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from your Pastor

REV CHAN SIEW CHYE

“If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty’s hand. But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”

Daniel 3:17-18

These were the words of three Jewish men—Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego—to Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon when they were threatened to be thrown into the fiery furnace for refusing to worship the golden image set up by the king. The fearless response of three ordinary men left a deep impression upon me as I longed to have the kind of audacious faith like them.

One of the lessons I learned from the reading of the four Gospels is that Jesus often empowered his disciples to grow in their faith by enabling them to know who God is through his teachings and the many miracles that he performed. For example, when the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, he not only gave them a prayer pattern (commonly known as the Lord’s Prayer), but also shared with them a parable to illustrate the crucial point that God answers our prayer not because of what we have said or done, but because of who He is (cf. Luke 11:1-13). Also, in the Gospel of John, the author points out that the miracles or signs performed by Jesus were written down to point people to who Jesus is that they may respond in faith (cf. John 20:30-31).

It is clear from Jesus’ teachings and miracles that our faith is dependent on our knowledge of God. Having said that, I do not assume that all Christians are committed

to grow in their knowledge of God and thereby their faith in God. This may sound strange, but if we are honest with ourselves, how often do we choose to stay within our comfort zone where we do not really need to depend on God, instead of seeking to hear and obey God no matter the cost? There is a tendency for many of us to fall back on our self-sufficiency rather than to commit our lives fully to the Lord. Take some time to reflect: do we constantly invest our time and energy to build up our resources so that we always have something to fall back on? Or can we truly echo the words of King David: “Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.” Psalm 20:7

Back to the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego: these men did not only survive the blazing fire, but their faith also led King Nebuchadnezzar to marvel at the faithfulness of their God and to declare, “Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king’s command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. Therefore I decree that the people of any nation or language who say anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego be cut into pieces and their houses be turned into piles of rubble, for no other god can save in this way.” Daniel 3:28-29

Going forward this year, I pray for the Holy Spirit to take us deeper into The 4 Essentials—Word and Spirit Life, Prayer and Devotional Life, Personal and Relational Life, Ministry and Missional Life—that more people will come to experience the greatness and goodness of God through our audacious faith in the Lord. May Christ be magnified in our lives and in our church.

Rev Chan Siew Chye joined CMC on 1 January 2023. Find out more about him on page 32!

The Only Unconditional Love

BY GWINA BAEK

I was 18 years old when I first encountered God personally. Like any student in Korea, I was under a lot of stress and pressure while preparing for the exams to get into university. I wanted to do well. I did not want to disappoint my parents and I also did not want to fall behind my friends.

During that time, my tutor encouraged me to read the Bible and pray. Through my quiet time, I met God and I felt that He was telling me that I was not alone. Those were some of the happiest times of my life and every morning, I woke up with joy. However, it did not last long because I failed to get into the university I wanted. Just like that, I forgot about my beautiful time with God. I hung out with my friends and I did not care that I was doing things that made God sad.

Shortly after I started my first job, I started having issues with my vision. When I went for an MRI scan, the results showed that I had a brain tumour and it was suppressing the nerves connected to my left eye, affecting my vision. Due to the location

of the tumour, surgery was not an option and I had to go through intensive radiation therapy. I was very resentful, depressed and I was so angry with everyone, God included.

I thought to myself, "I am only 27 years old. How am I going to get married and have kids?"

My boyfriend also left me during this difficult time and my mother had to keep a close eye on me because she was concerned that I might harm myself. To encourage me, my pastor gave me this verse

Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come here to me." They came to him, and he repaired the altar of the LORD, which had been torn down.

1 Kings 18:30

Instead of being encouraged, I became even angrier as I felt that life was unfair. Why did it have to be me? My life was just starting and I did not want to be torn down. By focusing on the tumour, I could not look at the promises of God and was not willing to listen to God.

After the initial radiation therapy, I was still unable to see clearly. My mother asked me to keep praying and believing I would be healed. At first, I prayed just because I was asked to, but God brought to my mind the many sins I had committed and I had no choice but to confess and ask for His forgiveness. However, even after that encounter with God, my eyes were still not healed.

During one of the weekends in my previous church, I was worshipping God when I saw bright lights above me. Just like that, I was suddenly able to see clearly again. A couple of days later, I went for my regular check-up and by the grace of God, the doctor told me that my tumour was nowhere to be found in my MRI.

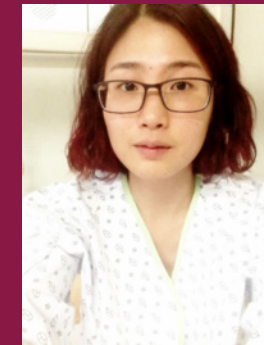
Since then, even though I experienced the miraculous healing of God, I still suffer from bouts of depression and have had thoughts of ending my life. I knew that this was not what God had planned for me, but I could not help how I was feeling. Even though there were times where I was happy, the suicidal thoughts lingered.

Sometime in late 2022, I went for a minor surgery. As I had a week off, I decided to join the CMC Prayer Retreat that was held in November, to spend time with God.

During the retreat, two ladies asked me to have lunch with them. I am not sure why, but during the lunch I shared about my suicidal impulses. They told me that such thoughts are not from God and I must cast them out in the name of Jesus. The simplicity of it surprised me but I could not believe that it was that easy. Pastor Barnabas shared that we can confirm with

God if answers are from Him and I decided to seek confirmation that this was truly a word from God for me. The next day, I had lunch with Pastor Edwin and somehow, I shared my suicidal impulses again. He told me the same thing. It was the confirmation I needed.

When I returned to my room, I prayed for such thoughts to be cast out in the name of Jesus. I felt the peace of God in my heart and I began to think that I can live a life for Him.



On the last night of the retreat, the pastors and church staff prayed for us. I was shy to go but one of the ladies grabbed my arm and brought me to the front. When Pastor Edwin was praying for me, I felt that God was speaking to me through him. Some of the things he said while praying were things that I did not share with him, so it had to

be through the revelation of God. God was telling me that He loves me no matter what, and He forgives me and set me free.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. Ephesians 1:7

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 1 John 4:10

I realised that God was always there during the good times and the bad. I was the one who pushed Him away during the bad times, but that was when I needed Him the most. I thought that I did not deserve to be loved because I am a sinner, but this retreat showed me that God loves me no matter what I have done.



