

St Andrew's Cathedral **MISSIONS DIARY**

Handbook on the Local Outreach, Overseas Missions and Missionaries
of St Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore



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What motivates missions?

It is simply knowing that it is God's desire for all people to be saved (1 Timothy 2:4).

*This desire is God's missionary heart - theologically it is called **MISSIO DEI** which translates to the "mission of God" or the "sending of God". Missio Dei is the belief that mission is the very character and the very heart of God's very self. The task of mission originates from God's being and is communicated from His heart to ours and we respond.*

Missions at home *begin right where we live, among our families, neighbours, workplaces, and communities. While global missions take the gospel to distant places, local missions remind us that God has also placed us here, in this moment, for a purpose. Every conversation, act of service, and moment of compassion becomes an opportunity to reflect Christ's love to those around us. As we engage in outreach at home, we seek to meet real needs, build genuine relationships, and share the hope of Jesus in our everyday environments.*



Adopt-a-Block-in-the-Community (ABC) is a community outreach of St Andrew's Cathedral, and a long-term commitment to minister to the residents living in Bukit Merah, where many are low-income individuals, families and elderly.

Volunteers engage the residents through various activities; befriending them through monthly visits and specially organised outings throughout the year, showing care through the distribution of food packs, small gifts and acts of kindness.

As many of the residents are elderly and staying at home, they need a listening ear or someone to talk to, or help with simple chores, such as reading letters and changing light bulbs.

DID YOU KNOW?

ABC STARTED IN 2020 AS A MONTHLY OUTREACH TO RESIDENTS OF BUKIT MERAH.

TODAY, VOLUNTEERS ORGANISE ACTIVITIES FOR RESIDENTS THREE OUT OF FOUR WEEKS EACH MONTH.

...a little gesture, in consistent measure, goes a long way...

CONNECT WITH RESIDENTS

1ST SATURDAYS, 9AM - 11AM
Food rations & Befriending

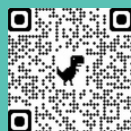
1ST THURSDAYS, 2PM - 4PM
Sharing Life Stories

3RD THURSDAYS, 2PM - 4PM
Fellowship with Songs

FEBRUARY
 Healthy123 Day

MAY
 Residents' Outing & Movie Night

DECEMBER
 Adopt a Block this Christmas
 Christmas is Love Party



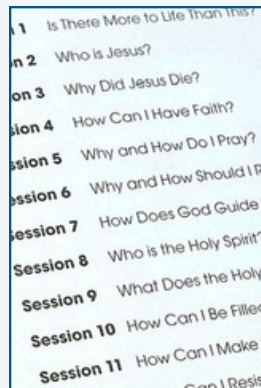


Alpha @ Cathedral

The Alpha Course offers a welcoming and relational way for reaching people from all backgrounds who are exploring faith - whether curious, skeptical, or seeking Christianity - or have never encountered the message of Jesus.

Alpha provides a safe space centred around a meal, a short video, and honest discussion, creating natural opportunities for relationships to grow and for the Holy Spirit to work throughout and beyond the 10-week course.

But **Alpha begins with us**: our willingness to pray, our attentiveness to those around us, our courage to invite. When we extend an invitation to friends, co-workers, neighbours, or family, we participate in God's mission to draw people to Himself. More than a programme; Alpha is a doorway for many to take their first steps toward Christ.



Your **invitation** could be the step that changes a life.

DID YOU KNOW?

ALPHA@CATHEDRAL STARTED
OVER 30 YEARS AGO!
AND IN THE PAST FOUR YEARS,
WE HAVE HAD 46 PEOPLE WHO
RECEIVED CHRIST.

Alpha @ Cathedral runs twice a year, for 10 weeks,
on Wednesday evenings, 7pm - 9pm.

Run 1: 4 February - 22 April 2026

Run 2: 1 July - 2 September 2026



Willing to journey patiently alongside non-believers as they explore Christianity?

Click **here** to find out if you have what it takes to begin that journey!

BEFRIENDING MIGRANT WORKERS

Befriending Migrant Workers (BMW) is a ministry that calls us to extend Christ's love to the many migrant workers who leave their home countries to work among us. Often far from family, familiar culture, and support systems, migrant workers are uniquely open to genuine friendship and care. Through simple acts - sharing meals, offering practical help, celebrating holidays together, listening to their stories - we build bridges of trust that reflect the heart of Jesus.

