

# THE JOURNEY



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## Missions for Me?

*The story of my first mission trip experience.*



# OUR VISION

"TO BE A PEOPLE AFTER GOD'S HEART  
BY CAPTURING THE PASSION OF THE  
EARLY METHODISTS."

*MATT 22 : 37-39*

WORD WORSHIP  
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PRAYER MINISTRY  
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ANG MO KIO METHODIST CHURCH 2011

" HERE I AM, SEND ME "

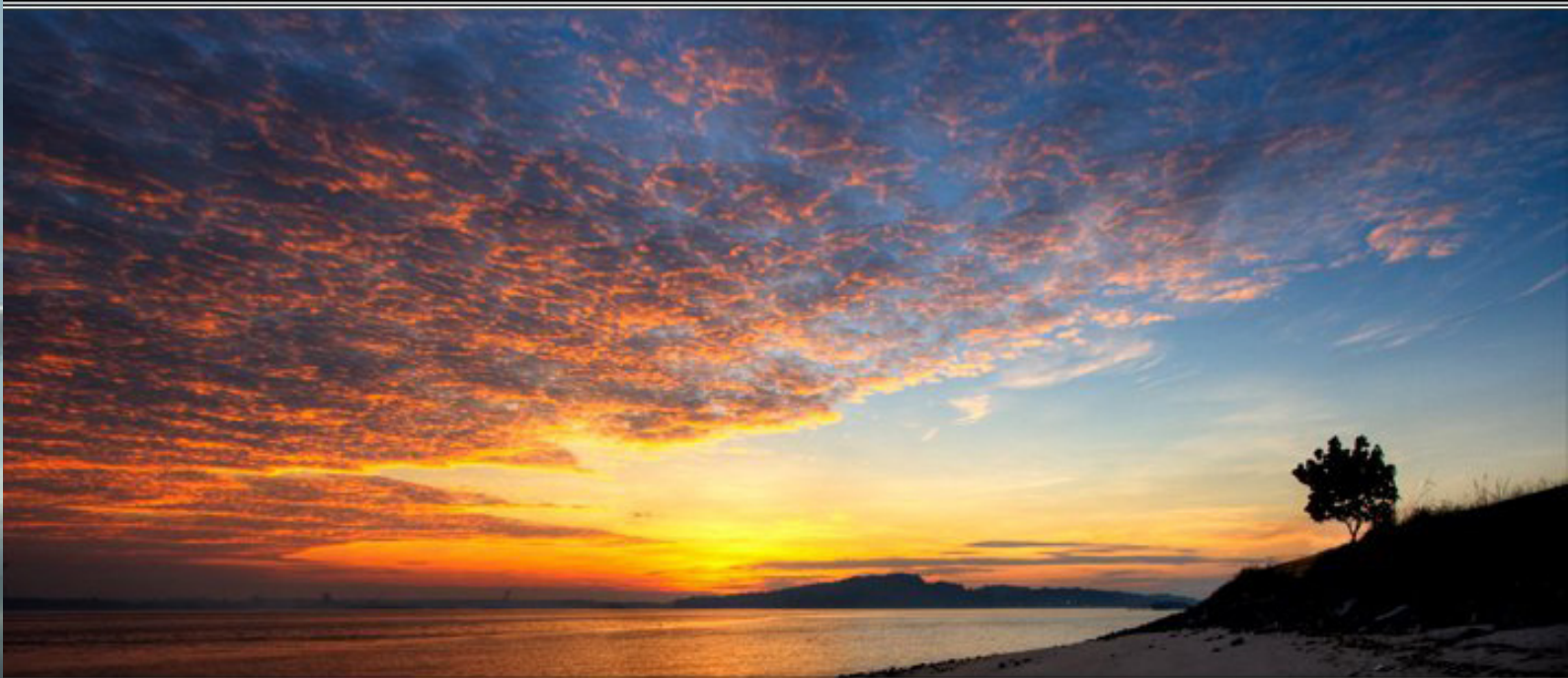


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# A New Year

# *A Fresh Start*

## Greetings to our readers:

**For the past year,** “THE JOURNEY” has taken a hiatus to review, reflect and re-evaluate how we can serve you better. We’re thankful to God to be back in 2011 with a new look and a new team.

**The new “THE JOURNEY”** hopes to encourage you in your journey with the Lord and, together with the AMKMC family, to fulfill God’s destiny for our church.

