



# HIS HEART, OUR HANDS

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God loves the world and His heart is for the people  
of all nations to have life,  
and to have it abundantly.  
(John 10:10).

This then is our calling:  
to lead people to faith in Jesus,  
the Saviour of the world,  
that they may have life everlasting,  
and  
to introduce communities to the abundant life  
here and now,  
through charitable works of education, skills training,  
healthcare, crisis relief and socio-economic help  
for the poor and needy.

May His heart be revealed through the works of our hands.

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*For God so loved the world that He sent...*

I have been in St Andrew's Cathedral (SAC) for slightly more than a year now. I am very encouraged to see the evident passion for Missions instilled by the leadership of my predecessors and moved by the Spirit.

We recall the inspirational life and commitment of three of our full-time missionaries:

Frank Teo, was called to the mission field in 1983 and faithfully served in that calling until the Lord called him home to Himself in 2008. Frank's wife, Mabel and their two sons, Aaron and Amos, as well as his parents, still worship and serve in the Cathedral today.

Lim Sok Chin, went to Togo, West Africa in 1989, in response to a calling from the Lord. There for more than 25 years now, she and her husband have been greatly used of the Lord to bring literacy and God's Word to the Moba people.

Today if you visit Cambodia, you will be amazed by the work of Project Khmer H.O.P.E. (PKH). As I have heard often from visitors, it is an excellent example of how missions work can be done. This would hardly have been possible without the work of Susan Goh, who is in her 12th year serving as a vocational skills trainer and now heads the PKH work in Kampong Speu Province. When I last visited her, I could see the genuine love she has for the Lord and the students.

Furthermore, when I last visited Lat Krabang, Thailand, I met a group of young adults, most whom were from the Cathedral. What were they doing there in this fringe section of Bangkok, serving needy families, when they could be striving in their careers back in Singapore, as is the case with their peers? The service put in by the likes of Hannah Chee, Han Chiang, Beatrice and Gerald, albeit short-term, makes a difference to the budding Anglican work in that city.

These are just some examples of many who have crossed-cultures. Missions is not just an idea or programme in SAC. It is flesh and blood. And this month, we would like to help the wider Cathedral community be cognizant of the sacrificial contributions of individuals serving in the mission fields. We want to celebrate that.

For God so loved the world, that he sent His Son. We can do no less with our sons and daughters.

## 289 FELLOWSHIP OF THE MANGER

### ABOUT BATAM

Batam Island (Indonesia) is 415 square km, located 20km South-West of Singapore. Although the Malay culture is predominant, the population is diverse, coming from all over Indonesia as well as overseas. As at December 2012 the population was 1,235,651 (52% males). Bahasa Indonesia, the national language, is used by the people. English is taught in schools and increasingly, it is understood by more of the population. Islam is the faith of the majority, and there are Christians, Catholics, and Buddhists on the island.

### 289'S MISSION

Our mission name is inspired by 2 Corinthians 8:9 – “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.”

We have been providing practical help for disadvantaged families in Batam, Indonesia, since 2009, after doctors on medical missions found many villagers malnourished and lacking in basic necessities. In May 2010, we started the Batam Food Distribution Ministry, visiting needy villagers on Saturdays, once every two months. Since then, we have distributed over 35,000 food parcels.

In 2010, the worship team, “Bridge of Faith” started Project Faith, raising funds through the sale of their worship CDs. This



### Testimony of Ibu ET, a beneficiary of 289's ministry

We (Ibu ET and Bapak SS) came from Medan to Batam. We now have 2 daughters and our newborn (in March) named, Miracle. We live in a rented house which is in urgent need of repairs to the leaking roof. Our daily meals consist of rice, fish, vegetables (spinach and cabbage), and occasionally, noodles.

Bapak SS works as a part-time cement worker and in recycling. His monthly income is about 1.2-1.5 million rupiah per month is barely sufficient for his household expenditure (Food: 1 million rp, Electricity and water: 300,000 rp, Others (rental, medical): 200,000rp). His main challenge is finding a permanent job. Food for our family is limited due to irregular income. We hope for a lifting of our economic status so as to provide for our children. We have many health concerns as there are many mosquitoes and the water from the well (for bathing) is not clean.

helped to finance the building of a food court in Dapur Duabelas. Project Faith also provided five families with seed money to start businesses to support themselves, and provide pastoral care for local communities.

In 2016, we focused on two Batam communities, Baloj Kolam and Kampung Nanas. Here, families live in slums and eke out a living from collecting discarded items like plastic cans and scrap metal for recycling. On the average, a family makes less than 1 million rupiah (S\$100) per month. Besides distributing food parcels and conducting children's programmes, future projects include classes for the children, sponsoring children's education, building wells, repairing buildings, and micro-financing new livelihoods. Our work is carried out with our long-term partners, Gereja Anglikan Indonesia and Peduli Bangsa.



### HOW ONE CAN BE INVOLVED IN 289'S WORK:

Join a weekend mission trip to Batam. Be involved in food distribution, children's ministry programme, conducting English Lessons and livelihood training.

### GIVE TO 289'S WORK

Please make your cheque payable to St Andrew's Cathedral, and indicate “289 Fellowship” on the back.

You can drop your cheque in the Service offertory bag or mail it to the Cathedral.