GWINA is a Korean and has worked and lived in Singapore for about four years.

Healing of the Heart

BY VALERIE NG

The Prayer Retreat in November 2022 was the life-changing experience I had been praying for for many years.

I signed up for it even though I was a little concerned as I knew there would be loads of close interactions with people I would be meeting for the very first time.

Nonetheless I felt the peace to go ahead. It turned out to be a very much needed 'retreat/cave experience'.

Deep within my heart, I was feeling very 'lonely' in this faith journey of 30 years. I left my first church in the mid-90s, feeling hurt and let down by my church pastor and also very much disillusioned as a young adult. I struggled on for many years even after I started attending a mega-church for more than 10 years.

My husband and I felt the prompting to leave this mega-church 1.5 years ago and the Lord led us to CMC. I knew that God had a plan in store for us, but I was not very sure what it was.

I knew we had to get 'rooted' in CMC – that got us committed to joining a Care Group. However, I was getting fatigued as I was dealing with many challenges at work, my interpersonal relationships with others, and grieving over mum's passing. The loneliness was getting more intense. I yearned for that church 'kampong spirit' I once enjoyed during the most beautiful years of my life in my first church and only God knew this deepest desire of my heart.

I felt that I had wasted the last 30 years of my life. I felt the shame of not living up to God's expectations. I felt I was not good enough. I had been doing many things on my own all these years. My identity was in my capabilities and not in Christ. I was so proud and self-righteous, putting myself on high moral ground.

Just a month before the prayer retreat, I felt my world was beginning to fall apart and I could not hold myself together anymore. The job I had been in for the past three

decades was coming to an end, I did not know what was the 'right' thing to do anymore and was feeling the mounting pressure from within because I could not see what was ahead. I was about to throw in the towel and just forget about everything.

Despite all this, there was such peace within my heart when I went to the retreat. The many "Time with God" sessions provided the quiet moments with God. I could hear Him so much clearer. By the grace of God, I was able to identify the voice of God versus the voice of the evil one. It just brought to reality how scheming the evil one is – always seeking to kill, steal and destroy us in every way possible. Yet God is sovereign and as I allow Him to be the Lord of my life and trust in Him, He never fails. The devil cannot succeed! He cannot steal the joy in me as I chose to take the step of faith. The joy of the Lord is my strength!

I experienced a spiritual breakthrough, the personal revival which I had been praying for!

I know my life will never be the same again. I have found my new 'church kampong' with all the lovely people God brought into my path through the retreat. As God continues to work on me (still very much a work-in-progress), I shall continue to delight myself in Him and fight this good fight of faith. I know heavenly rewards await me. Earthly treasures do not matter. May more people be brought into His Kingdom as I avail myself to do His work. May my life be a fragrant offering to Him. All glory to God!



VALERIE has been attending CMC with her husband for the last 1.5 years. She loves interacting with the elderly and derives great pleasure in helping others.

Growing Deep in Friendship

WRITTEN BY LING CHENG FOR MARGARET QUEK



Margaret Quek has been worshipping at CMC for 52 years and is married with two children and two grandchildren. Margaret loves to share her love through the food she prepares and is part of the Christian Outreach and Social Concerns ministry. This is Margaret's testimony of God's love and His infinite patience.

Planting the Seed

I met *Alison when she was admitted for an emergency tracheostomy (incision made in the windpipe to help breathing). I had just graduated as a nurse and she was in my ward. I felt so sorry for this 12-year-old girl who was not allowed to leave the hospital as her tube had to be cleared periodically. With permission, I took her out for walks and we became friends. She was in the hospital for over six years and post discharge, had to come back to the hospital every month for dilatation. Each time, she would be hospitalised one to two days.

During Alison's hospital stay, some of the nurses brought her along for Christian fellowship. She told me that she did not like Christians but would not elaborate further. Alison came from a family of non-believers. I encouraged and invited her for worship, assuring her that one bad apple does not spoil the whole bunch, but she was not convinced. Her mind was closed to God. Her earlier encounter with Christians had become a spiritual barrier. Nevertheless, the seed had been planted and we continued to be friends.

Nurturing the Friendship

When she was in her late 20s, she had reconstructive surgery on her trachea. This operation freed Alison, restoring the freedom she lost as a child. She was no longer tied to the hospital and was able to travel.

We travelled to Penang and Perth together. I made it a point to meet up with her for a meal or a chat on the phone every month. She spent Christmas with my family and I regarded her as a younger sister. She was 15 years my junior. In return, I was Alison's 'first to call'. She would tell me everything. We were close, except on the matter of God. She claimed her freethinker status and kept away from God, unable to shake free from her prejudice against Christians. I felt the burden for Alison to know and accept Christ but all I could do was to continue to nurture this friendship.

The Battle

In December 2019, Alison was diagnosed with stage 4 uterus cancer. She was given six months to live at best. As usual, she called me first, sharing the bad news

and asked if I could be with her for her hospital visits and to help her draft her will. Alison disliked inconveniencing others and reaching out for help must have been difficult for her.

Alison had her tumor removed in April 2020 and continued with her chemo treatments throughout 2021. Since her illness, my sense of urgency for Alison to come to Christ intensified. I asked if I could bring one of the church leaders to her home to pray for her. She was receptive to the idea of prayer but was not ready to accept Christ as her Saviour.

Continuing to pray for her, I invited her for Healing Services in church end 2021. To my surprise, she accepted. Alison's walls of prejudice appeared to be crumbling.

I felt the stirring of hope for the seed that was planted so long ago. Could this be the start of Alison's journey to God? Would she feel His love waiting for her?

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”

Galatians 10-9:6

The Breakthrough

Alison attended Healing Services in January and February 2022. She was subsequently hospitalised for COVID-19 at a time when no visitors were allowed. I tried to alleviate her loneliness by chatting and messaging her often. On 19 February 2022, Alison messaged me saying “... I want to give up. Pray for me.” I told Alison “I will pray for you. Please accept Jesus as your Lord, He will answer your prayers.” Imagine my joy when her response was “Ok”. Such a simple two-letter word, yet the weight and implications behind it was overwhelming and life changing. Alison had accepted Christ as her Saviour.

