St Andrew's Cathedral MISSIONS 2026

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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

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

2ND, 4TH & 5TH THURSDAYS,
2PM - 4PM
Lifehouse Care Stations **NEW!**

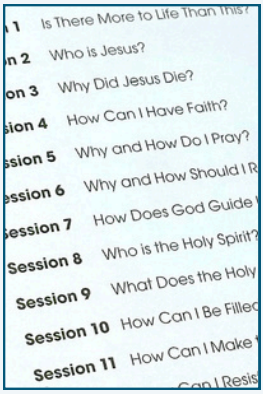
FEBRUARY
CNY Joy Toss & Lunch

MAY
Healthy123 Day

AUGUST
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!
JUST THIS YEAR, WE HAVE HAD 35 PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED OR RETURNED TO CHRIST.

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

Run 1 : 4 February - 22 April 2027
Run 2 : 1 July - 2 September 2027

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.

BEFRIENDING THE SOJOURNERS AMONG US

Sundays, 11.30am - 1pm
- English Classes (2nd, 4th & 5th Sun)
- Mandarin Classes (1st & 3rd Sun)

Sundays, 1pm - 2pm (TBC in 2027)
Ukulele Class, Arts & Craft Class

Sundays, 2pm - 4pm
Myanmar Worship Service

Join us

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 HOPE

Humanitarian Outreach for Peace on Earth

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 300 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.

'Hope Never Fails' is a video collection of three stories 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.

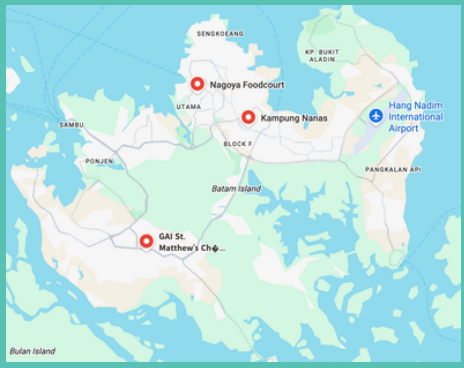
DID YOU KNOW?

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."

Starting in 2026, 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.

IMPACT BATAM





Loving the Community, Strengthening the Church

Join us

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

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

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
Cambodia (Project Khmer H.O.P.E.) and West Timor (Indonesia).

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

Join us

KOABIKE SOKCHIN
SUSAN GOH
JOYCE CARINO
HEIDI LI
PHILLIP QUEK

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, 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, is completing his Secondary Four education 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.



SUSAN GOH

Susan has been serving as a missionary in Cambodia with Project Khmer H.O.P.E. (PKH) for over 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.

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.

HEIDI LI



Heidi is a missionary serving in West Timor, Indonesia. Heidi is part of the team at St Andrew's School Kuatnana, 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.

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.

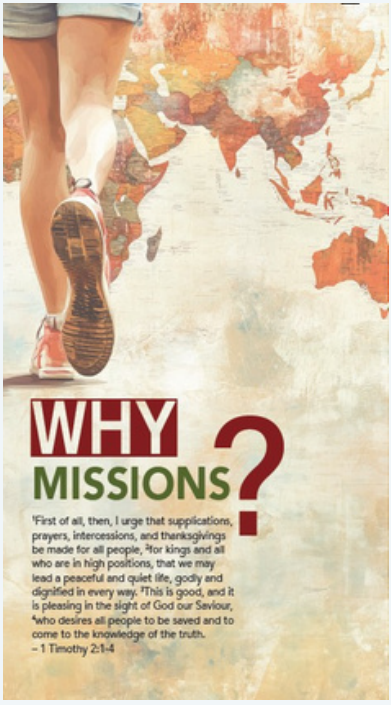
Since 2016, he has been serving with Operation Mobilization (OM), where his current role as the Executive Director of OM Singapore sees him guiding the organisation's work locally and across Southeast Asia.

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.

MISSION RESOURCES

Click on image to access the resource





KOABIKE SOKCHIN
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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

2027 MISSION TRIPS LINE-UP

SHORT-TERM (MINISTRY)

Batam (289)	6 Feb
Nepal (DLT)	12 - 20 Mar
MaeSot	Apr/May*
Batam (289)	8 May (Sat)*
Batam (289)	3 Jul (Sat)*
PKH Tour	Aug/Sep*
Batam (289)	4 Sep (Sat)*
Nepal	1 - 10 Oct*
PKH Year End Camp	22 - 27 Oct*
Batam (Christmas)	13 Nov (Sat)*

SHORT-TERM (MEDICAL/DENTAL)

PKH	8 - 12 Mar
Kuatnana	29 Mar - 5 Apr
PKH	6 - 10 Sep*

YOUTH

MaeSot	9 - 16 Oct*

** Tentative dates*

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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