### Testimony of Sarah Santhana, a volunteer with 289

Serving in the 289 Fellowship Children Ministry is fulfilling. Teaching basic English, games, songs and creative movement provides opportunities for us to interact with the children and to minister to them. Visiting the villagers in their homes, lending them a listening ear and praying with them brings God's peace into their hearts. Serving people – becoming friends with them, loving and laughing with them, is what I do to build God's Kingdom.

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## THE BOYS' BRIGADE



### ABOUT SINGAPORE

Singapore has a population of about 5.54 million. About 19 per cent are Christians. The other main religions are Buddhism (33%), Islam (14%), Taoism (11%), Hinduism (5%) and others (11%). About 18 per cent of people claim to have no religion.

### BB'S MISSION

Founded in 1883 in Glasgow, Scotland, the Boys' Brigade's aim is "the Advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys". The Boys Brigade in Singapore was started on 12 January 1930. Today, there are 117 Companies in many of the primary and secondary schools, and churches in Singapore.

Operating as school co-curricular activity (CCA), the BB engages boys through fun and meaningful activities to build Christian values and character. This is done through the twin pillars of discipline and the Bible.

St Andrew's Cathedral is the sponsoring church for five BB Companies, with a combined enrolment of about 120 boys. The work is supported by 20 volunteer officers and church staff, and four primers.

**Testimony by a volunteer,** Chia Zhe Yin  
Acting Captain, 24J Singapore Coy

"I joined the BB ministry in 2008 as an officer. I had never been involved in a uniformed group during my time in school, and needless to say, I felt some apprehension about the regimental requirements of the ministry. However, as I served, I realised that the BB was so much more than just wearing a uniform and performing drills.

Through the ministry, I have had the opportunity to share the Gospel and teach the ways of Christian manliness to "un-churched" boys through the BB badgework curriculum and our own programmes. I have also had the chance to touch the lives of boys from less privileged backgrounds.

As a Christian organisation recognised by the Singapore government as a co-curricular activity in schools, the BB opens an important door from which the church can step out to reach children and teenagers from the larger part of society. It gives us a chance to make a difference in the lives of students from many walks of life. And prayerfully, the seeds we plant will grow and bear fruit."



### HOW ONE CAN BE INVOLVED WITH THE BB WORK.

#### PRAY WITH US:

- That the boys' hearts will be open to learn from the Word of God.
- That the partnership with the schools and the parents remain strong.
- That former BB boys will be motivated to participate in alumni activities.
- That avenues and doors will open for parents and families to hear the Good News through BB.

#### VOLUNTEER

We are constantly on the lookout for people who have a heart for children and youths and who are willing to engage them through meaningful activities and speak into their lives.

The Companies of St Andrew's Cathedral:

- 24J Singapore Company:  
Fuhua Primary School
- 26th Singapore Company:  
Tanglin Secondary School
- 81J Singapore Company:  
Townsville Primary School
- 102J Singapore Company:  
North View Primary School
- 106J Singapore Company:  
Gan Eng Seng Primary School

#### DONATE

The BB boys from these 5 companies work hard to raise funds annually, during BB Week. Please give generously.



**Testimony by Yap Shijun** Primer,  
former 31st Coy in Bowen Secondary School and 81J in Townsville Primary School)

"I first joined the BB as a CCA when I was in Primary 3, at Townsville Primary School. In the junior section, I learned the importance of bonding with my friends from this school and other schools. After I left primary school and proceeded to secondary school, I again joined BB as a CCA. At first, I thought I was going to learn the same thing that I had learned in primary school, but I was wrong. It was a brand new chapter of my life in BB. In the senior section, I learned more about leadership, first aid and other skills such as archery and bag pipe playing. BB helped me become a better person. From that point on, I decided to continue serving as a primer after graduating from secondary school, so that I could pass on what I had learned to my fellow BB boys."

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# THE GIRLS' BRIGADE

## GB'S MISSION

The Girls' Brigade works with churches and schools in Singapore to nurture girls using biblical stories and principles. Its aim is to help girls become followers of Jesus Christ, instill in them reverence for God, self-control and a sense of responsibility, and help them find true enrichment in life.

The ministry works with church members to reach out to girls and engage them through worship, devotion, craft work, footdrill practices, outdoor activities and camps. These activities provide us with opportunities to minister to the students and their families, and to reach them with the gospel of Christ.

## HOW ONE CAN BE INVOLVED WITH GB'S WORK.

### PRAY:

- For the girls' hearts to be open to learning from the Word of God.
- For parents to be open to working with GB officers so they can build a personal relationship.
- For a strong partnership between GB Companies and schools.
- For St Andrew's Cathedral's GB workers as they serve in this ministry.

### VOLUNTEER:

We are in need of volunteers who are keen to work with the girls in various areas and capacities.

### Testimony by Rajvi Rajesh Sapre

14th Company, Fuhua Primary School

GB has taught me many life lessons that I will cherish forever. For example, I went to an event called Fast Food Fuzz Camp and it gave me a feel of how needy people live and how lucky I am. God's words have helped me make many decisions in my life. He helps all of us, and answers our prayers. He is our Saviour.

### COMPANIES SPONSORED BY ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL:

- 14th Singapore Company:  
Fuhua Primary School  
(Saturdays 9am – 11.30am)
- 82nd Singapore Company:  
MacPherson Primary School  
(Mondays 3.15pm – 5.45pm)
- 83rd Singapore Company:  
North View Primary School  
(Fridays 2.30pm – 4.30pm)

### DONATE:

The GB girls from these 3 companies work hard to raise funds annually, during GB Week. Please give generously.



