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At Sun Ho's ordination, her husband, CHC's senior pastor Kong Hee presented her with his very first Bible.

A SEASON FOR EVERYTHING

As 2015 comes to a close, *City News Weekly* looks back on one of the most challenging yet significant years in the history of City Harvest Church.

By **THERESA TAN**

2015 has been a good year for most Singaporeans. This is the nation's 50th year as an independent state. There have been plenty of freebies and bonuses for every

Singaporean, from babies to the "Pioneer Generation". That the nation's founding father Mr Lee Kuan Yew passed away in March before the National Day celebra-

tions was a tragedy that knit the nation together as one.

For City Harvest Church, however, it has been a difficult year. The church had

held on to its faith and carried on its good works while its pastors and leaders were

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first investigated, then put through three years of trial proceedings. This was the year that the trial it endured came to an end on Oct 21, when the court found all six in the case to be guilty of all charges. In a turn of events, following the sentencing on Nov 20, the prosecution decided to appeal for longer sentences than the State Court had meted. The six have decided to appeal their convictions and sentences, and this will be heard at the Appeal Court next year. All these happenings were followed in detail by the media, with the public lighting up social media with unkind remarks.

These are circumstances that could easily fell an organization, but by the grace of God, CHC stands, having done all. The church board and the management team have actively put in place tighter measures and stronger governance over the past five years, to better protect the church. The staff and the congregation have done everything in their power—prayed, fasted, confessed positively, believed, trusted—to keep the faith and to strengthen the members of the church.

As the Bible says in 1 Cor 10:13, God will not let believers be tempted beyond what they can bear. Indeed, godly friends have come alongside to strengthen the congregation like ministering angels, bringing timely messages and powerful reminders of the destiny CHC has in Christ.

We take a look back at the seasons of a year in which God's grace ruled and reigned in the hearts and minds of a church under fire.

THE TRANSITION GENERATION

At the first service of the year, on Jan 3-4, Paul Scanlon, the founder of Life Church UK brought an extraordinary message titled "The Transition



From left: Paul Scanlon; Leo Bigger and Robi Sonderegger; AR Bernard.

Generation".

He told the church: "We are in the ... season of transition. Most people are lost during this season—it's neither win-



CHC lives by "Church Without Walls"—bringing the love of Christ beyond the four walls of the church—and this will be practised more than ever in the coming years with the CHC2.0 leadership.

ter nor summer... there is no definition for this season: we don't know what to wear, what to think. Many of us don't survive it. Its ingredients are negative: fear, insecurity, panic.

"[T]here is something you are supposed to pick up: the seed. You will need it where you are going. It's as if there are

generation that will bridge the before and after. You continue the narrative, the story of CHC."

These were powerful words to hold on to for a congregation that had practised "longsuffering". When Dr Robi Sonderegger, with Swiss pastor Leo Bigger, spoke a few weeks later on "Con-

comes your way; be strong. Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might."

CARRYING ON THE GOOD WORKS

In Nehemiah, the people continued their work to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, even though they knew their

"It's as if there are two CHCs: the one before the trial, and the church after the trial. It's like 9/11—the world was different after. You have become the most important generation CHC has ever had... You are a bridge, you are the people alive during the transition, the generation that will bridge the before and after. You continue the narrative, the story of CHC." ~ Paul Scanlon

two CHCs: the one before the trial, and the church after the trial. It's like 9/11—the world was different after. You have become the most important generation CHC has ever had. No previous generation has had to navigate the last four years.

"God wants you to own it, and to

quering Giants", he fortified Scanlon's message with a reminder for CHC to persevere. David brought five stones with him to kill Goliath, not because he thought he would miss, but because he would be ready for any other giants that might come along after Goliath.