With COVID-19 restrictions, Pastor was unable to visit her in the hospital. Worried that Alison would leave us before Pastor could see her, I prayed for her discharge. God had everything planned out.

Alison was discharged on 1 April but she was in a bad state. I told her that I would bring Pastor to see her the following day as it was very late in the evening. However, Alison asked to see Pastor the same day. She was baptised at 0030 hours on 2 April. Later that afternoon, I gave Alison a much-needed haircut and noticed that she looked

calm, smiling and alert. Alison had her first holy communion on 6 April and though her condition was deteriorating rapidly, she continued to smile peacefully, no longer afraid of death. She went home to be with the Lord on 9 April 2022.

Retrospect

The doctor had given Alison six months at best but God gave her two years. He was waiting for the seed to grow. It had been 50 years since the seed was planted. As I pondered on the wonder of God’s plans and timing, I heard His Word for me:

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” Galatians 10-9:6

**Alison is a pseudonym*



LING started worshipping in CMC late last year. She works in the financial sector, loves food, dogs, books and plants in equal measures, but has an unfortunate tendency to kill the plants.

Seeing Poverty In Singapore Through A New Lens

BY MICHELLE AW YONG

In affluent Singapore where we rarely see beggars or the homeless, few can imagine that poverty is even worth a conversation.

But does that depend on *how* we see poverty?

Poverty is complex

We would never want to diminish the realities or struggles of those experiencing poverty by trying to package it in a simplistic way. It is a complex topic with many layers, and economists, sociologists and numerous experts have spilled much ink over it. Indeed, the definition of poverty is probably as varied as the people crushed under its grip.

For many, ‘poverty’ may conjure up images of starving children staring blankly as flies swarm their faces, in a war-torn or barren landscape. Most of us may also think that poverty is the state of a group of people, whom we may refer to as “the poor”.

The problem with this understanding is that it divides. By its nature, the label separates people into hierarchical groups where “the poor” is framed as helpless individuals whom society deems inept and in need of whatever we have, for which we decide.

Poverty is not just about financials

Another common perception is that poverty is a situation of dire financial constraint or lack of material resources. But poverty is not just about money. There is more than one aspect of poverty. An individual who

lacks fulfilment of any deep need or faces impoverishment in any aspect of their well-being is in fact experiencing poverty in that area.

For instance, many disadvantaged children or at-risk youth do not know what an intact or loving family relationship feels like. They may experience a poverty of love, self-belief or hope for the future.

Among the socially isolated or the chronically frail and destitute, many not only experience poverty of physical health, but also crippling mental and emotional anguish, and potentially fractured relationships.

Similarly, low-income and distressed families not only face financial constraint, but may lack familial harmony, or live in the shadows of marginalisation. They may experience a poverty of social support, choice and perhaps even identity, as if they do not exist.

A person can therefore be poor in community, health, options, security, dignity, spiritual life, or any number of other ways.

Anyone can face real poverty, even if they are materially rich.

“We think sometimes that poverty is only being hungry, naked, and homeless. The poverty of being unwanted, unloved, and uncared for is the greatest poverty. We must start in our own homes to remedy this kind of poverty.”
– Mother Teresa

A Christian Perspective

Fikkert and Corbett note in their book ‘When Helping Hurts’ that “poverty is the absence of shalom (peace).” It is not a disease, a mindset or a lack of values, though these things may exist in places of extreme poverty.

But poverty is the result of the broken creation and the subsequent fractured relationships (with God and His creation) that are not working. By this definition we all suffer from poverty, and that levels the playing field.

Founded in 1981, Methodist Welfare Services (MWS) is a Christian non-profit organisation that serves people across all ethnicities and religions. Today, we serve over 9,000 families in distress, children from disadvantaged backgrounds, youths at risk, the destitute and chronically ill, and seniors facing social isolation. Our island-wide suite of 22 centres and outreach programmes include casework, counselling and therapy; medical and rehabilitative care; home-based, community-based and residential care; a debt clearance and asset building scheme; and other services.

At MWS, we exist not only as a social service agency. Rather, we see what we do as really **a mission to alleviate all kinds of poverty** – to ignite God-given dignity into the hearts of all who experience poverty, by empowering them – us – to be who God had created us to be.

Matthew 25:40 tells us that “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” At the heart of Jesus’ words is that people are created in the image of God. The call

to end poverty and human suffering is compelling because every person bears His likeness, regardless of their ethnicity, religion, economic status or social standing. Our Christian response to poverty thereby recognises **the dignity and value of the person**, and our goal is to see the person flourish.

Because we believe that every person is made in God’s image, **every person has God-given potential**. John 10:10 tells us that “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” The ability to live life to the fullest honours the dignity that God has given us.

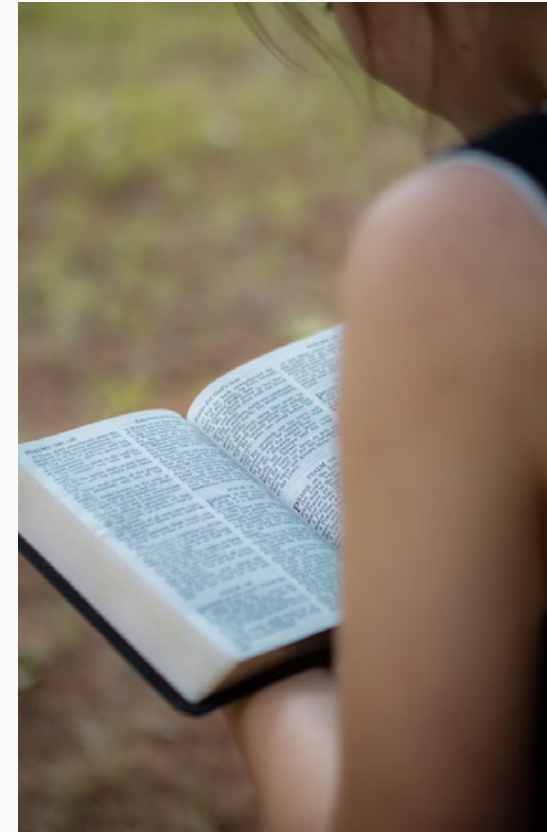
A Response that Honours

These perspectives have a direct impact on MWS’ way of care.