### Testimony by Jacqueline Cheong

Captain, 83rd Girls' Brigade Singapore Company

Most of our girls are pre-believers. We develop their character and teach them skills, and even I have been personally nurtured along the way. In fact, I believe I've learnt far more teaching the Word than merely learning/reading it. For me, teaching children is less intimidating than teaching adults.

This ministry gives many opportunities for volunteers and students to learn of the Word and love of God.



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## MEDICAL MISSIONS

Christian medical missions afford an opportunity for healthcare professionals and others to tangibly demonstrate the love & grace of Jesus Christ through much-needed healthcare to the poor, the sick and the suffering. In this way we reflect the very nature and glory of Christ to the world.

### BATAM MEDICAL OUTREACH (BMO)

#### BMO'S MISSION

BMO is a regular medical outreach work of the St. Andrew's Cathedral Healthcare Fellowship which is now in its 10th year of operations and ministers chiefly to the people living in the rural villages of the island of Batam in Indonesia. It aims to share the grace & love of God primarily by providing much-needed basic healthcare as well as health/dental education. BMO also conducts a vibrant children's ministry in each of these villages.

#### HOW ONE CAN BE INVOLVED WITH BMO'S WORK

##### JOIN A BMO MISSION TRIP

This extends over a weekend and comprises 4 teams which serve 4 different locations. While this is a medical mission, there are many opportunities for service for non-medical persons as well.

The cost per person is \$120 (\$100 for day-trippers) and includes all meals, 2-way ferry, hotel accommodation, travel insurance and land transport. Do register early as the mission is popular and places on the teams go quickly.

##### GIVE TO BMO'S WORK

If you would like to donate towards this mission, please make your cheque out to "St. Andrew's Cathedral" with "Medical Mission Fund" written on the back & drop it into the offertory bag.

#### MOBILE MEDICAL SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY (MMSC) MMSC'S MISSION

We are called, as disciples of Jesus, to love our neighbours as ourselves.

This medical mission was launched in 2009 and it operates out of a specially-modified bus. The MMSC serves 2 vulnerable population groups by providing free healthcare and health screening – the migrant workers living in residential dormitories and the elderly living in the 1 room HDB estates.

#### HOW ONE CAN BE INVOLVED WITH MMSC'S WORK

##### BE A PART OF THE MMSC TEAM

You don't have to be a doctor or a nurse to serve; non medical volunteers are welcome. No prior medical mission experience is



necessary. It requires about 4 hours of your time on a Saturday morning or evening.

#### GIVE TOWARDS MMSC'S WORK

If you would like to contribute financially to this medical mission, please make your cheques out to "St Andrew's Community Hospital" with "Mobile Medical Services" written on the back.

You can drop the cheques into the offertory bags in St. Andrew's Cathedral or mail to St. Andrew's Community Hospital, 8 Simei Street 3, S'pore 529895 .

All donations are tax-deductible (250%).

#### HOTN'S MISSION

The "Healing of the Nations" medical mission is a new project which extends over a Thursday-Sunday period and will involve travelling to a location within the Deanery countries of Indonesia, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam or Nepal. This will be a biannual medical mission which will provide primary healthcare & dental education to rural communities in these locations.

#### HOW ONE CAN BE INVOLVED WITH HOTN'S WORK

##### JOIN A HOTN TEAM

HOTN mission trips will be held in May & November. Some prior medical mission experience is required for this mission.

#### GIVE TOWARDS HOTN'S WORK

If you would like to donate towards this mission, please make your cheque out to "St. Andrew's Cathedral" with "Medical Mission Fund" written on the back.

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## FRANK TEO

Contributed by: Frank's wife, Mabel,  
and their sons, Aaron and Amos

The late Teo Kong Guan, best known as Frank Teo to many; began serving the Lord in the St. Andrew's Cathedral Youth Fellowship (YF), as a worship and study group leader. Even back then, he had the fire for sharing the gospel, bringing other youths into the fellowship and discipling them for Christ. After that, he joined the Young Adults Fellowship (YAF), where he became actively involved in the Cathedral's outreach activities: street evangelism and church planting in parts of Singapore.

In 1983, Frank heard the Lord's call for him to go into the overseas mission field. He left his engineering job and joined a missions agency, Operation Mobilisation (OM). There, he responded to the challenge to go where the gospel was much needed. Thus, Pakistan became his mission field.

During his time there, Frank travelled with the men's team to distribute Gospel tracts and share the Good News in various towns and villages. On one occasion, the whole team was arrested by the police; but by God's grace, released within hours. Shortly after that, Frank was involved in a vehicular accident which left him with serious physical injuries, and he had to return to Singapore to recuperate.

Frank returned to Pakistan upon recovery, and then worked extensively with Christian young men, grooming them to be leaders in the church today. Another significant role was as a cell group leader, teaching and sharing with those who

wanted to know more about Christ.

After 10 years of ministry in Pakistan, Frank and his family returned to Singapore. He attended Bible College and remained actively involved in community outreach in various areas in Singapore. Later, Frank worked in the missions department of the Church of Our Saviour (COOS) where he helped to train new missionaries. During this time, his work in Pakistan did not stop. With help from COOS, and a Pakistani pastor, Frank started a church in Quetta, Pakistan.