CHC's advisory chairman Dr AR Bernard, senior pastor of Christian Cultural Center in Brooklyn, New York, went further. In a Feb 3 leaders' meeting with pastors, zone leaders and cell group leaders, he forewarned them about becoming tired. "This is ... the last lap for you and that's why you have to be strongest when you're running to-

enemies were coming. Each man held a spear in one hand and a tool in the other, and work did not stop.

In the same way, the church continued its work—bringing hope and help to the needy, being salt and light where there was darkness. Disaster relief work continued to places like Nepal: CHC partnered with Crisis Relief Singapore on multiple trips in April and May this year to bring six medical teams to Sindhupalchowk and Gorkha areas which were hemmed in after the April 25 earthquake. Back home, the equipping of missionaries continued with the School of Theology welcoming its 21st intake of students for yet another year of great discipleship and learning.

CHC's youth movement Emerge kept the young on fire with Emerge Nights, and of course, the annual Emerge camps, culminating in Emerge Weekend on the first week of July. Kong brought the young ones back to the importance of being in "the secret place" with God. Guest performers Benjamin and Narelle Kheng of the popular folktronica quartet The Sam Willows were leading the congregation in 'As The Deer' when the Holy Spirit touched Narelle, and her tears brought



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A. The Chinese Leadership And Revival Seminar drew 300 Christian leaders from the Chinese-speaking world. B. A parade of the provinces of China. C. Rev Dr Chan Kim Kwong spoke on reaching Chinese expatriates. D. Emerge 2015 gave the youth of CHC a fresh vision. E. Kong emphasized the importance of being alone with God. F. Benjamin and Narelle Kheng of The Sam Willows performed at Emerge.

down the presence of God, making Emerge 2015 unforgettable.

GOING ON TO MATURITY: CHC 2.0

Over the last few years, the congregation was reminded repeatedly that CHC is still a young church. However, it was becoming increasingly evident that the church had to ensure its longevity with a sound succession plan. It was—and still is—imperative that the destiny God has for CHC be fulfilled.

Part of this destiny is the role CHC plays in bringing the Gospel to the Chinese-speaking world. June marked the

church's first ever Chinese Leadership And Revival Seminar which was attended by 300 Christian leaders from Hong Kong, Taiwan, Macau and China, as well as Chinese expatriates living in Singapore. Together with guest speaker Rev Dr Chan Kim Kwong, executive secretary of the Hong Kong Christian Council, Kong imparted his knowledge and revelations about reaching the lost in these countries, and exhorted Chinese expatriates in Singapore to share the Good News with the thousands of Chinese working and living in Singapore.

The 26th anniversary celebrations of CHC on August 22 and 23 were bitter-

Harvest Kidz *Eileen Toh, pastor:*

"It has been a good year for Harvest Kidz—God's grace has come through for us again and again throughout this year. Our Big Day celebrations, including Children's Day, saw an attendance of 4,324 (not counting Christmas), and we witnessed 1,649 salvations—125 of them were parents of kids, and the rest were children.

Glory to God! We encountered some challenges this year, particularly when the haze hit Singapore, but miraculously, during the event days, the haze dropped to a moderate range—God did it for us and the children came! We are really thankful to Jesus for being there for us always and being the source of our strength. For 2016, we hope to be able to find an extra \$20,000 to help the needy kids who are in Harvest Kidz."



JAMs Church *Lily Yong, pastor:*



"For Jesus For All Minds (JAMs) Church, 2015 has been a year of spiritual encounters, through God's Word. We set out to encourage our members to encounter and experience God in a greater way. We taught them to love God's Word, through a simple Bible-reading program on the Book of Philippians, and to be overcomers in our Break-

through series, which demonstrated how great men and women of faith were victorious in God. There was also the Road To Damascus, an activity where the members had to journey through different stations, overcoming obstacles along the way. In 2016, the team and I want to be stronger and closer to each other, to strengthen our visitation program and bond with our members' families, to see our members having a stronger and closer walk with God, and very importantly, to recruit more volunteers because this is a very labor-intensive ministry!"