Firstly, instead of trying to ‘rescue’ people from their despair, we are committed to an approach that is empowering. What this looks like is togetherness, walking hand in hand alongside those experiencing poverty with them in the driving seat, instead of us charging ahead and simply carrying them along.

As such, no matter how tempting it is to push through case plans so as to see clients’ situations improve rapidly by conventional standards, our professionals are mindful of the need to move at clients’ pace and carefully consider their experiences, hopes and strengths.

Secondly, we seek holistic transformation by addressing the whole person. For instance, in MWS’ approach to eldercare, we encourage seniors to identify and tap on their strengths and abilities – be it craftwork, keeping fit, befriending or project planning and so on – and co-own by taking charge of their well-being journey. We believe this leads to a more sustainable transformation. In time, we hope that they can also uplift others in their community, to create ripples of impact.



A Transformative Approach

At the tender age of 11, Natalie (name changed) lost her father – her confidante and best friend. For years, she could not process the traumatic grief and ended up mixing with bad company, playing truant and losing interest in her studies. Natalie’s relationship with her family also deteriorated over the years as communication broke down. At 15, she was referred to MWS Girls’ Residence (GR).

At MWS GR, Natalie received guidance on how to handle her emotions and grief. The team at MWS GR also created a safe environment for Natalie to manage her anxiety and study for her N-Level examinations at the same time. With her determination and the recommendation of MWS GR, she now works as a residential care associate in a local nursing home.

Natalie’s transformation was more than the outcome of therapy and rehabilitation but the result of restoration of dignity and

growth towards God-given potential to the point that she could continue the process by helping others.

This is a testimony of what God can do in the lives of others as MWS’ work is focused on the whole person, to see them flourish. It also encourages and humbles MWS’ staff, volunteers and community partners, and helping everyone gain a fresh understanding of the image of God in others and ourselves.

We love because God first loved us.

We care because He loves all, regardless of ethnicity, religion, economic status and social standing.

We act because He has placed in our hearts a passion for these issues, such that we run towards all who feel vulnerable, not as saviours but as those who have been saved.

Visit mws.sg today to learn more about Methodist Welfare Services, and how you can come alongside to support those we care about.

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A Journey of Faith

Holy Land Pilgrimage Reflections

From 27 November to 9 December 2022, 80 pilgrims from CMC headed to the Holy Land and embarked on a journey of faith. Here are some of their reflections!



I always thought that going to the Holy Land requires one to be 'qualified' and that I would never make the mark. But somehow, through some circumstantial events post pandemic, I took the plunge and signed up for the pilgrimage and boy, was I blessed!

moment was to be found that very night through the sharing of others.

I was deeply touched by the sharing of a brother, which was quickly re-affirmed by the sharing of another sister.

My heart began to stir.

In the next 24 to 48 hours that ensued as we start to leave the Holy Land, God started His work in me. Even though I landed in Changi Airport physically ill and down with COVID-19, my heart was starting to heal. The hurtful words and actions that kept replaying in my head for the past years seem to have left me once I touched down. It was liberating!

In hindsight, one can never be ready or qualified for a trip like this, no matter how much we try to gear ourselves up. I merely followed my heart and the little promptings along the way and went in faith. It is one of the best experiences in my Christian walk.

Psalms 40:1-2: I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

Praise the Lord!

Yvonne Ong

I have been struggling with hurt, anger and disappointment inflicted by someone dear for almost three years since December 2019. The pandemic which started in 2020 allowed me to spend more time with God and turn my focus onto Him. But no matter how I prayed, how I talked to myself, I was not able to lift the burden. The holy trip did.

The trip was overall hectic and fast-paced. Up until the last night, I did not have any God moments. But, little did I know that my God



This year, my wife and I took a second trip to the Holy Land, the first one being in 2011. During the COVID-19 period, I told my care group that the first country I like to visit when travel resumes would be the Holy Land. I added that I would like to re-affirm my faith at the River Jordan. My sole objective was to re-dedicate and commit the remaining days of my life to God.

Several weeks before departure, I had itchy rashes on my left shoulder, left elbow and the back of my head. There were open wounds from my scratching. Before departure, I told my wife that I might not want to go into River Jordan for fear that my rashes would be infected. My wife reminded me of my purpose of embarking on this second trip to the Holy Land. She encouraged me to have faith and we prayed over my decision. I took a step of faith and went into the River Jordan and it was a beautiful encounter for me; even as I write this, my eyes well up in tears.

The walk at Via Dolorosa gave me an insight and feeling that I did not have in 2011. The scene that Jesus was led away to be crucified came to my mind. As I looked at the gradient of the slope and the uneven paths and as I followed the path taken by Jesus with the heavy wooden cross on his shoulder, I felt His agony and pain, the weight on His shoulder.

The visit to Timna Park, where a life-size model of the Holy Tabernacle was built, reminded me of insights I had gathered from a book study on "Living a Life of True Worship". It was divine providence that a few of us had an in-depth study of The Tabernacle several weeks before our departure.

I read about God instructing Moses to use acacia wood to make the altar, crossbars, posts, and frames in the Tabernacle, and I wondered why acacia wood? One comment by the Timna site guide awakened me. He pointed out an acacia tree near the entrance. (I saw that tree whilst waiting to enter. I took a cursory glance as it was not an impressive tree) He said that the tree is crooked and ugly, but God can straighten it and use it for His Tabernacle. Like the acacia trees, God can straighten and use us despite our crookedness and ugliness, when we make ourselves available. Hallelujah, praise the Lord!

On another site where I was awakened spiritually was the Upper Room. Rev Dr Edwin Wong commented that it was not only a room of the Last Supper, but it was also a room where Jesus washed the disciples' feet. Jesus had set us an example to serve one another, and I was reminded of servanthood leadership. This was the room where Jesus predicted Peter's denial. This was the room where Jesus gave His new command for His disciples (and for us) to love one another.

