning for spiritual awakening and revival.

Hon Yuh visited Phnom Penh with the Communication team in July 2012.



CONGRATULATIONS



**Congratulations to Pastor Chamnap who was ordained
as an elder in Cambodia on 3 August 2012**

God of grace and power,
Pour out your Spirit on Pastor Chamnep
as he ministers at Glory Trinity Methodist Church in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
Guide and strengthen him for his ministry in all that lies ahead,
That together we may be one in ministry to all the world;
Through the One in whom we are all are one,
Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENTS

Sat, 25 Aug – 3 Nov
3.00 – 5.30pm
Alpha Course
www.tmc.org.sg/alpha.html for details

Sept 1 - 9
School Vacation

Sat, Sept 1, 8
10.00am – 12.00pm
WSCS Bible Study on the Book of Ruth,
conducted by Rev Dianna Khoo
www.tmc.org.sg/highlights.html

Sat, Sept 1, 15, 29, Oct 13, 27
9.00 – 11.00am
Fellowship of Ukulelians meet to
fellowship and play the ukulele of course
www.tmc.org.sg/regular.html#ukulele

Mon, Sept 3
10.30am
GYM - Lunch at Marina Square &
Afternoon Tea Concert

Tues, Sept 4
1.00 – 5.00pm
Contact 123 – Afternoon Movie Outing
@Shaw Nex, Serangoon Central
Volunteer to be a chaperone!
www.tmc.org.sg/osc.html#c123

Wed, Sept 5, Oct 3 and
every 1st Wed of the month
10.00am – 12.00pm
Yum Cha@10 is an opportunity for
people to come together for fellowship,
and serves as a platform for TMC-ers
to meet one another as well as non-
Christians in the community mid-week.
Devotions in Sept and Oct will be on
how to handle one's greed and fear.
www.tmc.org.sg/osc.html#yumcha

Sat, Sept 8
2.00 – 4.00pm
Small Group Leaders' meeting. Contact
Lee Park Ming (parkming@tmc.org.sg) /
Colin Yip (colinyip@gmail.com) /
Sue Yien (sueyien@gmail.com)
www.tmc.org.sg/smallgroup.html

Sun, Sept 9
10.00 am
TMC's 56th Anniversary (Combined
Service), followed by lunch at the Plaza.
All members and friends are invited to
join in the celebration lunch. Creche and
Children's Ministry not in session

Wed, Sept 12, Oct 10 and
every 2nd Wed of the month
3.00 – 5.00pm
Tea @ 3 organised by Glowing Years
Ministry

Sun, Sept 16
10.00 am – 1.00pm
Distribution of mooncakes to Serangoon
North. Look out for further details
nearer the time.
www.tmc.org.sg/autumn.html

Sun, Sept 16, Oct 21 and
every 3rd Sunday thereafter
WSCS Visitation to Homebound. Those
interested to cheer up old folks, please
contact Lucy Chan at 97482733

Wed, Sept 19, Oct 17 and
every 3rd Wed of the month
10.00am – 12.00pm
God's Master Works.A Concerto in 39
Movements is an overview of the Old
Testament conducted by Rev Peter Goh
www.tmc.org.sg/regular.html#gym

Sat, 22 Sept
7:30pm
Invite your friends and family to hear
Mediacorp artiste, Li Nanxing, share his
testimony this mid-autumn festival.
www.tmc.org.sg/autumn.html

Sun, Sept 23
Outreach & Social Concerns Sunday

Thurs, Sept 27, Oct 25 and
every last Thurs of the month
10.00am – 12.00pm
St Luke's Eldercare Centre Devotions
at Blk 217 Serangoon Ave 4 on how to
handle one's inferiority and temptations.
TMC's ministry to SLEC brings hope,
help and the love of Christ to many
needy elderly.
www.tmc.org.sg/osc.html#slec

Sun, Sept 30
Children's Day and Fundraising for Dec
Mission Trip
www.tmc.org.sg/cm.html
Youth Ministry not in session

Sun, Sept 30, Oct 28 and
every last Sunday of the month
9.00am
Visit to Institute of Mental Health by
Outreach & Social Concerns
Contact Yvonne Tan at
yvnn_tan@yahoo.com
www.tmc.org.sg/osc.html

Mon, Oct 1
Children's Day

Sat, Oct 6
11.00am – 2.00pm
Worship & Music Ministry and
Hospitality Ministry Fellowship Luncheon

Sun, Oct 14
Dedication of Church Leaders
WSCS Good-as-New Sale

Every Fri
8.00 – 10.00pm
Healing Ministry in the Prayer Chapel

Every Sat
9.00 am – 12.00pm
Contact 123 IT Courses from basic
computer, to the use of Facebook
and movie-making.
<http://www.tmc.org.sg/c123/c123course.pdf>

Every Sat
2.00 pm – 4.00pm
Contact 123- Soccer Training at
Blk 143 Serangoon North Avenue 1.
<http://www.facebook.com/Contact123>

Every Sat
3.00 – 4.30pm
WSCS Line Dancing. \$10 per month.
Contact Eunice at 6288 4061 for
further details.

Every 2nd and 4th Sunday
7.30 – 8.30am
Church Prayer Meeting in Prayer Chapel
www.tmc.org.sg/prayer.html

Further details on TMC's
events can be found at
www.tmc.org.sg

SERVICES

www.tmc.org.sg/servegod.html

1. Our Hospitality Ministry is in great need of ushers for the 11.15 am service. If you have a warm handshake and a pleasant smile, please serve the Lord in this area. Please contact Shuwen Koh at shwern@gmail.com or through the church office.

2. Volunteers needed at Contact 123 to teach primary school students

Thursdays, 3.00 to 6.00 PM
Subject: Maths & English
Level: Primary 1 & Primary 3

OR

Fridays, 3.00 to 6.00 PM
Subject: English
Level: Primary 4, 5, 6
Please contact Cathrine at 6285-8450 (C123) or email cathrine@tmc.org.sg for more information.

3. Infant Caregivers

The **Creche Ministry** helps to take care of our worshippers' infants (newborns to 18 months) so that the parents can attend the Sunday church services. We urgently need more helpers. If you love playing with babies, please contact Eunice Hum at echewhum@gmail.com or through the church office.

4. Musicians needed

Worship & Music Ministry

An organist or pianist is urgently required for our 8.45am service. A bass guitarist is required for our 11.15am service. Please contact Patricia Tan at patriciazoeytan@gmail.com or through the church office.

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