As we step out to welcome migrant workers into our community, we participate in God's mission to embrace the sojourner, uplift the vulnerable, and show the gospel through tangible love.

This is mission in motion: listening, serving, welcoming, and sharing life in ways that point directly to Jesus. When we choose to engage, even in small ways, we create opportunities for hope, healing, and transformation to take root.

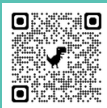
ADOPT A
BLOCK IN THE
COMMUNITY
ALPHA
BEFRIENDING
MIGRANT
WORKERS

BEFRIENDING THE SOJOURNERS AMONG US

Sundays, 11.30am - 1pm
English and Mandarin Classes

Sundays, 1pm - 2pm
Ukulele Class, Arts & Craft Class

Sundays, 2pm - 4pm
Myanmar Worship Service



Join us

Nan Kay Thwe Soe

(regular participant at
the Sunday English class)

I have gained so many benefits from this class. My speaking skills have improved, and I have also made progress in grammar and vocabulary.

I have made new friends, and we have enjoyed many meaningful activities together. I look forward to meeting both old and new students again.

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

Overseas Missions invites us to join God's work beyond our own communities in Singapore. It is a call to step out of our comfort zones, embrace cross-cultural experiences, and serve with humility, compassion, and faith. Whether through short-term trips, long-term service, or partnership with local churches, overseas missions enable us to meet physical, emotional, and spiritual needs while sharing the hope of Jesus. Every act of service, relationship built, and word of encouragement becomes part of God's greater plan to reach the nations.

PAUSE & PRAY

Before you read on, pause to ask God where he may be leading you to missions in the coming year. Perhaps as you read about the following overseas mission stations, you may feel a prompting to explore further.

Check out our **Mission Trips line-up** for the coming year, and take the opportunity to speak to your Service Pastor about any prompting you may receive.



Project Khmer H.O.P.E. (PKH) was established by the Cathedral in 2000 to address the social and economic needs of Cambodia's poor, helping vulnerable communities break out of the poverty cycle while sharing the hope of Jesus Christ.

Today, PKH serves around 500 youth and children through its three centres and an English school, providing residential vocational training for young people and educational support for children who cannot afford schooling.



A key focus of the ministry is the Suoy community, an Unreached People Group. Through education, meals, English lessons, and Bible teaching, PKH has opened doors for many Suoy villagers to encounter God's love in tangible ways.

PKH's vocational programs equip Cambodian youth with practical skills, such as English, hospitality, and industrial training, empowering them to secure stable employment in the service sector. Beyond skills training, PKH offers pastoral care and mentors students to serve their communities through acts of practical help, fostering a cycle of transformation and hope.

Watch our latest video update, **'Hope Never Fails'**, of PKH Alumni who have successfully transitioned from youths without hope or direction in life, into responsible adults with good jobs and a bright future.

Willing to stay in PKH Cambodia and have a heart to teach English from scratch to poor youth?

We would love to **hear from you!**



Join us

BATAM

Cathedral ministers to the community in the slums of Batam through the 289 Fellowship of the Manger (289 FOTM) ministry which started in 2009, with a children's ministry and food distribution for the poor. Since then, the ministry has grown steadily, serving the community

through food pack distributions, children's programmes, home visitations, and the implementation of a clean water project in several villages.

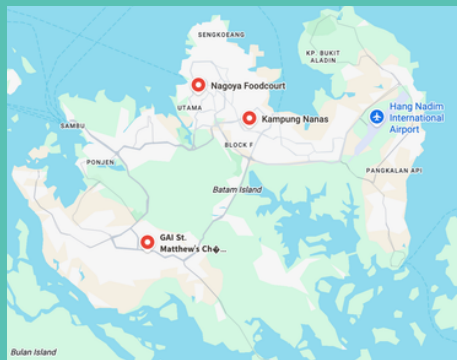
Starting in 2025, the Cathedral introduced a different track, with a more intentional discipleship and leadership formation programme, particularly within our deanery churches. In collaboration with the Deanery of Indonesia, we aim to encourage spiritual growth and support the development of Batam's Anglican congregations toward full parish status. Additional initiatives include strengthening church ministries, expanding outreach to the Chinese-Hokkien community, and establishing a children and youth development and education centre.

DID YOU KNOW?

The name *289 Fellowship of the Manger* 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 by his poverty might become rich."