Dialect Church *Maria Tok, pastor:*

"This year, we had some firsts: recently we put up our first musical drama for Christmas, titled *God Hears*. Earlier this year, we also did some Bible study series, including homework for the elderly! We also did more outreach events this year than any other year: we conducted 10 events at 10 centers, reached 635 people within two short weeks! All in, it was a good year for Dialect Church: our elderly members love the Word of God more than ever, and despite the trial, our members are rooted in church. What makes us sad is that many of them passed away this year from old age. For 2016, we look forward to a greater harvest as Singapore's aging population grows!"



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sweet. Kong had begun at the start of August to prepare the church for leadership renewal, in view of the verdict of the trial that would come in October. He distilled 15 paradigms that encapsulated all that CHC stood for—without the combination of these 15 paradigms, without remembering the destiny given to it, CHC would no longer be the church God shaped over the last 26 years. The anniversary also marked the ordination of Sun Ho, Kong's wife, who, despite having served faithfully by her husband's side, had not been ordained till Aug 23.

In CHC 2.0, the church is co-led by its co-founder Ho, executive pastors Aries Zulkarnain and Bobby Chaw, together with the church board, heads of department and ministry leaders.

TRUST IN THE LORD

The final quarter of the year marked the hardest time the church had had to endure, possibly in all its short history, when the six were found guilty.

Some members expressed disappointment, others hope

that the sentence would nevertheless be light. What was significant was that the church was packed that weekend after the verdict. Kong bowed and apologized to his congregation for taking them through such a hard time for so many years, causing many to weep. He told the church that for them, the time of suffering had now come to an end.

AR Bernard returned that season to address the church, first on the importance of peace and then to set the people's sights on the future of the church and its destiny. He said, "For the believer, peace is not the absence of trials and tribulations, suffering, persecution or pressure, but the presence of trust in God. If you're not experiencing peace, it's because your trust is not in God... By deciding to focus on God, an inexplicable peace will overwhelm you; one that protects your heart, emotions, mind, thoughts and brings calmness and stillness. No matter how your future looks like, you know God is in control and He always has your best interests at heart."

On Nov 20, the six returned to court for the sentencing, which ranged from 21 months to eight years. However, the following week the Attorney-General's Chambers filed notice of an appeal to lengthen the sentences. The six will be filing their appeals on Jan 18, 2016.

Amidst the rollercoaster emotions that the church experienced these three months, God kept bringing messengers of hope: Dr Yonggi Cho, who sent a video greeting that spoke faith and hope into the church, pastors Johnny and Tina Seragih whose work in their church in Indonesia reminded CHC of the good works that it has helped inspire and support, and pastors Casey and Wendy Treat, who brought the people back to the foundation stones that every Christian must hold on to, among them the will to transition gracefully from one stage to the next. "Don't miss the



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A brother is born for adversity: Phil Pringle with Kong and Ho.

good, acceptable, perfect will of God," said Treat.

In spite of all he is going through personally, Kong has been focusing on building his people's faith with sermons on Faith, Trust and Rest—teaching the congregation how to go beyond faith to complete trust in God, and how to keep oneself from doubt, unbelief and worst of all, a hardened heart.

As the church stands on the dawn of a new year, of what lies in the coming months,

only God has knowledge. But CHC will certainly hold on to the verse that its senior pastor has drawn from many times this year:

*Trust in the Lord with
all your heart,
And lean not on your own
understanding.
In all your ways
acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your
paths.
~ Prov 3:5 (NKJV)*

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Praising God In All Seasons

Revisiting foundational truths of being followers of Christ, City Worship's songwriters have written a series of new praise and worship songs.

By **INESSABELLE LEE**



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Writing new songs: (clockwise from top left) Mark Kwan, Maximillian Low, Teo Poh Heng, Caroline Tjen and Annabel Soh.

