

## **MORE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Q. What is the Friends@HUB initiative all about?**

**A: God calls.** God is calling AMKMC to return to AMK HUB as a strategic outreach point to the rest of the AMK town. If it helps, think of our return to AMK HUB as God's call to our own local mission field. However, do not see AMK HUB as an end in itself; our call to return to AMK HUB is only a means to an end – our end goal is to reach AMK town with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

In our 3 months of prayer and seeking God's presence and guidance, God has made it abundantly clear that Jesus (His Presence) must be at the centre/hub of it all. As John 12:32 declares, when Jesus is lifted up from the earth, He will draw all people to Himself. As we have learnt from our To-Gather conference, we are gathering to receive and reveal Christ at AMK Hub, and all of us are called by God to partner in His Kingdom purposes. One early revelation through prayer is that God will release healing streams at AMK HUB, hence healing ministry will feature prominently. Lest we forget, 1/3 of Jesus' earthly ministry centred upon healing. And so, a tangible expression of God's presence is in His healing work.

God has also revealed that the key mode of outreach is relational. Hence, the tentative name is "Friends@HUB." The language of "friends" also makes it less churchy, less formal, and more inviting. In particular, two Bible passages come to the fore: (1) John 15:14 Jesus calls us his friends if we do what He commands. God's call for AMKMC to return to AMK HUB is an invitation for us to obey; (2) Mark 2:1–12 Four men bring their paralyzed friend to Jesus for healing and salvation. It is our prayer and hope that Friends@HUB brings healing and salvation to our friends.

In addition, 6 groups of people have surfaced as people whom God has His eye on:

- Family with young kids
- Seniors / Elderly
- Migrant workers
- Delivery workers / private hire drivers
- Businesses / workers at the hub
- Bus drivers

**However, before we eventually get there, we need to have a consistent and sizeable group of dedicated co-labourers. Here is the part where we're hoping YOU can come in!**

We need co-labourers who hear God's call and assignment to walk by faith and not by sight ((like Abraham, able to patiently live with the tension of questions being unanswered until God reveals further) to just put our hands into the plough.

As we offer him our five loaves and two fish, God will multiply them for His glory.

### **Q: What is the purpose of Friends@HUB?**

**A:** In the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19, God calls us to "go and make disciples of all nations". Our AMKMC family exists to share the love of Christ through community outreach, and to proclaim His gospel near and far for the salvation of all souls. In particular, AMKMC is called to reach AMK town for Jesus.

Friends@HUB is our attempt at a more intentional outreach effort, and a prophetic first step of obedience to God's call.

**Q: How do we plan to reach the 6 groups of people identified?**

God-willing, the tentative roadmap is to first build a sizeable number and in the upcoming months (especially as we celebrate AMKMC's 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary), we will be more than ready to extend invitations to the 6 groups of people.

However, along the way, if God burdens you with a heart for a specific group (e.g. bus drivers) and you wish to pioneer something new, feel free to step up and lead the charge. We may use one of the three other halls which are currently empty or even pioneer something completely new.

At all times, we must be praying because spiritual work can only be done through spiritual means.

**Q: Do we envisage Friends@HUB to become a regular worship service (with offering, holy communion, children's ministry etc.) eventually?**

A: At this juncture, we honestly do not know. As this is a step of faith to trust God by taking one step at a time, we deliberately choose not to plan too far in advance. However, we will regularly pause and review where God is leading and directing (at least once every quarter).

We are well aware of the reality that the lack of children's program/ministry is a major limiting factor, but unless God calls the people forward to serve, the pastors' decision is not to assign people. Remember, God's call is always an invitation to partner Him. We trust His Spirit will call those whom He has prepared.

**Q: Will this initiative eventually develop into a church-plant? Or are we channelling people back to main church once they receive Christ?**

While this initiative is akin to a church-plant, there are no plans currently to establish it as a preaching point (and form a new church eventually).

As for the new friends who do join us and eventually stay, the existing programmes in church are sufficient to disciple them further (e.g. New Life Class, Baptism & Membership Class, Cell Groups).

Having said so, we remain cognizant that all plans remain tentative in light of God's leading.

**Q: The call is clearly for committed kingdom partners & to reach out to the 6 groups of people identified. If I just want to attend Friends@HUB for myself or just to bring a friend on one or two occasions, is that OK?**

A: Of course! We welcome everyone, including our own worshippers who may need a refreshing / healing touch from Jesus too. Our prayer is that once you encounter Jesus, you will also be stirred to bring others to encounter Him.