Frank did not waver in his passion to see the lost saved. He continued to travel with local believers to share the Gospel in very remote villages. On one of these trips, he encountered an almost blind village headman. After sharing the Good News, the headman believed in Jesus and accepted Him as Lord, and he was healed of his blindness! This headman then shared with the villagers how he had seen the person of Christ in the very room where he was being prayed for.

Frank's love for the Pakistani people was also evidenced in his efforts to raise funds for disaster relief work arising from the earthquake that struck Northern Pakistan in 2005. He persevered in enlightening as many in the Cathedral, and in other churches of the needs of the people in this troubled country.

Given his time and experience with Pakistan, Frank worked at training

missionaries; this resulted in a good and lasting effect to the Cathedral's missions work overseas.

Frank was serving on the staff of St Andrew's Cathedral for two years before he was called home to the Lord. During that time, he worked with some Indian churches in Singapore to reach foreign workers with the love of Christ. This work took place regularly at the workers' dormitories.

Even up till the end of his time in 2008, the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) was utmost in Frank's heart and mind. He laboured tirelessly for the salvation of the lost and walked every bit of the talk.



## LIM SOK CHIN

By KOABIKE Sok Chin nee LIM

As a Singaporean, I was greatly blessed: ten years of formal schooling which opened up opportunities for me; a steady job as a clerk which enabled me to help lift my father's financial burden; political stability and safety in our country which allowed me many years, after school, to study and improve myself. After having accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour at a tender age of 20, I was spiritually moulded over time through prayers and Bible study with brothers and sisters in Christ at St. Andrew's Cathedral. The Bible study groups, choir as well as various Bible courses helped to ground me in the Word. There was a handful of good individuals who gave me precious support. This was the solid foundation on which my later experiences were built upon.

I had never wanted to be a missionary. All I wanted to do was to share the Lord's love for me and for all He came to save. I was working in an accounting office and I thoroughly enjoyed my work. I was content with my ministries in the choir, in leading Bible studies and discipling new converts. The first time I was led to think about entering into a career of Christian ministry came in the form of full time job offer. However, I considered the costs and realised that I was not ready.



Cathedral pastoral team supported me through the whole candidature process with Wycliffe Bible Translators. I was truly blessed.

Having lived and worked more than 25 years in Togo of West Africa, I have seen the fruit of changed lives due to the availability of God's Word in the local language, and the people's ability to read and understand it even without a preacher or teacher! There is still a lot to do everywhere on this earth. If you love Jesus as much as He loves you, be prepared for sufferings as He suffered. You can and must serve Him NOW, where

you are. If you are preparing to go for long-term missionary work, be prepared for the trials ahead. Share your love for Jesus. Pray, treasure the spiritual support around you. May the Lord be pleased with all that you do. Amen.

A different offer came 18 months later, for me to go Bible school! I was ready this time; I left all and went to Sydney to train for three years, and then returned to serve as a parish worker at my beloved church, St. Andrew's Cathedral. The call to overseas missions work came two years later. The

**LIM SOK CHIN** is a missionary who serves with Wycliffe Bible Translators in reaching Africans for Christ. She left Singapore just after Christmas 1987, for French studies in France before arriving in Togo of West Africa, in 1989. There, she joined the Moba language team for translation, literacy and Scripture promotion work from 1990. She started by learning the Moba language and culture.

Sok Chin had been working with others on translating the New Testament (NT) into Moba since 1992. The Moba NT was printed and dedicated to the glory of God in March 2008.

In 1995, Sok Chin married a Togolese, Joseph Koabike. He was the main Moba translator. They now serve together in Togo and Benin; she is a Literacy and Education consultant as well as the Training coordinator, and he is the Translation consultant and the coordinator for some

30 translation teams. They have a four and half year-old son, David.

Some of the exciting things Sok Chin and Joseph were able to do in Mobaland were the composition of 127 Scripture-verse songs using the Moba traditional music rhythm; the publication of a Christian newspaper with testimonies and teaching; the recording in Moba of the Jesus film based on Luke's Gospel used extensively for evangelism by the local churches.

They also have the Moba NT audio recording on Proclaim players which are extensively used for more than 100 listening groups in numerous villages. More recently, they have made available a smartphone app which highlights text, phrase by phrase as it is read: a great tool to stimulate and assist new literates in Moba.

## SUSAN GOH

I would never have imagined that I would be a missionary, especially in a country in which I had no interest. I am quite amazed myself! I have been serving in Cambodia since 2005. This was when Project Khmer H.O.P.E. started its vocational training programme to equip poor and disadvantaged youths with skills to enable them to find good jobs and break out of the poverty cycle.

I was from a non-Christian family and the 6th of 7 children. My father was a taxi driver and my mother, a seamstress. They worked hard to provide the family with the basic necessities in life.

When I completed my secondary education, I did not think of going for higher studies. I went to find work and my first job was that of a flight stewardess with Singapore Airlines. I was a Chief Stewardess when I left SIA, after working there for 15 years.

I then took a job in a prestigious hotel although I did not have any training or experience in the industry. I gained a lot of experience as a Front Office Duty Manager and was soon appointed as a Banquet Sales Executive. After two and a half years, I accepted a job offer as a Cabin Crew Trainer cum Advisor in Indonesia. I held that position in the Indonesian airlines for 7 years. After that, I came back to Singapore, and re-joined the hotel as Director of Training.