"Worship builds an atmosphere for the Holy Spirit to move freely, bringing God's presence, healing, restoration, future and hope to the broken-hearted as we serve," says Mark Kwan, creative director of CityWorship, City Harvest Church's worship team. Growth, he says, is a deepening of the church's roots in God while widening and expanding its reach and impact on the world for Christ.

In this season of going deep, the songwriters in CityWorship have recently written a number of heartfelt compositions that have been sung at CHC's services. This is not new for CHC—the worship team has over the years put out a number of albums of self-penned songs. But the praise and worship of this season is different, having emerged from an extraordinarily challenging time for the church. "By God's grace, the members of CHC will emerge better and bolder worshippers, tested and refined like gold," says Kwan.

City News Weekly talks to the songwriters about the new songs penned during the season of trial and testing for the church.

'Miracle' by Teo Poh Heng
"Everyone needs a miracle in some ways. We just have to believe," says worship leader Teo Poh Heng. The song 'Miracle' was birthed

out of John 6:68-69, which says: "Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.'" A simple song that carries the immensely assuring message that God is faithful to complete the work that He has started, 'Miracle' sings of total dependency on a God who is able to work miracles in all circumstances.

Teo himself is a living testimony of the song's message; he once suffered a near-fatal electrocution while on a mission trip to Jakarta, an accident that earned him the name "Miracle Man" from his orthopedic surgeon for escaping death by the grace of God.

Asked about his favorite verse from the song, Poh replies, "It's 'How could I ever survive without Your presence in my life.' When I came to church for the first time, I did not understand what was happening but I love the worship. I was attracted by His presence and since then, His presence is what I long for and it's what I can't live without!"

Interesting fact:

The first song Teo penned, 'The Church Of Power' was one of the songs in CHC's debut praise and worship album *Against All Odds* (1994) and later on recorded by a

church in America as well.

'Unforsaken' by Mark Kwan

"The word 'unforsaken' came into my head in mid-2014," recalls Kwan. Inspired by the themes of humanity's weaknesses and the believer's hope in Christ for his future in 2 Corinthians 4, he penned the song as "an ode of encouragement to us as well as a tribute to what we represent as a church. It reminds us of our spiritual values as a family and the traits that make us uniquely CHC: an indomitable 'in-spite-of' faith, a wholehearted surrender and dependence on God, and a compassionate heart desiring to keep on impacting the world for Jesus.

"As a singer, I love the line in the song—"We rise again"—because there's always a lift in the spiritual atmosphere when the whole church declares that together. As a songwriter, I love the verses because they are so directive and straight to the point: Rise up! Stand up! Breathe again! Believe again! Absolutely bullet points for the faint and weary!"

Interesting fact:

Kwan's first songs were written for CHC's *Cross* album (2005); before that, he was a church editorial staff member.

'Called Out' and 'Till The End Of Time' by Annabel Soh and Caroline Tjen

'Called Out' comes from the name of the youth cell group which eventually grew into City Harvest Church, Ekklesia Ministry. "Ekklesia" is Greek for "called out ones". Drawing from 1 Peter 2:9, "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light," 'Called Out' is a song that reminds the church "of our ancient landmark, our original calling and purpose," says Soh. "The powerful thing about a self-composed song is that our heart and thoughts are written into it. We mean every word we wrote."

For co-songwriter Caroline Tjen, writing was a way out of depression. "After my mother went to be with the Lord, my fast-paced life resumed. Through experiencing the pain of losing her, encountering unfair treatments in life and seeing the trials our church is going through, I spiralled into depression," she says.

God helped her to release her pain and renew her commitment to love Him through His Word in Psalm 23 and Deuteronomy 31:6, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." These words inspired her to co-write 'Till The End Of Time' with Soh.

"This song reminds us that God's presence will strengthen us and He's always with us, even in our darkest moments," says Tjen. "His perfect love never fails to

dispel our fears and carry us till the very end. This shall be the anthem for the 'end chapter of my life' when I walk down the 'runway of Heaven' into His glorious light."

