

# Covenant

*DNA of Christ's Disciple*



**AUGUST 2021**

## Monthly Bulletin

***Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. John 4:34***

With the onset of COVID, many typical church outreach events have been interrupted. Moreover, it is now more challenging to invite pre-believers for church service, and the many mission trips that CPC had been doing are now on indefinite hold.

We may conclude this is not a season for harvest. However, perhaps God is calling us to rethink how we look at the harvest field, and how we bring in the harvest. The span of 4 months is typically the time between sowing and reaping – the disciples thought that they had plenty of work to do in preparing people (sowing) before these people could be reaped. Perhaps we may think the same way, feeling overwhelmed by the work we need to do 'open the door' and the lack of resources/ability on our part. But if we lift our spiritual eyes to the harvest field– we will see that they are already white for harvest.

Many Covenanters have pivoted to the paradigm of reaching out to people at the individual or small group level, and bringing them to Christ, rather than just the church. Some of us have been doing this way before COVID.

Some have been doing this through church programmes, such as Project Care & Share, or the Local Mission Training. Others have been doing it on their own initiative – reaching out to the disadvantaged, or to their circle of colleagues, loved ones and friends. Here are two testimonies from Covenanters to encourage us – the fields are indeed white for harvest!

***Welcome!***

*During this unusual time when we cannot all come together for worship, we can still be part of a worshipping community. We invite you to join us at our live worship service by pre-registration at the church's website <https://www.cplink.org.sg/>. You may join our live-streaming services online*

Worship Time	
English Services	11.00am
Chinese Service	9.30am
Sri Lankan Service	2.00pm

*via our website. We hope you can also connect with our Life Groups. Please contact one of our Pastoral Staff if you like to join a Life Group. We are still meeting and connecting through various digital platforms.*

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*We want to grow in Christlikeness through devotion and delight in God, nurturing devotion and delight in God, nurturing relationships and intentionally multiplying disciplemakers.*

### **Write up by Richard Chew**

Mdm. K. - Homebased Tailor, staying alone in a rental unit

We thank God for giving our Cell Group the boldness to do outreach at the community. When we visited Mdm. K., she was depressed, anxious, fearful and stressed. For almost a year, she was fearful to step out of her house as she was afraid that people in the street might scold or attack her. She often heard noises at home, resulting in poor sleep. She also couldn't perform the tailoring jobs well and had to pay money for her mistakes. Due to her emotional issues, her hands were constantly trembling and she had to take medication. She lamented that the medicine was expensive.

When we spoke to her about Jesus, she asked, "Can Jesus heal my sickness?" and we told her that Jesus loved her and wanted to build a relationship with her. So we spent time ministering to her, sharing Jesus' Love, reading the scriptures, and praying for healing and deliverance. She told us that, after the 4<sup>th</sup> meet up session, that she was set free from fear. She was no longer afraid to go out of the house. She said that the thing that trapped her was not there anymore. It was as if she was set free. In fact, for almost 6 months, she did not have to take the medicine, her hands had stopped trembling, and there was zero mistake in her tailoring jobs. She was no longer affected by the noises and was able to sleep well. She had a cheerful countenance. Praise God!

She shared that people who came and asked her to go to church did not share with her about Jesus. And she was afraid to go to church as she felt that she was different from others, and might not understand what they said. She thanked us for visiting her regularly, praying for her, and sharing about Jesus who has set her free. We thank God for Who He is and what He had done for her. Mdm. K. also prayed to receive Christ. All Glory to God!

*The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on Me (Jesus), because the LORD has anointed Me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent Me to bind up the Broken hearted, to proclaim Freedom for the Captives and release from Darkness for the Prisoners (Isaiah 61:1). Thank You Lord Jesus.*

### **Write up by Christina Chua**

"The Care and Share Project" is a platform for us to reach out to the residents of Blk 47 Owen Road. Being reminded of the Great Commission and knowing that faith without works is dead, our LG has been building relationships with the residents, and show God's love through practical acts of kindness such as giving food, vouchers, providing a listening ear and even praying for them.

Most of the residents are very welcoming, one of them is Mdm Seah. The first visit already indicated to me it was a heavenly open door - she shared openly about her family situation and the frequent leg pain. She allowed me to pray for her and was grateful for our help.

I am reminded of Galatians 6:9, “*And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up*”. Knowing that Mdm Seah is friendly and open to conversation, I began to pray for her salvation. The day of fulfilment to Galatians 6:9 came when we distributed the food voucher to Mdm Seah.

I thank God for brother Steven Neo who partnered with me in praying for Mdm Seah while I shared the gospel in Mandarin with her. She believed and prayed to receive Jesus as her personal Lord and Saviour. Amazingly, her son also came to visit her that moment and Steven shared the gospel with him. He received Jesus too. Praise the Lord! It was a harvest of two souls in the same household on that day! The Holy Spirit had done it beyond our expectations!