I worked hard and eventually managed to buy my own landed property. I felt very fortunate and thought that I had accomplished all these on my own. However, I was also feeling the pressure of work as I was trying very hard to impress the hotel owner, by positioning the hotel services to be the best in Singapore.

This took a toll on me and I became very hot-tempered towards my aged father. I was ashamed for throwing tantrums at my father while being so sweet to other people. I sensed the hypocrisy in my life, and God helped me to let go of my selfish ambition and to learn to love my father.

I can clearly say that it is because of my

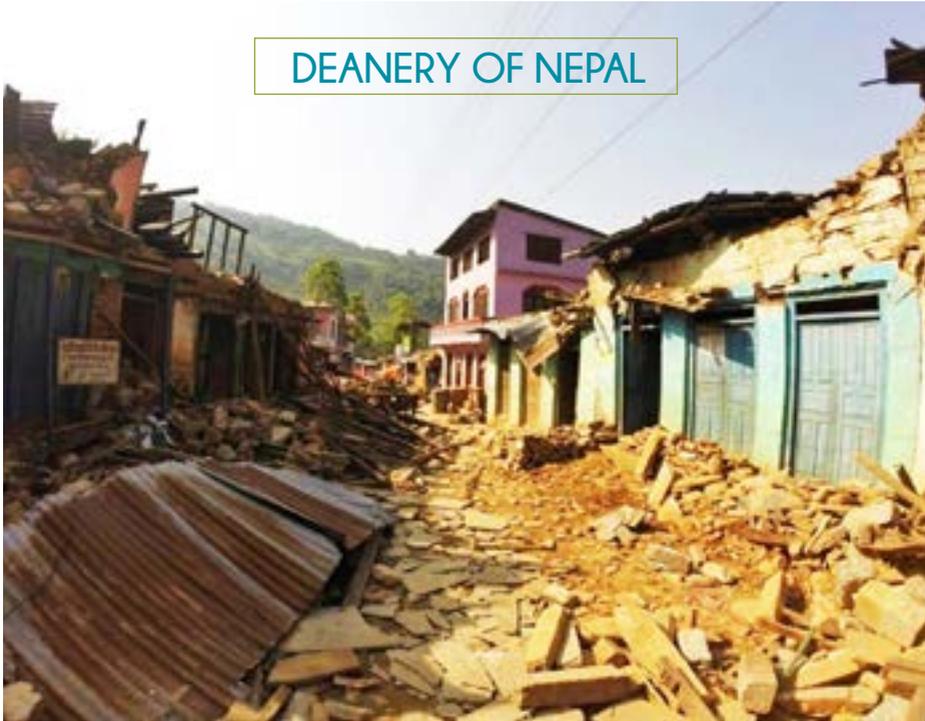


father that I have come to know Christ and finally surrendered my life to Him. God has changed me to be a loving, understanding and patient daughter to my father. A close friend and colleague who worships at St Andrew's Cathedral was instrumental in leading me to Christ. At the Cathedral, I came to know Ds Bessie and was baptised by her. Later on, Ds Bessie approached me to help with the work at PKH - to teach vocational skills to poor Cambodian youths and to help them find jobs. I sensed God's call and responded.

Through my life and work experiences, the Lord prepared me and enables me to what I do today - teaching Hospitality Services at the PKH Centre in Cambodia. I am able to share my experience with poor youths and to encourage them to work hard for a better future. Many trainees can relate to my stories as I was once like them, with no guidance, direction, encouragement, support, love or hope. But God is using me now to show them that He has a plan to prosper them and not to harm them. He gives them HOPE when they open their hearts to Him.

God has provided for me all these years. In gratitude, I now serve and help others in need. I thank God for His amazing love and the accomplishments; may all glory be His.

## DEANERY OF NEPAL



Nepal is a country that seems lost in time. The earthquakes in April and May 2015 devastated the country. The Deanery started 2015 with 9,000 Anglicans in 58 churches spread over the central region of Nepal, with some locations requiring at least 2 days' trekking to access. It was the Lord's sovereignty that saw numbers increase to our current figure of 12,000 Anglican members in 82 churches.

With this, the Deanery is galvanised to build up a base of leadership as quickly as possible. A local School of Ministry has been established to imbue current and future parish workers with the values and ethos of the Anglican Church, while retaining the Nepalese character and culture. In the long term, it is the hope and prayer of the Deanery that the local church in Nepal will mature to the point where they can evolve into a Diocese.

As an outgrowth of the disaster relief efforts in 2015 to 2016, the Deanery embarked on a rebuilding initiative known

as Project Taja Asa (Fresh Hope in Nepali). Project Taja Asa aims to enable fresh hope in communities with the following desired outcomes: 1) Strengthen resilience and hope in the Lord. 2) Enhance physical and psychological security 3) Increase self-help capacity and ownership of the future. These desired outcomes will be achieved through 2 Key Initiatives: 1) Infrastructural Resilience through rebuilding of Quake-Resilient Community structures 2) Human-centric Resilience through development of community leadership teams in Community Improvement Training (CIT) workshops.