IMPACT BATAM



Loving the Community, Strengthening the Church



Join us

TESTIMONY BY PATRICK NEO

(4.45pm Saturday Service Member)

During a recent 289 FOTM mission, a grandmother shared that her grandson was deaf and mute and could not physically respond ever since birth. While the team interceded in prayer, she brought the boy to us. As we prayed and encouraged him to repeat the word “mama”, the Holy Spirit moved powerfully. The boy suddenly began to vocalise ‘mama’ several times and even said ‘Yesus’. His grandmother wept in amazement. As the team continued to worship, the boy joyfully clapped and moved to the rhythm. The team witnessed a memorable and faith-strengthening moment of God’s healing power at work in the name of Jesus.

TESTIMONY BY SARAH SANTHANA

(8am Sunday Service Member / lead coordinator of 289 fellowship of the manger)

My journey in the Mission Ministry began with a deep sense of calling from the Lord. As I waited upon Him, God made His direction clearer. In 2013, this path led me to join the 289 FOTM team - a decision that has shaped my walk with Christ in profound ways.

Serving the families in Batam has been both a privilege and a blessing. Our purpose is simple yet powerful: to bring hope to the families within our cluster churches and to remind them that they are not forgotten. It is deeply heartening to see these families grow in their faith, participate in cell and women’s groups, and even give back to their own communities and churches. Their resilience and devotion continually inspire me.

Some of my most memorable moments come from journeying alongside these families through the years - celebrating their milestones, witnessing their progress, and watching their children grow. Many who were once little ones are now youths or working adults. This reminds me of the importance of praying consistently for the next generation as they navigate new challenges and opportunities.

I often encourage church members to join our day trips. For those who have never been on a mission trip, this is a meaningful and accessible first step. A typical day includes visiting families identified by our mission partners in Batam, sharing Scripture, praying with them, delivering provisions, and assisting with the Children’s Ministry. These trips also offer valuable insight into the work of our cluster churches, their role in the community, and their ongoing needs.

Through every encounter and every visit, one truth remains steadfast in my heart: God is our promise-keeper and the light in our darkness. He makes a way even in the most difficult circumstances. This is the message of hope I pray each family and child we minister to will embrace - that God sees them, loves them, and will never leave them.

Matthew 25:40

“I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters, you were doing it to Me.”

To God Be All Glory.

WEST NEPAL

The Anglican Church in Nepal (ACN) is a thriving indigenous movement, with more than 227 distinct indigenous groups. Despite the pressures and challenges Christians often face in Nepal - ranging from social resistance to restrictions on evangelism - the church continues to stand firm, demonstrating remarkable resilience, faith and unity.

Most Nepali Christians worship and fellowship in locally led networks. While most missions have focused on work in East Nepal, Cathedral has stepped into West Nepal - the country's least explored region, least reached and least resourced - to support the local churches and strengthen their ministry and encourage isolated believers.

Moving forward, SAC is actively partnering ACN by providing leadership and discipleship training, as well as programmes that invest in families, youth and children in Western Nepal. Through these efforts, we hope to build strong foundations for churches that can grow, multiply, and sustain themselves.

By engaging in these initiatives, we seek to equip local leaders, nurture the next generation, and support the continued expansion of the gospel in regions where the church is still young and developing.



Join us

ENCOURAGEMENT FROM CHIA SEOW HWEE

(4.45pm Saturday Service Member)

It's a privilege to bear witnesses to God in Nepal. While we went to bless, we were well blessed in return. I am glad that when I was still able, I took the baby step out of my comfort zone to see and feel how God was at work in Nepal.

I encourage everyone to be a part of God's work, pray and join hands with Him and his teams in both Nepal and SG, and let our faith be strengthened along the journey.

THANKSGIVING BY TAN LAY ENG

(8am Sunday Service Member)

I am deeply grateful for the long-awaited opportunity to serve on this mission trip to Nepal. God's favor was with our team from the start and everything went smoothly- from flights to the land transfer and hotel stay.

Though I faced challenges adjusting to the environment and responding to the children's needs during lessons. God gave me wisdom, strength and peace. He guided me, kept me calm, and reminded me
I was never alone.

I am also thankful for our cohesive team and the unity we shared as we served side by side.