What was different between our trips in 2011 and 2022? Like in every tour package, the itinerary and sites are different. But the vast differences were my insights and reflections. My thoughts and emotions were evoked on several sites. Probably I can attribute this to my personal growth and maturity in my relationship with God through His Word. Probably in 2011 I went with a 'tourist' profile, whereas this year I went to the Holy Land with a 'pilgrim' profile, having gathered much knowledge from the Bible and went there with expectations.

On this trip, I had my younger sister and brother-in-law, who were baptised on Christmas Day in 2021, with us. Through prayers and support, my brother-in-law who sprained his knee on day two, was able to complete the tour. Praise God.

It was a wonderful, insightful and meaningful, trip for me and my wife. All glory be to God!

Alan Yong



Everyone wanted to have God moments during the pilgrimage as we walked the places where Jesus walked more than 2,000 years ago.

We revelled at God's creation in nature when looking at the vast mountains and valleys. For some of us, it manifested

in tears streaming down our cheeks when we were singing praises to Him in the beautiful churches on Mount of Tabor, Mount Beatitudes and Dominus Flevit. Nary an eye was dry when we had the privilege to glorify Him with our voices in an old amphitheatre in Beit She'an, led by our worship leader Aileene Chew in "How Great Thou Art". Indeed, He is great!

As we partook in Holy Communion at the Garden Tomb and remembered our baptism at the Jordan River, we were amazed at His sacrifice and love for us. At Via Dolorosa (walk of suffering), all of us encountered some difficulty walking along the narrow, windy slopes. We could imagine Jesus' pain, suffering, betrayal and humiliation as He had to bear His heavy cross after a night of scourging to walk to His death, and it was all to die for our sins to allow us to reconcile with God our Father. (John 3:16)

Many thanks to Pastor Edwin and Pastor Daniel for their succinct sermons which will serve as a reminder on how to live godly lives. Here are some of my takeaways:

1. "Never again Masada" (defensive position) in our faith walk. Are we prepared to defend our faith like the soldiers in Masada?
2. Imagine if Jesus had said "I am finished" on the cross rather than "It is finished". The divine exchange that took place for the forgiveness of our sins out of His love for us would be a mockery.
3. In the walk to Emmaus, the two disciples were distracted and in a defeatist mood as their Saviour was crucified, so much that they did not recognise Jesus was alongside them all the time. Turn to Jesus when you are in despair. (Luke 24:13-35)

It's been a privilege to do this Holy Land pilgrimage with CMC and meeting many dedicated church goers who have inspired me with their sharing and various church activities. I do hope to be able to do another pilgrimage within the next decade, God willing.

Aurelia Tan

My recent trip to the Holy Land with CMC and my husband was indeed a blessing of a lifetime. I missed out on two previous trips, but this time God made it the perfect time for me to go and see, receive and be blessed.



Precious highlights for me include being in the Sea of Galilee soaking in the peace and calm of God and praying for my God moment. I was fascinated by The Jesus Boat. God answered my prayer the very next day at the ruins of Beit She'an in the open theatre. I sang 'How Great Thou Art', the birds sang with me in the second verse, and the Lord came over me in the third verse. Thank you, Bus A for helping me along.

I was also touched by God in the church at Garden of Gethsemane and meditation time in the garden where Christ was taken.

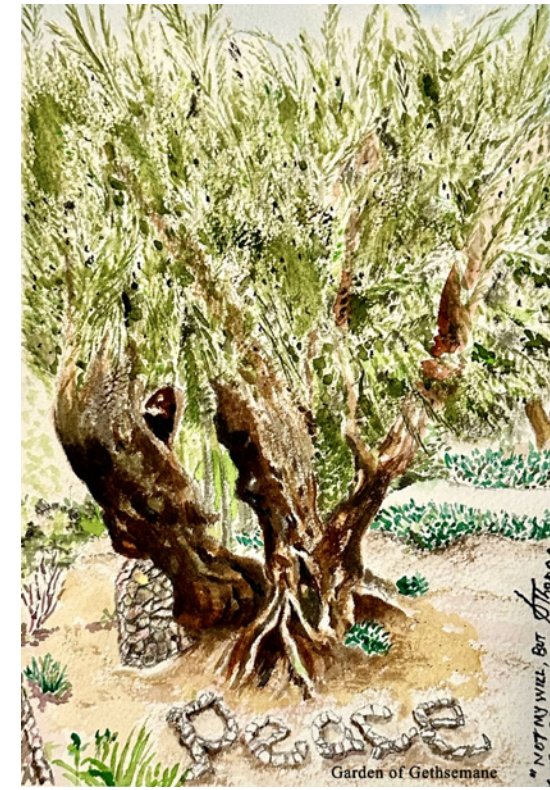
Arriving in Jerusalem was amazing. Walking the Via Dolorosa and Stations of the Cross, praying at The Western Wall, and going to the Temple Mount were truly wonderful for me. I love Jerusalem and will always pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Travelling up and down Israel and seeing the great desert and sites where it all began and understanding the land for what it is, makes the Holy Bible come to life – we have read and studied the Bible for all our life as a Christian and now we got to see and experience it all!

Don't wait or delay dear friends, go to the Holy Land as soon as you can! I thought going once would be it, but no! I want so much to go back, and I pray God will let me.

Thank you, Pastor Edwin and Pastor Daniel for leading us, this was truly a trip of a lifetime. I am humbled and so thankful.

Aileene Chew



Though this was my third pilgrimage to the Holy Land, it was exceptional. Our times at various holy sites were booked specially, enabling our pastors to deliver biblical messages to us. We also had private meditation and prayer time to commune with God at some holy sites, like the Garden of Gethsemane and Mount Beatitudes, which was so special.

I travelled with my watercolour set, brushes and water colour paper to paint some of the holy visits from photographs taken. These paintings became part of my travel journal.

My choice of locations to paint almost daily were God-inspired. From this inspiration, I drew strength to complete paintings into the late night and wee hours of the morning in the hotel rooms where we stayed.

Upon my return to Singapore, my wife Aileene surprised me with a t-shirt, custom-printed with my painting of 'Reuben' boat at the Sea of Galilee. This set forth an idea to make the series of five of my paintings into printed postcards. The five significant and selected paintings feature the Olive Tree at the Garden of Gethsemane, the Aqueduct at Caesarea Maritima, the boat Rueben at Sea of Galilee, Church of Transfiguration at Mount Tabor and Church of Beatitudes at Mount Beatitudes.