The Lord has shown favour on Project Taja Asa. The principle behind Project Taja Asa is to teach people how to fish, rather than just give them a fish to eat. The rebuilding of Quake-Resilient Community structures is progressing well despite the prolonged monsoon season. Participants of the inaugural CIT workshop in August 2016 have found it extremely useful and applicable to their lives. This is

an explicit goal of Taja Asa, and we look forward to conducting more CIT workshops in the future.

Another expression of the Deanery's outreach is medical missions. Medical Mission Teams have been sent to villages, some mountainous, to conduct clinical sessions for villagers in need. Teams are also embedded into the community through the medical camp. Volunteers who are not medically trained can also help in the packing of medicines, running of camp operations and/or running children's programmes for the children in the villages.

### How you can be involved:

#### Pray with us

- The need for godly, trustworthy leadership is ever urgent.
- The testimony of the Christians reaching out to others during times of suffering has borne fruit; pray for diligent and consistent discipling.

#### Be involved with us

- Project Taja Asa involves teaching skills and leadership to various villages. We need people to give themselves to serve God in this capacity. For further details, please contact: Miss Adeline Hee at [adelinehee@cathedral.org.sg](mailto:adelinehee@cathedral.org.sg) or Mr Heng Fu Wen at [Project.Taja.Asa@gmail.com](mailto:Project.Taja.Asa@gmail.com).

- Like us on our Facebook page "The Deanery of Nepal".
- Form Medical Teams. The nature of clinical work at this point is confined to outpatient treatments, but we hope to expand that scope in the future.
- Join an existing medical team. For details, please contact Revd Lewis Lew at [Nepal@anglican.org.sg](mailto:Nepal@anglican.org.sg), or Revd Bertram Cheong at [bertramcheong@cathedral.org.sg](mailto:bertramcheong@cathedral.org.sg). We will link you up with a team at the earliest available slot.

### Give to the work of the Deanery

- The Deanery operates with an annual budget of S\$420,000. This amount goes to paying expenses related to the staff remuneration, operational expenses, rebuilding of church buildings damaged by the earthquakes.
- Support the theological training of future leaders. It takes S\$2,500 per year to support one student.
- Please make cheques payable to : Deanery of Nepal.





### ABOUT CAMBODIA

Cambodia has a population of over 15 million people. The official religion is Theravada Buddhism, practised by approximately 95 percent of the population. There are 43 different ethnic and racial groups, and quite a few remain unreached by the Gospel.

The enforced hardships and starvation under the communist Khmer Rouge regime in the 70's drew the country's economic, manufacturing, education and healthcare systems to a standstill.

Cambodia remains one of the poorest nations in Asia, with 30% of its people surviving on less than US\$1 a day. The lack of education is a grave concern of Cambodia where more than half of its people are under the age of 18.

### PKH'S MISSION

PKH was set up by St Andrew's Cathedral in 2000 to meet the social and economic needs of the poor and needy. Today, PKH is an international non-governmental organisation working in collaboration with the Cambodian Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation. It operates from 3 PKH Centres and a PKH

English School in the Province of Kampong Speu.

PKH is dedicated to helping the disadvantaged children and youths break out of the cycle of poverty.

PKH provides residential vocational training for youths to equip them for jobs in the hotel industry and the engineering and construction sectors. PKH also enables poor children who cannot afford schooling, to be educated and to be taught English.

Annually, PKH works with a total of about 620 youths and children. Many of these young people have come to faith in Christ; an average of 60 youths are water baptized each year.

The Suoy are an Unreached Peoples



### Testimony by David Mark de Souza, a volunteer at PKH Centre, Trang

The two weeks I spent as a volunteer at PKH were probably one of the most eye-opening experiences I've had. Daily life there is a world apart from Singapore: a clean water source and electricity are precious commodities - which PKH assists with in terms of infrastructure where possible - but even more critical is education, which creates opportunities for the local community to grow and flourish.

People's future are definitely brighter now, thanks to the selfless dedication of the volunteers and support staff. On hindsight, my two weeks there was too short, but long enough to see the purpose and meaningfulness of such endeavours.

Group in Cambodia; PKH actively serves this community by providing more than 350 tribal Suoy children with education, meals, tuition in English and Bible knowledge. This ministry has enabled many Suoy villagers to know God's love and to believe in Jesus Christ.

### HOW ONE CAN BE INVOLVED IN PKH'S WORK SERVING

You can serve at the PKH Centres and the PKH English School :

- Teaching English, computer studies, hospitality services and technical subjects.
- Providing medical, dental and general healthcare services.
- Giving practical help to improve PKH's facilities in Cambodia.

Connect Groups and other small groups who wish to visit the PKH Centres to offer their help with the ministry are welcome.

### GIVING

PKH's annual operational cost is US\$500,000. Its funds are raised through the donations of members of the Cathedral and friends of PKH.

If you would like to give to PKH's work, kindly make your cheque payable to "St Andrew's Cathedral", marked "PKH" on the reverse side. For receipt purposes, please let us have your name and address. You can drop your cheque into the Service offertory bag or mail it to the attention of PKH, St Andrew's Cathedral, 11 St Andrew's Road, Singapore 178959.

All contributions will be used solely for the work of helping the poor and needy within the scope of PKH and not for administrative costs / overheads.



**Testimony by a former PKH trainee, Rotha,**  
Front Office Bell Hop and Driver, at Le Meridien Angkor

I come from the Phrea Vihear Province, and I am the second youngest of eight children in my family. I had worked on my family farm as well as in construction.