SHARING BY SAMANTHA LEE

(9.30am Sunday Service Member)

When large-scale, violent protests in Nepal resulted in political instability and the closure of Kathmandu airport in September, we were uncertain if our mission trip to west Nepal could proceed. Thanks to God's intervention, however, just three weeks later, things settled down and we could enter the country as planned.

Apart from visiting cell groups and home churches to encourage them, we ran children's and youth programmes that drew some 650 people, more than expected. This showed us that when God opens a door, no man or circumstance can close it.

THAILAND MAESOT

MaeSot, a city in western Thailand that shares a border with Myanmar to the West, is a unique crossroads where cultures, challenges, and opportunities intersect. It is known for its substantial population of Burmese migrants, displaced families fleeing conflict and vulnerable border communities facing economic hardship, and has become a significant mission field where the church is uniquely positioned to bring hope, stability and transformation.

Cathedral partners the local church, St Stephen's Church, in MaeSot to meet physical needs, nurture spiritual growth, and strengthen families and communities. This partnership includes a wide range of initiatives such as children's ministries for migrant and refugee children, discipleship and leadership training, healthcare for those with limited access to medical care and support for the displaced and poor.

The ministry in MaeSot opens doors for Cathedral members to serve through teaching, mentoring youth and young adults, supporting children's programmes, assisting with administrative and logistical needs, offering prayer ministry, or participating in outreach and visitation.



Join us

REFLECTION BY MOLLY NEO

(4.45pm Saturday Service member)

The highlight of the trip starts from the drive up the rough terrain on the 4WD. When our 4WD was going over some very rocky steep paths that makes our vehicle shake, everyone in the vehicle sang "Jesus is my best friend" interjected with Oos n ahhh!

In the church, are the huge flying ants, moths, even saw a huge grass hopper, increasing in number as the time goes. Also, Rev Andrew standing in the middle of the church surrounded by hundreds of flying ants, and yet God's Word was preached. The people listened and hungry for more.

The ants are obviously drawn to the lights hanging above, it reminds me of how Christians are the Light on the hill and people are drawn to the Light of God.



MEDICAL MISSIONS

Medical missions play a unique and powerful role in God's redemptive work. Through compassionate healthcare, we meet people at their point of deepest physical, emotional and spiritual needs - often opening doors for genuine relationships, holistic healing, and the sharing of Christ's love in practical, life-changing ways.

Our mission seeks to bring these efforts together with a unified vision. Whether it is a remote village overseas, an underserved community in our own city, or a crisis-affected area in need of urgent support, medical missions give us the privilege of demonstrating Christ's compassion through skilled, tangible care.

Everyone can be involved, not only medical and dental professionals. Doctors and nurses can provide direct care and training; non-medical volunteers can help with logistics, registration, education, and prayer; others can support through giving, planning, providing supplies and other areas.

By combining excellent healthcare with genuine love, we reflect the ministry of Jesus, who healed the sick while reaching the heart.

INTERESTED TO SERVE IN MEDICAL/DENTAL MISSIONS?

Cathedral serves the communities in
Batam (Indonesia), Cambodia (Project Khmer H.O.P.E.)
and MaeSot (Thailand).

Locally, we are exploring serving the residents at Bukit Merah
through a clinic base.



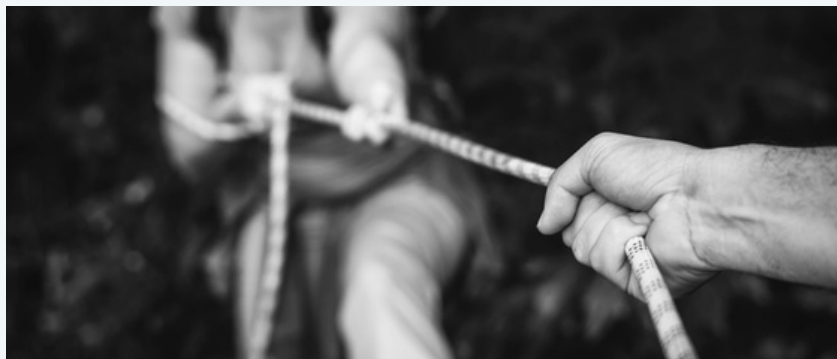
Join us

MISSIONARIES

Every missionary who goes out into the world depends on a faithful network of believers who “hold the ropes.”