I have gifted these postcards to church members who similarly made the pilgrimage and many others, both believers and non-believers. This has led me to share these postcards freely to spread the good news. These postcards now serve as a conversation starter with people I meet – to share with them about the Holy Land and God.

Indeed, it was a truly wonderful trip and we have been so blessed by it.

Suppiah Thangaveloo



Homeground: IGNITE Camp

Camp Homeground 2022 was a precious opportunity for the youths to come together once again for an overnight camp after two years of hybrid camps during the pandemic. Overnight camps are generally more conducive for facilitating closer bonds among the youths, whether it's within their Care Groups or across different ages. Beyond the games and the bonding, staying overnight at the camp also provides a chance for them to isolate themselves from the usual busyness of school work and CCAs, to really dedicate and focus their attention on God, to seek Him wholeheartedly.

This year's camp was anchored on 1 Corinthians 13:10-11, "By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one must be careful how he builds. For no one can lay a foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ." With the theme of 'Homeground', the camp aimed to encourage each one of us to be intentional in strengthening our own spiritual walk and together, build a stronger spiritual community.

The daytime workshops helped the campers better reflect on how to live as Christ's disciples, in various areas of their lives, be it transitioning to secondary schools, in National Service, or in universities. The opportunity to discuss and hear from older youths and young adults who have gone through these life stages personally provided valuable insights.

Beyond these practical aspects, the worship and speaker sessions were an exceptionally powerful space for personal encounters with God. We see a deep hunger in many of the youths, longing to dedicate more of their lives to glorify God. For the rest of the year, IGNITE ministry aims to continue building upon the good fruits borne during the camp, to keep strengthening the discipling relationships that have been formed and to encourage youths to continue to press in for more hunger and transformation in their lives.

Wu Yutong
Youth Ministry (IGNITE) Coordinator



IGNITE Camp testimonies

Originally, I did not want to sign up for IGNITE camp as I was injured and would not be able to participate in any of the games. But, I felt a sudden urge to sign up for camp so I did.

During the camp, two incidents revealed to me why I was prompted to sign up. The first incident was during the speaker and worship sessions, I realised that I was at camp not for the games and the fun, but to reconnect with God as I felt I had drifted away from Him during the year.

The second incident was after my brother shared his testimony during one of the worship sessions. I felt a prompting to comfort him and gave him a hug. That was the first time that I had ever hugged my brother and it meant something. That's when I realised, I was at camp not only to reconnect with God but to reconnect with my brother. Our relationship was not good as we often quarrelled with each other. Since camp, our relationship has improved and we are much closer.

Julien Soon



“God was telling me that no matter how far away and undeserving I was, He would love me, and he would be my Father regardless of my shortcomings.”

It was December, and I had been asked to be a group leader for 2022’s IGNITE Camp.

I was unsure whether I’d be a suitable person to lead others, especially those who were less mature, in a spiritual camp. This feeling of ambivalence mostly stemmed from my walk with God in 2022. I had grown apart from God, getting caught up in the fast-paced year, sleeping later and later, reading less of the Bible, praying the same prayers, I didn’t feel close to God. This aside, I accepted the offer to be a group leader. And so I went for camp, unsure, but hopeful.

On the first night, I felt that God spoke to me through Sam Choo, when he prayed some oddly specific prayer over me, and this was significant to me, as it showed me that God was listening. However, I still wanted more, I wanted answers, a confirmation that God could speak to me directly. I recalled the verse “ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find”, and I tried to clear my mind of every worry or concern that was not God-related before the subsequent speaker sessions, which I felt opened up my mind to receive God’s word.



Fast forward to the morning of the last day, I was doing devotions with my group, when one of the guys brought up how he hadn’t had a tangible encounter with God before. I found that the rest of the group hadn’t either, which brought me to pray that we would all be able to feel God move during the last night’s speaker session. However, during the altar call later that night, I didn’t feel particularly connected to God, though I saw many others weeping and praying fervently. I thought to myself, “if God wills it, He will show himself to me. If He doesn’t, I guess that’s fine too”. A few moments later, I was in prayer, head bowed, and I felt that I was being pushed down to the ground. I didn’t resist, and before I knew it, I was weeping too. I can’t exactly put what I experienced into words, but I felt that God was telling me that no matter how far away and undeserving I was, that He would love me, and that he would be my Father regardless of my shortcomings. This experience was very affirming and comforting for me, and I hope that I hang on to it for a long time.

Lucas Lim



My new year resolution for 2022 was getting used to change, not knowing that it would give me a whole different perspective on my faith.

Change has never been something that I noticed all the time up until this year. The first change was having to experience grief and guilt of losing someone at seventeen and it was something that I can never forgive myself for.

Settling in a new school with new people not long after her passing made me realise something new about myself. I don’t like change. But for the sake of change, I decided to give my new year resolution a try.

From making friends to taking up many roles and opportunities in matter of months. Who would’ve thought that someone who didn’t like change was now saying yes to everything? Stepping out of the comfort zone was not that bad after all right?

Getting too caught up with the thought of change made it hard for me to decline requests. Blindly saying yes was a coping mechanism for me to pass that stage of grief but overloading my plate also made me forget about God.

Slowly losing touch with God day by day eventually made me question whether He was real. Even when I prayed, He didn’t answer. When I prayed again, I didn’t feel anything. How would I know that He’s there?

Towards the end of the year, I was asked to become a group leader for camp. The thought

of having to be a role model for others was what scared me the most as I was doubting my own faith.

Doubting God was one thing, doubting myself was another. Making a decision to ‘play safe’ did not line up to my new year resolution at all, but not wanting this offer to go to waste, I requested to become an assistant group leader instead. Yet again, for the sake of change.

Coming into camp with no expectations, my journey through camp felt really healing. Being able to lead devotions and praying for people during camp felt like meeting an old friend. Being prayed for felt like I was understood. Having no control over my body while being washed and prayed over is a feeling that’s fixed in the mind. It’s crazy to think that prayers before, during and after camp were all connected into telling me one message: He was there all along.

I signed up for camp mainly to find where I stood in the presence of God and God didn’t disappoint. Being part of an amazing community with individuals made from the image of God has shown that He is real and He is closer than my skin.