I heard about the PKH Centre where one could study English and pick up hospitality skills to work in hotels. So I decided to study there in 2009. Before joining, I heard about Jesus Christ but didn't understand much; I just knew He was a good God who could save us.

When I was at PKH, however, I could see Jesus through the teachers, staff, pastors, students and friends. They had hope, were loving, caring and encouraging to each other. As I worshipped and studied God's Word at PKH, I started to know Him more. I started to obey and follow Him, and my life started to change. I received Him as my Saviour and felt that I have a new life with Jesus.

I am now a bell hop and driver. I married another PKH graduate, Savun, and we are expecting our second child.

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## MISSIONS INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

**A** Missions Intern serves as an apprentice in the Cathedral or at a missions station locally or overseas, with a view to determining God's call on his/ her life to be professionally engaged in full-time Christian service. The internship may be carried out by the Cathedral, Diocese or other missions agencies approved by the Cathedral's Committee on Missions and Evangelism (COME).

The internship serves as a period of assessment both for the Church and for the candidate to decide whether he/she should commit himself/herself to this service.

The Cathedral supports 3 types of internship:

### **SERVE**

A diocesan programme executed by the Cathedral for youths before they enter tertiary education (Polytechnic/University) or are enlisted in National Service (NS).

Internship term : 2 months (minimum) to 6 months (maximum)

### **TRIBUTE**

A diocesan programme executed by the Cathedral for young people after completing their tertiary education (University, Polytechnic, NS etc) and before they start work.

Fixed internship term of 12 months.

### **MINISTRY APPRENTICE (MA)**

A cathedral programme for people who have held jobs for some years, with the intention to explore full time ministry.

Fixed internship term of 12 to 24 months.

#### **BY SAMANTHA OOI**

"I teach English to university students at Cornerstone Student Centre and to children at Kids Club in Lat Krabang, Thailand. I'm thankful for the opportunity to see God working lovingly in the lives of young believers! I think the most important thing I'm learning here is to pray. When I realise my own inadequacies, I learn to go in prayer to God, the One who is totally sufficient. I learn to pray for the students I meet, knowing that only God can change their hearts; and as I pray, He changes my heart too, to care for them. When I realise I'm not exactly seeking first His kingdom, I learn to pray that He puts on my heart the things that are on His heart. And when I don't know what to pray, I learn to sit with Him. I believe these are all lifelong lessons."

Interns in 2016:

**SERVE:** Amos Teo, Kelvina Nga, Judette Siew, Jeanette Lee, Sandra Yu, Nicole Ng

#### **TRIBUTE & MINISTRY APPRENTICE:**

Vanessa Kong (Chiang Mai, Thailand)  
Belinda Lim (Lat Krabang, Thailand)  
Samantha Ooi (Lat Krabang, Thailand)  
Joshua Kwok (Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam)  
Joel Tan (St Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore)

#### **Interested to serve as a missions intern?**

Please contact the Cathedral Missions Co-ordinator (missions@cathedral.org.sg) and apply in writing to the Chairman of COME. The application shall be accompanied with the recommendation of the applicant's Service Pastor.

The candidate shall fulfil the following requirements:

- a minimum of 16 years of age
- a born-again Christian (John 3:3)
- baptised in the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8)
- an Electoral Roll member of the Parish of St Andrew's Cathedral
- a satisfactory knowledge of God's Word and involvement in Church Activities (eg. Connect Group)
- full parental approval in writing shall be required if the candidate is below 21 years of age at the time of application.

The candidate shall be interviewed by the Missions Department and the Vicar, and/or members of COME, Service Pastor or alternate. Candidates who are accepted and approved will be duly recognised by the Cathedral at a Commissioning Service.

## SERVE PROGRAMME

**S**ERVE is a Diocesan programme for youth from different parishes to discover who God is, His plans and purposes for them in this generation. It is also a time for youths to "get off the speeding train" and onto a reflective and inspiring life-interchange. This is usually the few months before they enrol in

junior college and tertiary institutions or enlisted for National Service. SERVE youths undergo about two months of lectures, group learning, mentoring, community projects and an overseas mission trip. Below are some testimonies of our Cathedral youths involved in the SERVE programme, this year.

The main event in SERVE that impacted me was the mission trip to Thailand. I was put in charge of planning a lesson for a group of young Thai children. My team and I had to brainstorm through the night and work tirelessly in the early mornings to prepare a range of activities for them to enjoy. It was tiring, but worth it, definitely. It was an amazing sight: watching the room full of young children and even teenagers responding to the altar call on the last night; definitely worth it.

**Jeannette Lee, 18 years old.**

During SERVE 2016, we had many fantastic opportunities to serve the people, both in our communities and beyond our borders. We served as patient care volunteers in Simei Care Centre, befriending those recovering from mental illness and helping them to integrate back into society. Abroad, our team headed to Batam where we helped to re-construct a road outside a school and taught English to the school teachers. It was truly an eye-opening experience and a thrill for me to be serving the Lord.

**Amos Teo, 18 years old**

During the SERVE mission trip to Batam, we reached out to the children by playing with them, painting their centre and even helped to build a drain! I could really see God working throughout our trip with the team and the children.