During the next visit to Mdm Seah, she even told us that there is less pain on her leg and went on to say a heartfelt prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord. Let's remember them in our prayers. Glory to the Lord!"

~ ~ *Pr Lionel Neo* ~ ~

## 2020

- Marriage Preparation/Enrichment : 25 couples
- 婚前和婚姻辅导: 25对
- Happy Clubs: 70 elderly participants in 3 centres
- 开心俱乐部: 3个乐龄中心, 70位乐龄人士
- Project Care & Share: reaching 110 households in a rental block
- 关怀分享项目: 协助一座租赁组屋的110户家庭

## 2021

- Continue reaching out to couples 继续帮助婚前伴侣
- Continue reaching elderly folks through Happy Club
- 继续帮助开心俱乐部的乐龄人士
- Project Care & Share: support 30 families monthly, helping in painting and cleaning projects
- 关怀分享项目: 支助30个家庭、帮忙油漆和清洗住家项目

**CAREWORKS**  
community services  
社区关怀服务

"We Care through our Works"



Amount Needed for  
2021  
所需要的经费  
\$50000

The highlight for Careworks 2021 is **Project Care & Share**. In mid-April 2021, several BAGs and CPC members helped to distribute the \$50 vouchers to 30 households in a rental block at Owen Road. Most of the recipients were pleasantly surprised and grateful for the gesture. We are starting to see some residents warming up to our church volunteers. A few weeks ago, Bro Phillip Yeo brought one of the elderly residents to the Chinese service. Careworks is thankful to CPC for this partnership.

Amid the new adjustment and living the new normal, we are thankful for many opportunities to be engaged in the communities as well as with individuals forming new families and strengthening existing families. We are happy to fulfil our calling to care through our works and "do to the least of these" (Matthew 25:40-45).

The mission collection for August 2021 we are collecting for **Careworks Community Services**. Closing date is 8 Aug 2021. Please refer to the bank details below for Mission giving.

## MISSION COLLECTION

### AUG 2021 for Careworks Community Services

Cheque issue to: **COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - MC**

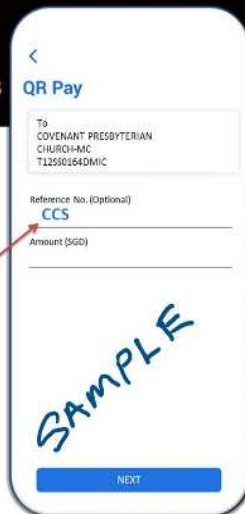
UEN No for mission: **T125S0164DMIC**

Mission Bank Account: **025-905374-0**



Please indicate ONLY the Mission Collection Code as shown here:

**CCS**



# GIVING

Kindly take note of the separate bank accounts for Tithe and Offering.

## TITHE



*Please key in your tithing number at the reference section. If you are unsure of or do not a tithing number, you may drop us an email at the church website. under “Request” tab and we will get back to you.*

### INTERNET TRANSFER

DBS Current Account: **025-905375-8**

Cheque payable to: **Covenant Presbyterian Church - Tith**

UEN no. **T12SS0164DTTH**

## OFFERING



*Please key in only the alphabet at the reference section as follows :*

*“E” for English Service  
“C” for Chinese Service  
“SL” for Sri Lankan Service*

### INTERNET TRANSFER

DBS Current Account: **033-016873-0**

Cheque payable to : **Covenant Presbyterian Church**

UEN no. **T12SS0164D**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✚ CPC Prayer Meeting (Fresh Fire) on **13 Aug (Fri) @ 8pm** via Zoom, the details as follow:  
Meeting ID : 961 9706 7682 Password: 881688
- ✚ Adult and Infant Baptism on 29 Aug (Sun).  
Adult Baptism @ 9am and Infant Baptism @ 11am.



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## Sri Lankan Service

Ps Susantha

## Chinese Service

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## CareWorks Community Services

Rev Dr Henry Wong

## Gladiolus Place

Michelle Tan

## Ministry Team Leaders

### *Creche*

Kong Soh Lian

### *Children*

Pr Lionel Neo

### *Youth and Young Adult (YaYA)*

Ps Michael Low

Aruneeporn Ng, Jasmine Tan

Audrey Wong

### *Young Working Adult & Young Married*

Rev Dr Henry Wong

### *Adults & Seniors*

Rev Keith Lai/ Ps Lai Mui Fong

### *Hospitality*

Tony Ng

### *Worship*

Arthur Lim

### *Missions*

Ps Lai Mui Fong

### *Prayer / Outreach*

Rev Dr Henry Wong

### *Freedom & Wholeness*

Alfred & Jenny Koay

### *GB / BB*

Pr Lionel Neo

### *Chinese Seniors Alpha Course*

Pr Chin Yoke Fen

### *Day Alone with the Lord*

Ps Lai Mui Fong