This phrase, rooted in the story of William Carey and his plea for support, reminds us that missions is never a solo endeavour. While missionaries step into unfamiliar cultures, share the gospel, and face unique challenges, those at home provide the prayer, encouragement, resources, and spiritual covering that make their work possible. Holding the ropes means standing firmly with our missionaries, lifting them up, staying connected, and partnering with them so that the good news can reach the ends of the earth.

WE HAVE VENTURED TO GO...



...ARE YOU HOLDING THE ROPES?



KOABIKE SOK CHIN and FAMILY

Koabike Sok Chin (née Lim), who has a long association with the Cathedral, is a missionary who serves with the Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL), Togo and Benin of West Africa, a sister organization of Wycliffe Bible Translators, in reaching Africans for Christ. She left Singapore in 1987, doing French studies in France before arriving in West Africa's Togo in 1989, where she joined a Moba language team to do translation, literacy and Scripture promotion work.

In 1992, the team began translating the New Testament into Moba. The work was completed in March 2008, when the Moba New Testament was printed, sold out and reprinted. By that time, Sok Chin had married Togolese Joseph Koabike, the main translator in 1995. Asked to take up other responsibilities after the project, the couple have been serving together as training consultants in Togo and Benin. Their son, David, started Secondary Three this year.

Just this year, Sok Chin has helped three language teams prepare the book printing of eight Biblical books so that their language communities can begin to see the fruits of the Bible translation in their own languages. Joseph continues to travel to different villages doing Bible translation checks and training translators. At the same time, he is working on research and writing his second book on Moba culture and religion.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Thank God for providing for all our needs living in Togo and 30 years of marriage. We have no abundance, but we have no lack.
- For good health for our family and the people who are working on translation work.
- Protection, as the people in the north of Togo where Moba people live, there have been terror attacks.



SUSAN GOH

Susan has been serving as a missionary in Cambodia with Project Khmer H.O.P.E. (PKH) for 20 years as the Centre Director and Hospitality Trainer at PKH.

Before her work with PKH, Susan was with Singapore Airlines for 15 years and was also with Goodwood Park Hotel and a trainer for Sempati Air. She became a Christian in 2001, which was a turning point in her life leading to her long-term mission in Cambodia.

Her background as a cabin crew and trainer, have been instrumental in setting up the Hospitality vocational training course in PKH, where she trains poor young Cambodians and prepares them for jobs in Hotels and the Food & Beverage industries.

Deeply motivated by seeing transformation, not just in terms of job skills, but personal growth, spiritual faith and stronger communities, Susan, together with the team at PKH, mentors the young Cambodians through their training in PKH, and beyond, with many referring to Susan as 'Mum'.

Susan is also mentoring two former PKH graduates who have worked in the hotels, and are now on staff at PKH, to become the next hospitality trainers, to continue the work.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For more of God's grace, more of God's patience, good health, as well as joy.
- That I will be able to pass on this good work to the next servant of God to carry on with this great team of staff for PKH.

JOYCE CARINO



Joyce was a staff member with St Andrew's Cathedral, serving with the Filipino Ministry for 20 years, before she responded to the call to serve as a missionary in Cambodia, with Project Khmer H.O.P.E. (PKH), as an English Teacher.

Since 2019, Joyce has been teaching the poor youth in Cambodia who have enrolled in the residential hospitality vocational training program at PKH, many who have very little understanding of the English language.

Aside from the English language, Joyce leads the students in devotions, and lends a listening ear to students who go through difficult life situations, providing pastoral support to them. Her work in Cambodia has guided young Cambodians to discover who Jesus is.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Do pray with me for wisdom and guidance to teach effectively, and in managing challenging situations in the classrooms and with students.
- That my life will model Christ through humility, patience, love, and encouragement with the students and local staff.
- That my life can make a lasting difference for generations to come in Cambodia.
- Pray for physical protection from sickness and injury, and strength and stamina in my daily work.
- Pray too that I will remain strong and faithful in the Lord as I serve.

HEIDI LI



Heidi is a missionary serving in West Timor, Indonesia. Heidi is part of the team at St Andrew's School Kuantana, a Christian school offering a full education pathway from Kindergarten all the way through Primary, Secondary, and High School, where she is leading the effort to establish a nursing and caregiver training course.

Heidi's path to missions began years earlier during her career as a nurse and later as a nursing lecturer in Singapore. Though she loved her work, she sensed a growing desire to use nursing not only to teach skills, but to touch lives in both physical and spiritual ways. That desire deepened during a mission trip to Cambodia, where she saw how healthcare could open doors for the Gospel and strengthen communities. It was there she first heard God's quiet but persistent call: "Will you go?"

