

# Responding to God's Call

## BRINGING RELIEF TO MIGRANT WORKERS



**A**s brothers and sisters in Christ, we are in the same storm and we are heading for the same destination. This is as Christ promised: *“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.”* John 14:3. Though we may be in **different boats**, if a shipwreck is imminent, we would do the same to call out to the Lord, out of distress, and He would hear our voice. (Jonah 2:1-10). Then Christ would rebuke the winds and the sea, and there would be great calm (Matthew 8:23-27). *Salvation belongs to the Lord!*

In April, I responded to the Cathedral's #loveyourneighbour call for volunteers to bring relief to migrant workers. This is done by supporting the healthcare work of Crisis Relief Alliance (CRA) – a Singaporean non-governmental organisation (NGO) collaborating with the Ministry of Manpower (MOM) to reach out to foreign workers in the smaller dormitories. My task is an easy one – I drive my car and deliver donated fruits, dates, biscuits, etc., to bring relief to anxious foreign workers living under the Covid-19 threat. I wear protective masks and gloves, and do safe distancing.

I must say the experience is humbling as I watch other volunteers willingly putting aside their cares of family and work, to give time and donations, opening their good class bungalow for warehousing and distribution; energized doctors and their teams working long hours every day; and suppliers doing more than expected. *Surely every good gift and every perfect gift is from above. James 1:16-18. And just like Job who said to the Lord: “I know that You can do all things, and that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.”* Job 42:2.



Like a storm, Covid-19 landed on all of us, and whilst I have to pause from my church activities (bellringing, gospel tours and congregational devotion to teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

*Acts 2:42-47), I am enriched from doing that little bit with CRA—bringing relief and hope to sojourners. A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. James 3:18*

Let us pray  
(Jeremiah 17:14):  
*Heal me, O Lord,  
and I shall be  
healed; save me,  
and I shall be saved,  
for You are my  
praise. Amen.*