Talisa Leong

Connecting with the Community

Towards the end of last year, our Christian Outreach and Social Concerns (COSC) Ministry organised two community engagement events.

Bursary Awards and One Kampong Carnival

The Bursary Awards (BA) and One Kampong Carnival were held on 19 November 2022. It was a wonderful time of connecting with the beneficiaries in person after not being able to do so for the past two years due to COVID-19.

The One Kampong Carnival was a connect event where the BA recipients, as well as the beneficiaries from the various COSC bridges (e.g., Goodlife, Starfish, Tuition and Financial assistance families, etc.), came together to have a time of fellowship with CMC volunteers over lunch and games.

About 50 volunteers helped with both the BA and carnival which included the Primary 6 ChristKidz team, Care Groups, and various individuals. We praise God for this opportunity!



Carol & Carry

Together with Filos Community Services, 70 CMC volunteers comprising of Care Groups and individuals took part in Carol & Carry on 9 December 2022. The volunteers visited three rental blocks in Chai Chee and spread Christmas cheer to the residents by going door to door delivering hampers and singing carols.



My Father's House: A Christmas Production

I joined CMC a year ago after coming across the beautifully lit crosses on the building during one of my night runs. When I saw the recruitment drive for My Father's House, I immediately volunteered because I yearned to serve the Lord with my voice.

21 years ago, before I became pregnant with my first daughter, I was serving in my former church choir as a soprano. For some reason, I lost my high pitch voice at the late stage of my pregnancy. Since then, I have been struggling to reach the high notes I used to be able to sing effortlessly. Deep inside my heart, I still hoped that I could serve the Lord with my voice in some way.

Strangely enough, the role that I was cast in required me to sing! The four months of rehearsals were really an amazing experience. The love among the entire cast and crew was overwhelming. We bonded through food, games, laughter and prayer. I could see how each and every member of the production put in their best for each rehearsal. **We are ordinary folks who are amateurs, but we sought to give it our all for Jesus.**

I hope to have more opportunities to serve with my voice no matter how broken it is. I truly believe God will restore whatever that is lost as long as we use it to glorify Him. Amen!

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
Philippians 4:13

Dorcas Tan



The role of "Melissa" was given to me in early July 2022. It was truly very humbling, yet also a privilege, to be entrusted to take on this mantle. I knew I had to go all the way out to portray this character well and help inspire others in their acting, even if it meant stepping into the painful realms of my own grief.

There will never be enough words to encapsulate the entire gamut of emotions surrounding My Father's House. A big shout out goes especially to Joanne, Keat and Yvonne, who had tirelessly lead the whole team with lots of love and commitment.

Despite various struggles we faced, God saw us through! Thank you dear MFH team for exemplifying a kind of sincerity in which I could not have ever envisioned. No matter how seemingly big or small your acts are, do know you had made a positive difference.

The memories and friendships forged will thrive on in our hearts. Without all that we had experienced together, our words hold no power to transform lives. May a great healing transcend into the hearts and minds of those who had watched MFH! May they be blessed!

Sandra Cheok



Helping backstage for the production was an unforgettable experience. The most amazing part was being able to witness God's power within a team of amateur actors and crew to deliver such a meaningful message of "Reconciliation and Forgiveness". We are not the best, but everyone put in their best! Praise the Lord!

Chiok Ee Choo



#Throwback to August 2022, I was asked to help with lighting for the Christmas Production. Jokingly I asked if “no” was an option. But after looking at the rehearsal dates, I agreed.

I was feeling both excited and nervous about the show. We were finally having a Christmas Production after two years of hiatus! The pandemic had stopped us from gathering corporately as a church, and having a production was like the light at the end of the tunnel. Meanwhile, I knew it was going to be a tough one with many questions being asked, like will there be enough people as cast? Will people even come? I know of churches that were uncertain about bringing back Christmas celebrations too soon, so I am glad that CMC decided to do it. Glory to God indeed!

The journey was as not smooth sailing as expected. The technical crew was on a very tight schedule with fewer than five rehearsals. Many times, I was frustrated, but in the midst of that I was reminded of Proverbs 27:17 which says, **“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another”**. I learnt that this was how we can grow when serving with others, and that God is pruning and moulding us in the process.

This also got me thinking about why I was serving. Time and time again I was reminded that Jesus is the reason for the season and the production is providing an opportunity for people to get to know God. One of the keywords for Christmas is “Love”, God so loved the world that He sent His only son to us – that’s why we are doing it.

I was deeply impressed by the hard work that the cast, crew and directors put in, especially with such a wide range of ages. God was using the different generations in the production. I am honoured to have been part of the team. Truly blessed to be a blessing!

Sun Tian Fu

My Father’s House was a blessing in many ways. Stepping out of my comfort zone was the beginning of a wonderful journey. Though scared and wary at first, not knowing many people, it was an adventure. The production was rather different from the norm. No curtains. The changing of scenes were all done on stage! I wondered how it’d work out. Days went by and we ironed out the creases, made lots of mistakes, and learnt to do the right things better. I realised that the whole open stage was a reflection of our lives. Our walk with Jesus is exactly like that. Nothing to hide.

What I saw during the production humbled me. Each night, the cast did what we had to do. We were on stage. But the ones who did the thinking and work - Yvonne, Keat and Joanne, the prop crew, sound crew, the makeup crew, church staff, the tech savvy teens - they quietly served and gave. That’s humility.

It’s been a real joy and privilege serving among awesome people. Thank you to each one of you. Truly blessed!

May Ng



Being new to CMC family, I signed up as a cast member in My Father’s House production as I wanted to serve in the church and get to make new friends at the same time. The weekly rehearsals were both demanding and rewarding as I had to juggle rehearsals, family commitments and rest time on Sundays. On the other hand, I developed friendships among MFH members as we met weekly with the common goal of putting up the best performance to share about God’s love for the people. This positive energy translated into our commitment to do our very best. My four-month journey of bonding and fellowship with MFH members were among the best welcome gifts I received from CMC.

Joseph Yap

“Lunch is really Char Kway Tiao (CKT)!” I overheard my daughter, Ada, say. The publicity team was doing a photoshoot which required lunch as food props, and by divine intervention the lunch ordered that Sunday was CKT – a key food item used in Scene 4!