Interesting facts:

Many years ago, Phil Pringle, CHC's advisory pastor, prophesied over Soh that God would give her an anointing to write songs that even angels would stand in awe to listen to. Since then, she has received words and melodies in her sleep, which she pens when she awakes. Tjen is the songwriter of the popular worship song, 'Come Holy Spirit', recorded for CHC's *Cross* album.

'Rejoice' by Maximillian Low

This rousing praise song flies in the face of hardship and life's turbulence. The inspiration for the song came when Maximillian Low was praying for the church after coming across negative comments online about the CHC trial. "Philippians 4:4, 'Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!' came to mind, and the melody of the chorus flowed out naturally," he recalls, adding that he drew from the story in the book of Daniel about Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who refused to worship King Nebuchadnezzar and were sentenced to death by fiery furnace. Amid the fiery flames, the king saw a fourth man resembling the Son of God with them in the furnace. Ultimately the three men emerged unhurt, not even smelling of smoke.

"The Lord we serve is always with us even during the worst of times," says Low. "People will see Him in the midst of us too! Choose, decide and commit to rejoice in who He is, who He has been, and who He will be in our lives."

Interesting fact: Low's love for songwriting developed from essay-writing during his secondary school days.



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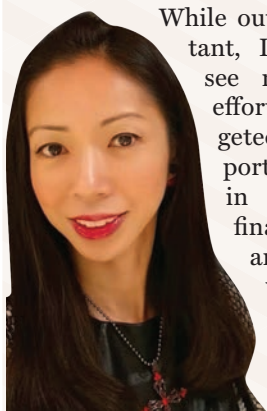
My Wish For 2016

City News Weekly asks members what they would like for City Harvest Church in the new year.

By **REUEL EUGENE TAY, ELEANOR TAN, ANNIE WONG AND YONG YUNG SHIN**

I hope to see greater growth in church, greater evangelism, especially among the children. Going forward, I see myself supporting the church by moving toward e-learning, reaching out to others through technology. I'm thinking not just about what we have in church right now, but something more interactive online. At the same time, I want to help develop a more structured course for Harvest Kidz. It has to motivate and be more captivating, featuring a variety of media. We have tried teaching using iPads but I think we can do more next year."

Michael Choy, e-learning developer & Harvest Kidz volunteer



While outreach is important, I would like to see more "in-reach" efforts with a targeted focus on supporting members in areas such as finance, education and marriage. It would be good to have official channels or structures to help troubled members, like scholarship assistance schemes or a marriage counseling team with professionally-trained counselors.

▲ **Hazel Tan**, Consultant

The greatest thing we can hope for is revival in all the cell groups and zones, because we're all called to be soul winners. We can each play a part by praying and fasting more fervently; yet it's not because of how much we pray or fast, but how much we want people to come to know Christ.

Hiew Ziwei, polytechnic student

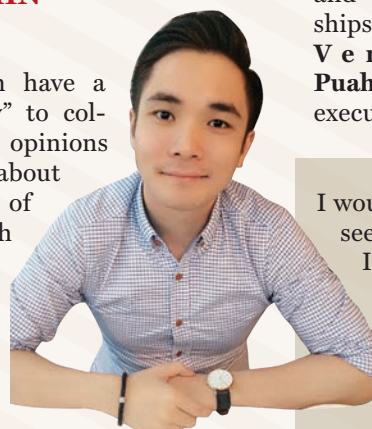
I hope for the church to regain financial stability and for members to level up spiritually. I also wish for more singles in church to find their life partners!

► **Phoebe Sung**, graphic designer



Perhaps we can have a "survey ministry" to collate or obtain opinions from members about specific areas of church life, which doubles as a feedback portal for members to make suggestions. This may help to provide the church leadership with a more defined, on-the-ground understanding of what members feel or think about the goings-on within the church family.