As we seek new ways to better serve you, we welcome your encouragement and feedback. We would also love to receive meaningful and life changing accounts of your spiritual journey so that, as one family, we can celebrate with you and glean precious lessons that the Lord has taught you. Please refer to the back page of the newsletter for details of how you can communicate with us.

May the Lord bless you in this New Year. May He reveal Himself to you personally and intimately as you immerse yourself in the pages of each issue of The Journey this year.

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If you have a story to tell, a testimony to share or insights that will encourage our readers, write to us at [admin@amkmc.org.sg](mailto:admin@amkmc.org.sg) (Subject: **THE JOURNEY - CONTRIBUTION**)

Articles should be kept within 800 words. Submission **MUST** include the writer's profile, photo and all necessary accompanying pictures in high resolution format.



## *Installation of the LCEC Aug 2010/Jul 2011*

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## Pastor's Message

by Rev. Stanley Chua

### A word from our pastor:

What comes to your mind when you hear the word, 'missions?' For many, I believe it will be pictures of going to a third world country helping and ministering to the poor and no doubt sharing the good news and trying to evangelize them. Unfortunately, this is not quite an accurate understanding of what mission is all about. I believe David Bosch, professor of Missiology, is right when he commented that mission denotes the total task God has set the Church for the salvation of the world. In other words, whilst the call to evangelise is clear, we must never isolate evangelism from the rest of life and ministry of Church. The Church must continue to help the poor, the needy, the marginalized, importantly, it must remain engage with the world and be a changed agent with or without opportunities to evangelize overtly or openly. The heartbeat of mission can best be summarized in Jesus' own words when he was asked, what was the most important commandment in the law? Jesus replied, *"Love the Lord with all your heart, mind, soul and strength and love your neighbours as yourself."*

Hence our mission thrust for this year is to try to fulfil this total task that God has given to the Church – love God and love neighbour. This is the reason why we are challenging everyone at AMKMC to go beyond just doing mission at our AMK community to being involved in doing mission overseas. There are four purposes why we are doing this:

**First**, it is to create awareness for our AMKMC community that the mission of God is not confined just to our AMK community or Singapore but it extends to our world at large.

**Second**, we hope that such mission exposures to especially the third world country will help us as a Church appreciate the work of missionaries and prayerfully gives us a greater impetus to be involved and support the work of those involved in such mission endeavours.

**Third**, it is our hope that out of this overseas mission exposure, we may be used by God to raise and challenge from amongst us future full-time missionaries.

**Fourth and finally**, we wish to fulfil our vision of being a people after God's heart like the early Methodists who were very involved with the total mission of God. If not for the early Methodists, Methodism will not have reached the shores of Singapore. We are indeed indebted to the early Methodists. My prayer and hope is that we at AMKMC will rise up like the early Methodists and be a people after God's heart to take this challenge to be involved with the total mission of God so that we can leave a legacy for future generations to emulate. To God be the glory!

# Church Goals & Events 2011

## Theme Verse:

*Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

*Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)*

## Church Theme: "Here I Am, Send Me"

The Local Church Executive Committee (LCEC) met last year during the LCEC planning retreat for a time of prayer, deliberation and discussion. Together, they decided that the theme of our church for year 2011 will be "Here I Am, Send Me" focussing on Missions.

Here are the corporate goals and events that have been set for the year. We pray that you will journey with us as we set of on a Mission to make a difference!



## Corporate Goals:

1. Each cell to participate in one overseas short-term mission trip and/or one local mission project.
2. Once a month, to feature all AMKMC missionaries and missions partnerships in our Sunday Bulletin for the purpose of knowing our missions involvement and pray for them.
3. To conduct a church-wide mission's cell word from January – February.
4. LCEC to go for one overseas mission trip.

## Corporate Events:

1. To hold one combined church anniversary celebration cum dinner with missions theme.
2. To run a "care-for-missionary" campaign.

# ENLARGING

our church for

*God's Glory*



## Help us reach our goal of \$18 Million!

If you wish to give towards the church redevelopment, kindly make a cheque to "Ang Mo Kio Methodist Church (TRAC)".

[Please indicated "For Church Redevelopment" at the back of the cheque.]