**Nicole Ng, 17 years old**

My SERVE Mission was one of the best moments I had in Serve. It was a humbling experience for me to paint the centre at Baloi Kolam, Batam, where children come to play and to praise God, and to build a drain for the school to prevent flooding. It exposed me to people of a different backgrounds and to see the need to share the love God has blessed me with.

**Sandra Yu, 18 years old**



## VIETNAM INTEREST GROUP (VIG)

### ABOUT VIETNAM

This country has a population of about 95 million people who belong to various people groups such as the Kinh, and minority groups, for example, the Tay, Muong, Khmer, Mong, Nung and Hoa. The Kinh makes up 85.7% of the total population.

The religious make up of Vietnam is: Buddhist 7.9%, Catholic 6.6%, Hoa Hao 1.7%, Cao Dai 0.9%, Protestant 0.9%, Muslim 0.1%, none 81.8%. In recent years, the growth of Christianity among the minority groups is faster than the majority Kinh people.

### VIG'S MISSION

Formed in April 2012 as part of St Andrew's Cathedral's outreach arm for missions to Vietnam, the VIG started with members who had gone on short-term mission trips to Hanoi and in particular, the ABBA English Centre, and others who are interested in supporting the work of Deanery of Vietnam.

Our main objectives are to gather and equip God's people to glorify and honour Him through our missions, and to equip every member to be either a sender or a goer. Our activities revolve around four main pillars:

**Prayer:** Meeting to pray for the work and people of Vietnam.



**Mobilisation:** Holding talks and discussions to equip members for missions and encourage others to participate.

**Preparation:** Supporting missionaries before they go, while they are in the field, and after they return.

**Go:** Answering God's call to go on short-term or long-term missions.

How one can be involved in VIG's work.

**PRAY FOR THE WORK IN VIETNAM –** either individually or corporately at Church Prayer Meetings or VIG Prayer Meetings.

**Testimony by Atticus Ting,** 13 years old (Missions Team member to Hanoi, Dec 2013)

Christmas day was extra special. I usually spend the day playing games, watching TV and talking to friends but this time I met new brothers and sisters in Christ from a faraway land. We had the opportunity to share the word of the Lord with others through the skits and carolling.



### SERVE AS ENGLISH TEACHERS

#### Medium term

For those with TESOL qualifications and who can serve for at least one year.

#### Short term

Volunteers who can serve for a 4-month term (term 1 runs from September to December; term 2 runs from January to April).

#### Summer programme

Volunteers who can serve for one to two weeks in June, July or August.

#### Join a 7-9 day mission trip

To conduct Christmas outreach programmes (Christmas Parties) in December.

### SUPPORT

Give financially to the missions work in Vietnam. Make you cheque payable to "St Andrew's Cathedral" and mark "VIG" on the reverse side.



**Testimony by Kelvin Tan & Francine Chua** (Missions Team Member to Hanoi, Dec 2012 & 2013)

This was our second visit with the church in Hanoi. We were so blessed by the first experience in Hanoi that we wanted to return a second time. We also thought it would be interesting to see how the church in Hanoi has changed after a year.

This second trip was a completely different experience from the first – we see especially God's faithfulness to the people of Hanoi

When we returned to visit the church in Hanoi, they had already moved to a new building in a better location. Before that, they had been worshipping in a container. We were so encouraged to witness this change and knew in our hearts that it could only be God's faithfulness in providing for His people.

The church is made up predominantly of young people. There were a lot of familiar faces when we visited the church this time and while the church had not grown significantly, what struck us was the difference that we saw in these young people. We could see the growth in their spiritual maturity and genuine excitement to be in God's presence. Praise the Lord!

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## C.O.M.E., The Committee on Missions and Evangelism

### THE COMMITTEE

COME is accountable and reports to the Parochial Church Council of St Andrew's Cathedral. It comprises:

- the Chairperson of COME who is the Vicar of the Cathedral or his appointee
- the staff of the Cathedral Missions Department, including the Missions Coordinator
- the persons-in-charge of the Cathedral's Missions Ministries
- representatives of the PCC
- co-opted members (clergy/pastoral staff/members of cathedral)

### THE C.O.M.E.'S MANDATE

- 1 Provide oversight and support for workers and interns sent by St Andrew's Cathedral on mission assignments (home and foreign).
- 2 Provide oversight and support for St Andrew's Cathedral's missions ministries (home and foreign):
  - The Boys' Brigade (BB) & The Girls' Brigade (GB)
  - 289 Fellowship of the Manger (289)
  - Batam Medical Outreach (BMO)
  - Healing of the Nations (HOTN)
  - Mobile Medical Service to the Community (MMS)
  - Nepal Interest Group (NIG)
  - Project Khmer H.O.P.E. (PKH)
  - Vietnam Interest Group (VIG)
- 3 Encourage the Cathedral congregation to be faithfully and actively involved in the works of missions.
- 4 Implement the Missions Policy and Manual, and review at least once every five years.

- 5 Submit an annual budget to the Outreach & Missions Fund Committee and the PCC, and administer the funds allocated to C.O.M.E.
- 6 Serve as liaison between the Cathedral and the other missionary organisations supported by the Cathedral and the Diocese of Singapore.



#### 2016/2017 Members of C.O.M.E.

Ds Bessie Lee (Chairperson)  
 Canon Terry Wong (Vicar)  
 Mr Wee Lian Kuanh (Missions Coordinator, BB & GB)  
 Miss Adeline Hee (PKH Coordinator, NIG)  
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