Another time, I had to do an impromptu photoshoot and was wearing my ChristKidz crew shirt which was not suitable. I was inspired to switch it for a dress that Ada (who is 13) was wearing. It fitted me very well! The same went for Albert, my stage husband. He borrowed a flannel shirt from another lady in the crew and we looked picture perfect, allowing us to go ahead with the

photoshoot. Many such incidents showed us that God Almighty was producing His own show!

What was truly unexpected was how the cast started as strangers but ended up as close as family members. We had withdrawals syndrome after months of lunches and rehearsals. I’m glad that both my children, Ada and Marc, could serve in this drama team as they experienced God’s providence first-hand and were immersed in an environment of love and care. “I like the time in the vestry with everyone,” said Marc. “Me too. I really felt that serving as a family made it especially meaningful,” echoed Ada.



It was so easy to invite friends because we served as cast members. We managed to invite 15 friends and family members, some of whom would not step foot into the church if not for the play! A friend’s daughter who came for the play, went back to school this year and started listening to the morning devotion more attentively and could even share the Bible story at home. Praise God!

Dadina Ong



SCAN THE QR CODE TO TAKE A LOOK BEHIND THE SCENES OF “MY FATHER’S HOUSE”.

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On Faith and Faithfulness

BY MATTHEW CHIN



Rev Chan Siew Chye's office is understandably bare. At the time of writing, Rev Siew Chye had spent just under a month on CMC's pastoring roster, after having completed a Master's in Theology with Regent College in Vancouver, Canada.

The only exceptions are the framed photographs of his family that adorn Rev Siew Chye's new office. A picture with his wife Yasmine rests on his desk, while another showcases his two children, Leanne and Timothy.

Born and Bred

No stranger to the Methodist fraternity, Rev Siew Chye served in Pentecost Methodist Church and Living Waters Methodist Church prior to his appointment to CMC. However, his first encounter with the Methodist church took place as a youth exploring his faith in Wesley Methodist Church.

"I came from a non-Christian family," he recounts. "My parents, and generally my extended family, are mostly non-Christian, so I had very little exposure to the Christian faith when I was growing up."

It wasn't until he was in Junior College (JC) that he was first exposed to the gospel. His friends from school shared the gospel with him and invited him to their cell group meetings.

Community may have led Rev Siew Chye to Christ, but his conversion was a product of crisis.

"When I was 18, in my final year of JC, my father was terminally ill. He had cancer, and toward the end of the year, he became very, very sick."

As the turmoil of his father's illness began overwhelming him, Rev Siew Chye felt helpless. **In despair, he turned to Christ. "One night, I just asked Jesus for help."**

A Divinely Serendipitous Encounter

Sometime later, when Rev Siew Chye and his family visited his father in a hospice, his father made a rather uncharacteristic statement: he said that he had seen Jesus.

"That's all he said, to everyone who visited him," Rev Siew Chye remarked.

He was as confused as most others.

While some may posit that his father was experiencing morphine-induced hallucinations, or that it was the work of evangelistic volunteers who influenced his father to have said what he did, Rev Siew Chye maintains the belief that his father had a divine encounter that day.

With the help of one of the few Christian relatives in Rev Siew Chye's family, his father eventually accepted Christ and was baptised not long after. The first in Rev Siew Chye's otherwise agnostic family.

Faith Forged by Crisis

As life would have it though, his father eventually succumbed to his illness.

It was an agonising journey to faith for a young Rev Siew Chye, but heartbreak lay ahead still.

Some years after the passing of his father, in his final year of university, his mother was tragically diagnosed with late-stage stomach cancer.

Rev Siew Chye and his sister were devastated: "We were really close to my mum. My dad passed away when I was 18, and we weren't a well-to-do family, so my mum had to carry the weight of having to provide for us. We loved our mum; she was a sacrificial woman."

Towards the end of that year, his mother's condition rendered her bedridden in a hospital ward.

Rev Siew Chye had tried sharing the gospel with his mother, but his efforts intensified after her diagnosis. Sitting at her bedside, he was eventually able to lead his mother to Christ, but not long after, she, too succumbed to her condition.

For someone all too used to loss, Rev Siew Chye has a contagious hope. **"What I realised after the loss of my mother was that God's grace is so much bigger than both the pain and the disappointment that I was going through."**

As Rev Siew Chye stood at the crossroads of adulthood in his final year of university, bereaved of both parents, he decided to take a leap of faith into full-time ministry, to give "the best years of his life" to God.

Rev Siew Chye revealed that he had initially been offered a job as a teacher, but chose instead to respond to a calling that he had sensed some years prior. "I must say, that

if not for the call of God, I would have been quite happy to have taken the teaching route", he added.

To him, teaching and pastoring are both roles that allow him to have a more personal, direct impact on the lives of others.

The Best Years

What he enjoys most about ministry is being a part of what God is doing in the lives of his congregants. Rev Siew Chye presently oversees the Family Life, Glowing Years, Missions, and Pastoral Care ministries in CMC, but shares that he has a soft spot for the youth and young adults, because of the role that the youth ministry played in his own journey to faith.

Rev Siew Chye has spent over a decade ministering full-time, but remarked that he was touched by how welcoming the CMC community had been after his first month on the job, and the excellence with which CMC members seem to go about their areas of service.

He hopes that during his tenure in CMC, he would be able to equip the church to live as salt and light, and to be able to embody the gospel in all areas of life. Sharing the gospel, according to Rev Siew Chye, need not simply be pigeonholed as evangelism, but should be a daily endeavour, lived out and exemplified.

FUN FACTS ABOUT REV SIEW CHYE:

- Like many in the CMC office, Rev Siew Chye loves coffee. He hopes to be able to learn more about the art of brewing coffee but laments the high start-up costs involved.

- He professes that he enjoys "getting things done". On his days off, he tends to be out running errands, but is cognisant of the importance of self-care, and hopes to be able to spend more time having lunch with his wife Yasmine.



MATTHEW considers himself quite a decent driver, even if his friends tend to disagree. He also loves a good plate of chicken rice and controversially, is content with 3-in-1 coffee.

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