

Dear friends, I'm writing to you from the Project Khmer H.O.P.E. (PKH) centre in Chbarmon, Cambodia, reflecting on how God has used SAC's work here to minister to numerous underprivileged youths for almost 25 years, equipping them for better job opportunities through English lessons and hospitality and industrial skills training. I read and heard many testimonies of how their time in PKH has made a significant difference, and some of the PKH staff are graduates of the programme who now find purpose in serving other cohorts. What a joy that we've been able to build up these young lives in such a meaningful way!

The Scripture verse that comes to my mind is Matthew 25:40: **"And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'"** God reminds us that when we care for the "least", He receives our acts of kindness as if we were doing them to Him. 1 Samuel 2:8a declares that God "raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honour". As His people, God expects us to do likewise—we are to lift up the poor and needy.

What might this look like for us in SAC?



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Firstly, we must ensure that our mission fronts continue to serve persons in need both in Singapore and abroad. I urge you to prayerfully consider how you can participate in our various mission opportunities (visit <https://cathedral.org.sg/missions> to learn more) and demonstrate the love of God through acts of service. Secondly, this also has to do with how we welcome into our midst those who come from less privileged backgrounds. How can we lift up these brothers and sisters, rejecting anything that resembles social stratification? Lastly, how can we daily care for the "least" where we live and where we study/work? How can we raise them up, embodying the gospel that offers them the greatest "seat of honour" as sons and daughters of God?

Whatever we do to the "least" around us, we do to the Lord. May He be pleased with what we've done for Him. Amen!