You may drop the cheque into the offering bags on Sunday during our worship services OR mail your cheque to:

**Ang Mo Kio Methodist Church (TRAC)**

**26 MID VIEW CITY, SIN MING LANE, #03-123/124, SINGAPORE 573971**

Please feel free to call our church office at 64522791 for more information or donor's brochure.

# MISSIONS FOR ME?

## *The story of my first mission trip experience*

God placed a desire within me to serve Him on a mission trip many years ago. However, in my heart and mind, a mission trip equates:

1. Travelling many hours by non-air conditioned buses along bumpy roads.  
(Which to me meant: motion sickness! Therefore, I cannot go on a mission trip.)
2. Challenging toilet conditions.  
(If basic sanitation conditions are 'challenging', how can I relieve my most basic needs? Therefore, I cannot go on a mission trip.)
3. Putting in hard labour to build a church brick by brick in the sweltering heat.  
(I am very fair. Even the doctor tells me I should stay out of the sun unless I slap on loads of sun block. Therefore, I cannot go on a mission trip.)
4. Standing on the streets to share the Gospel with anyone who would lend me their ears and feeling every bit like a street peddler selling his wares.  
(Oh dear me, I don't have very thick skin to begin with! How can I do this? Therefore, I cannot go on a mission trip.)

Even though my mind was filled with preconceived notions about mission trips, there was still a desire within me to serve Him by going on a mission trip. So, when I read the church bulletin one Sunday, and in it was an item on a mission trip to Kuala Lipis, Malaysia, I told my cell leader, who was trying to arrange a team within the cell, that I wanted to go!

Not quite knowing what to expect, there was a sense of fear within me that week leading up to our departure. It didn't help that it was a busy week at work and I did not have much energy left at the end of each day to prepare myself adequately for the trip. In my heart and mind, all I could hear myself asking was - What if I don't make it back from the trip? I did what I could to reject that thought, though it came faster and more furious as the trip drew near.

Finally, Thursday came. I was on leave that afternoon. I had hoped to spend some moments resting and stilling myself before God. Instead, I spent it in a frenzy to finish packing so I could get a short nap before meeting the rest of the group. Again, that certainly didn't help with the feeling of unsettledness within me.

Our team convened at Adrian's place later that evening prior to setting off, and we spent some time praying. The sense of fear within me was replaced by a growing sense of excitement. Here I was, ready to go on my first mission trip since accepting Christ as my Lord and Saviour at 15. I wondered what the Lord would teach me through this trip.

On Friday morning, after many hours on the road and breakfast at a local food centre, we finally arrived safely at the hotel where we were to stay. It was a decent hotel with a working air conditioner that was really wonderful in the sweltering heat! The bathroom was also clean! Praise God!

After a quick snack with Dr Richard, we set off for Kuala Lipis Wesley Methodist Church. The drive to the church was along a road that was narrow enough for only one car to pass. Since it had rained heavily just before we set off, there were also fallen branches that had to be pushed away or chopped off with a knife Dr Richard had in his car! What an adventure my first mission trip was becoming!

Soon after we set up our equipment, the congregation started streaming in. We were prepared for a "small" congregation and when about 20 people turned up, I understood what a "small" congregation literally meant. After the service, we stayed on to fellowship with the congregation and with Dr Richard.

This trip, although short, was a huge eye-opener for me. I realised that all my preconceived notions about mission trips, while being valid concerns, did not focus on God as much as it did on me. If the mission trip is about serving God, then why would my comfort and my convenience matter more than what He was calling me to do?

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I was prepared to go on this mission trip to Kuala Lipis to serve God and His church there. But God was wonderfully gracious beyond my imagination. I was blessed by Him and the church instead. God spoke of His assurance and comforted me about the many disappointments I had experienced in the weeks before this trip. I was also grateful for the chance to serve in the worship team and we sang praises to the Lord during service that Friday evening. Indeed, it is more blessed to give!

That said, while I'm still not quite prepared to head off to Timbuktu on a mission trip, my first mission trip taught me to look at a mission trip and many other things from a more God-centred perspective. May He also stir your heart to go on a mission trip to bless and be blessed!



