

Responding to God's Call

BRINGING RELIEF TO MIGRANT WORKERS



As 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.*