Answering that call was not easy. Heidi wrestled with the fears of leaving comfort and stability behind. But through prayer, she found peace in obedience. With faith and courage, she left her full-time teaching role, joined the Cathedral's Missions Department, and began preparing to serve wherever God would lead.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Wisdom and perseverance to lead cross-culturally with grace, patience, and love.
- Local staff development - that our teachers will grow in professionalism and unity, and see their work as a ministry.
- Students' transformation - that beyond academic success, they will grow in character, faith, and service.
- Provision and sustainability - for resources to equip our nursing lab, build more classrooms, and support our expanding programs.
- Spiritual covering - for protection, good health, and joy as we serve in a challenging yet beautiful place.

Phillip Quek



Phillip began his career as a marine engineer with the Republic of Singapore Navy and spent 10 years serving onboard MV Doulos, gaining invaluable experience in cross-cultural ministry. In 2006, he was invited to head CITY Community Services, the community service arm of the Anglican Diocese of Singapore.

Since 2016, he has been serving with Operation Mobilization (OM), where his current role as the Executive Director of OM Singapore sees him guiding the organisation's work locally and across Southeast Asia.

Today, Phillip combines strategic leadership with a heart for transformation, championing initiatives in community development, local outreach, and mobilising Jesus followers toward their God-given mission. He seeks to inspire others to engage faithfully in God's work both at home and abroad.

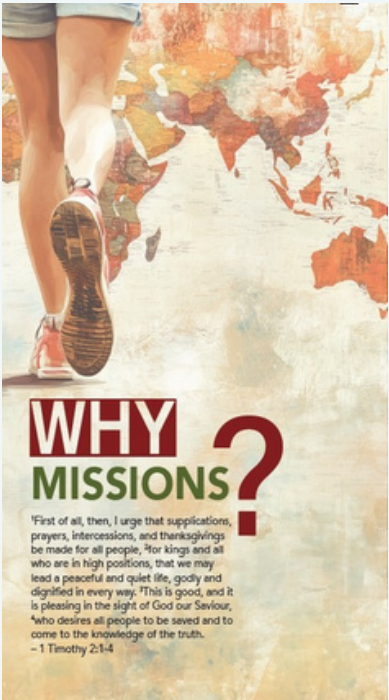
PRAYER REQUESTS

- For wisdom and discernment in leading OM Singapore and guiding strategic initiatives.
- For clarity and vision to inspire Jesus followers toward their God-given mission.
- For strength, perseverance, and humility in navigating challenges and encouraging teams.

If you would like to receive any
of our missionaries' prayer newsletters to pray for them,
please **e-mail** us and indicate which missionary.
Thank you for your partnership in prayer!

MISSION RESOURCES

Click on image to access the resource



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A MISSIONARY?

Missio Dei.

God is moving among the nations and He invites us to join Him.

Is God calling you to be a missionary?

Maybe it's a quiet stirring.

Maybe it's a persistent burden.

Maybe it's simply the courage to say, "Here I am, send me."

The harvest is plentiful. The workers are few.

Is God calling you to go?

Feel free to **reach out** to us to discern and journey with you

2026 MISSION TRIPS LINE-UP

SHORT-TERM (MINISTRY)

Batam (289)	7 Feb
Batam (Easter)	28 Mar
Nepal	8 - 18 Apr
MaeSot	Apr/May (TBC)
Batam (289)	2 May
Batam (289)	4 Jul
Batam (289)	5 Sep
Nepal	11 - 19 Sep
PKH Year End Camp	22 - 27 Oct
Batam (Christmas)	28 Nov (TBC)

SHORT-TERM (MEDICAL/DENTAL)

PKH	9 - 13 Mar
Batam	14 Mar
Kuatnana	17 - 23 Apr
Batam	18 Jul
PKH	14 - 18 Oct
Batam	24 Oct

YOUTH

MaeSot	9-18 Jun
MaeSot	10-17 Oct (TBC)

While much care has been put into planning these dates with our mission ministry partners, please note that due to changes on the ground, trip dates may shift, and more trips may be added to the calendar.

Please check for updates.

YES! I WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE MISSIONS.

We welcome conversations over coffee (or tea) to share more information on the specific mission trip, and to journey with you as you step out in faith to serve the Lord in the mission field.



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