*Ms Esther Marikea Tan is a regular worshipper at the 10.30am service and is an active member of the Forerunners Adults Cell Group. Esther enjoys using her creativity in drawing and craft work to bless various ministries that she has opportunities to serve in.*

## Upcoming Mission Trips

For enquiries, please contact:  
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**email: [admin@amkmc.org.sg](mailto:admin@amkmc.org.sg)**  
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### March 2011

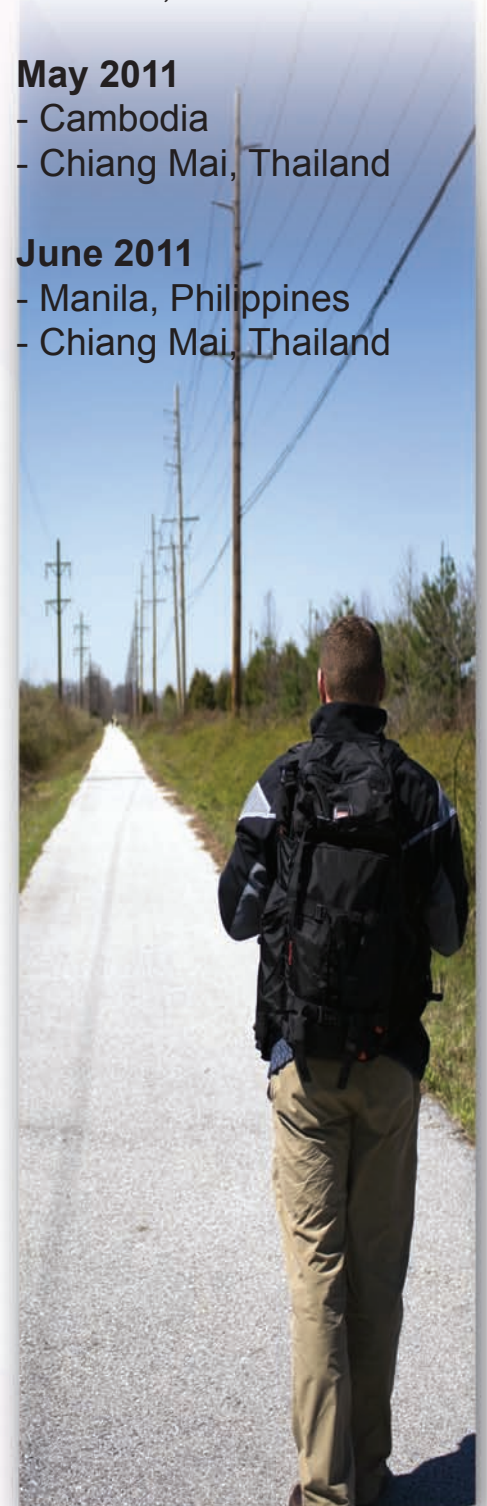
- Jakarta, Indonesia

### May 2011

- Cambodia  
- Chiang Mai, Thailand

### June 2011

- Manila, Philippines  
- Chiang Mai, Thailand



# Gospel Beyond

Not sure where to start? Here are the list of countries where we  
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## CHINA

ALPHA program, Youth Programs,  
Teaching English,  
Community Development

## India, Andra Pradesh

Outreach programs to schools and community

## Cambodia

Outreach programs, Youth Programs,  
Hostel outreach



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have mission projects for your consideration.  
email: [admin@amkmc.org.sg](mailto:admin@amkmc.org.sg) (Subject: Mission Trip Enquiry).



## Thailand, Chiang Mai

Discipleship, Outreach programs  
Partnership with Genesis Methodist Church

## Philippines, Manila

Discipleship,  
Outreach programs

## Malaysia, Kuala Lipis

Discipleship  
Partnership with Kuala Lipis Wesley  
Methodist Church

## East Malaysia, Kuching

Discipleship

# Missions 2011

Dates for mission exposed / Ministry trips to affiliated with AMKMC  
Mission works

Month	Cambodia	China	India	Indonesia	W. Malaysia	E. Malaysia	Philippines	Thailand
Mar				X	X		X	
April			X		X			X
May	X	X	X		X			
Jun			X		X	X	X	X
Jul					X			
Aug					X			X
Sept					X			
Oct	X				X			X
Nov	X				X	X	X	X
Dec					X	X	X	

Note:

CAMBODIA

May (Youth leadership training/ ministry at Toul Kork Methodist Church);  
Oct 29 – Nov 2 visit MMS mission works in Cambodia.

CHINA

May 9 – 17 Vacation with a Purpose with MMS – Yunnan / Huang Shan  
Inclusive of Airfare, accommodation, transport, meals = \$1700.00.  
Register with MMS (first come first serve basis)

INDIA

Apr 23 – June 2 Children Church Teachers and helpers can hold a  
children's camp for the school.

INDONESIA

March Medical Mission Trip with Jakarta Wesley MC

PHILIPPINES

June 2 – 5; June 9 – 12; June 16 – 19; 25-28 Nov and 2-5 Dec and 9-12 Dec

THAILAND

Visit Genesis Methodist Church at Huey Paraai  
Mission Camp / SF 101 can be held at Chiangmai

MALAYSIA

SF101 or 102 can be held at Kuala Lipis, Pahang or Kuching, Sarawak.  
Children's Holiday Camp  
Any weekend with 2-4 months' notice

NEPAL

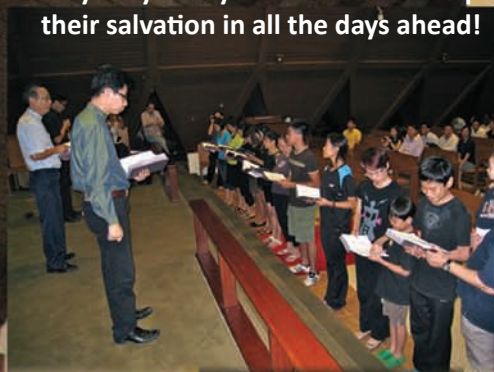
Oct Sophia's Home and other MMS works  
Children and Youth programs

Other trips may be arranged in partnership with MMS. Do contact Rev Leslie for enquiries.  
*Information accurate at time of print but are subjected to changes.*



# Celebrating God's love and proclaiming His goodness!

12 of our worshippers professed their faith through water baptism in the presence of their friends & family members at Trinity Methodist Church on 26 October 2010. The Journey celebrates with these candidates and may they always remember and experience the joy of their salvation in all the days ahead!



## 35th Trinity Annual Conference

22-25 Nov 2010



**AMKMC** had the honor of hosting the 35th TRAC annual conference held on 22-25 Nov. We thank God for His grace upon us for the smooth running of the event, and we are grateful to all those who came forward to volunteer themselves for the Lord's work.





# Announcements

## Wedding Bells...

Together with their friends and loved ones, The Journey join in these couples in their joy and congratulate these two families forged and wishes them many years of love and bliss as they journey together to serve the Lord as a married couple.

- Mr Marcus See & Ms Sun Ru-Tian
- Dr Roland Cai & Dr Xu Xinni
- Mr Liau Wee Peng & Ms Lee Swee Ching
- Mr Hendry Khouw & Ms Lydia Ngiam
- Mr Bertrand Seah & Ms Sharon Yan
- Mr Joseph Henry & Ms Vivien Chan
- Mr Marcus Lim & Ms Tee Shy Wei
- Mr Wong Ann Wie & Ms Ho Wei Ling

## Babies...

Mr & Mrs Adrian Ng and their 3rd child Ms Jamie Ng (26 Apr 2010)

Mr & Mrs Alex Chew and their 2nd child Mr Ian Chew (2 Jun 2010)



# 2011 \ AMKMC CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS



01 //  
JAN

LCEC meeting (12 Jan)  
Corporate Prayer Meeting (19 Jan)  
Seniors Fellowship (26 Jan)

02 //  
FEB

First Local Conference (9 Feb)  
Corporate Prayer Meeting (16 Feb)  
Basic Understanding of Missions  
Seminar (19 Feb)  
Seniors Fellowship (23 Feb)

04 //  
APR

Healing Night (6 Apr)  
Cell Leaders' Training (4,11,18,25 Apr)  
MasterLife course (4,11,18,25 Apr)  
Holy Week Services (19,20 Apr)  
Maundy Thursday (21 Apr)  
Good Friday (22 Apr)  
Easter Sunday (24 Apr)  
TRAC Pastor's Retreat (26-30 Apr)

03 //  
MAR

Healing Night (2 Mar)  
First Quarter Church Wide Cell Leaders'  
Meeting (5 Mar)  
Church Staff Retreat (7-9 Mar)  
MasterLife course (7,14,21,28 Mar)  
Cell Leaders' Training (7,14,21,28 Mar)  
Holy Land Tour (22-31 Mar)

05 //  
MAY

Healing Night (4 May)  
Mothers' Day/WSCS Sunday (8 May)  
Vocation with a Purpose Trip with MMS to  
Yunnan/Huang Shan (9-17 May)  
LCEC Meeting (11 May)  
Cell Leaders' Training (2,9,16,23,30 May)  
MasterLife course (2,9,16,23,30 May)  
Corporate Prayer Meeting (18 May)  
Seniors Fellowship (25 May)



# \\ Check out these events in 2011!

06 //  
JUN

LCEC Budget Meeting (1 Jun)  
Philippines Mission Trip 1 (2-5 Jun)  
Philippines Mission Trip 2 (9-12 Jun)  
Philippines Mission Trip 3 (16-19 Jun)  
MasterLife course (6 Jun)  
Father's Day (19 Jun)  
Seniors Fellowship (22 Jun)



07 //  
JUL

Second Quarter Cell Leaders' Meeting (2 Jul)  
Pledge Sunday (3 Jul)  
Healing Night (6 Jul)  
LCE Meeting (13 Jul)  
Corporate Prayer Meeting (20 Jul)  
MasterLife course (4,11,18,25 Jul)  
Seniors Fellowship (27 Jul)

08 //  
AUG

Cell Leaders' Training (1,8,15,22,29 Aug)  
MasterLife course (1,8,15,22,29 Aug)  
Healing Night (3 Aug)  
Corporate Prayer Meeting (17 Aug)  
Seniors Fellowship (24 Aug)  
LCEC Planning Retreat (27 Aug)

09 //  
SEP

Healing Night (7 Sep)  
Cell Leaders' Training (5,12,19,26 Sep)  
MasterLife course (5,12,19,26 Sep)  
LCEC Meeting (14 Sep)  
Corporate Prayer Meeting (21 Sep)  
Seniors Fellowship (28 Sep)



# 2011 \ AMKMC CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

10 //  
OCT

Church 33 Anniversary (2 Oct)  
Healing Night (5 Oct)  
Last Local Conference (8 Oct)  
Laity Sunday (9 Oct)  
Cell Leaders' Training (3,10,17,24,31 Oct)  
Corporate Prayer Meeting (19 Oct)  
MMS Missions (29 Oct – 2 Nov)



11 //  
NOV

Healing Night (2 Nov)  
LCE Meeting (9 Nov)  
Third Quarter Cell Leaders' Meeting (12 Nov)  
Corporate Prayer Meeting (16 Nov)  
Philippians Mission Trip 4 (24-27 Nov)



12 //  
DEC

Philippians Mission Trip 5 (9-11 Dec)  
Seniors Fellowship (28 Dec)  
Watchnight Renewal Covenant Service (31 Dec)



All information is accurate at time of print. Please refer to weekly Sunday bulletin for more details.

# On-going Programs through the Year.

(Please refer to the Church weekly bulletin for detailed updates & our Church Office for Ministry contact persons)

- Adult & Youth Cell Meetings @ various locations & timings through the week
- Primary Tuition (Maths & English) to the neighbourhood kids, Saturday, during school terms, 2-4pm
- Secondary Tuition (Maths & English) to the neighbourhood kids, Tuesdays - Thursdays, during school terms, 7.30pm - 9.00pm
- Kidz/Parents Connection, 1st Saturday of month (3.30pm - 5.30pm)
- Lai Bai Shen, dialect Ministry (TRAC & CAC joint work), every Saturday, 2pm - 5pm

## Courses Available - next intake

MasterLife (24 sessions) - Starting 7 March

DISCIPLE 1 (34 sessions) - to be announced

DISCIPLE 2 (32 sessions) - to be announced

DISCIPLE 3 (32 sessions) - to be announced

Companions In Christ (28 Sessions) - to be announced

Network (4 sessions) - via cellgroups

# *Our Worship Services*

During our church redevelopment period,  
our worship services will be held in the  
below two locations:

## **AMK Hub, Level 4**

## **Cathay Cinema Hall 5**

53 Ang Mo Kio Ave 3  
Singapore 569933

**Traditional Worship @ 8.00am**

**Contemporary Worship @ 10.30am**

## **Trinity Methodist Church**

34 Serangoon Garden Way,  
Singapore 555940

**Traditional Worship @ 5.00pm**

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