Yong Kar Ho, ▲ student



I hope the Lord will give this church His favor—be it in greater unity, greater maturity, or whatever blessings that are in the hearts of its members. As for me, I want to see my family firmly planted in church and flourish, and that my three daughters will be faithful and continue to serve their cell groups.

Michael Yee, civil servant

I would like to see more consistency in the message and our actions. Consistency is strength: when you learn how to do things regularly and consistently, that is a strength. Be consistent, by just showing up each week.

It's encouraging for others to see others coming [to church and to cell group]. You don't see the impact of your own actions and presence, but people do take notice. Encourage members who are down, help people—your presence makes a difference.

Ngeow Yin Teen, ▲ administrative manager



I would like to see more members being more confident to move in the Spirit, speaking words of encouragement and prophecy over each other, really asking to be led by the Spirit for a Bible verse or words that will speak to the person's heart. It takes more effort and courage!

Sharon Chew, sales director

It would be good if we can have more structured and regular resources or tools that are geared toward the building up of healthy family life and relationships.

Venetia Puah, ► executive PA



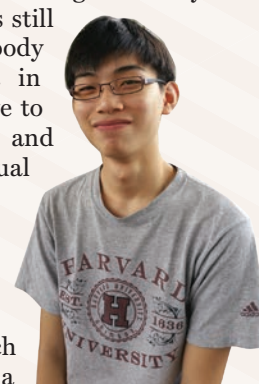
I would like to see unity in the church once again.

I've been in CHC for 14, 15 years, this is really a home to me. Of course, the trial has been quite long, and for unity to be strengthened, I believe it starts with each cell group. Go back to the basics, care for one another, love one another. I believe the reason people are still here is that they still love and believe in the church; a lot of them grew up here.

Jasmine Liow, executive secretary

I would like to see everybody still okay: church still running every weekend, cell groups still growing, and everybody continuing to trust in the Lord. I will strive to be okay myself too, and to keep serving Visual Comms faithfully.

► **Bruce Ng**, student



In the coming year, I hope to see church members have a deeper devotion to God and more genuine relationships with one another. We have to start in the cell group, to build an environment where people can love one another even if they get hurt. For me, I intend to spend some time meeting my cell group members for meals, and to be more available for them. At the same time, I will make it a point to attend all overnight prayer meetings, worship nights and pre-service prayer meetings. Also, I think it is important for everyone, me included, to decide on really having an encounter with God in every single meeting."

Shirley Soon, ▼ educator



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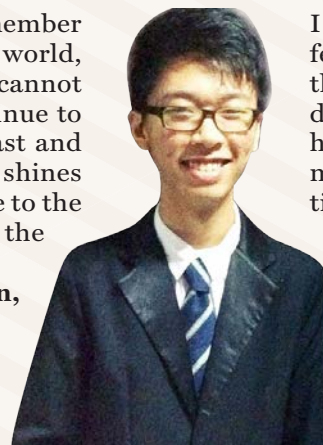
I hope to see the church more united and growing in love. When we start to grow in prayer as a church and we begin to put others' needs before that of our own, and care for others more. Although we have very busy lives, I feel we can afford to care more practically for one another.

► **Brenda Lee**, undergraduate



My wish is that CHC will remember always that it is the light of the world, a city that is set on a hill that cannot be hidden. I pray CHC will continue to be a Lighthouse in 2016, steadfast and immovable. A light that shines in darkness, a guide to the lost and peace to the fearful.

◀ **Ong Wei Ren**, zone supervisor



I hope to see families and friends of fellow members get saved, and for the church to grow more united and deeper in our walk with God. I myself hope to contribute by reaching out to my own loved ones and at the same time, to help integrate fellow members' loved ones into church. I'd like to serve in Harvest Kidz more frequently, to touch the lives of more kids.

◀ **Chian Tingen**, polytechnic student

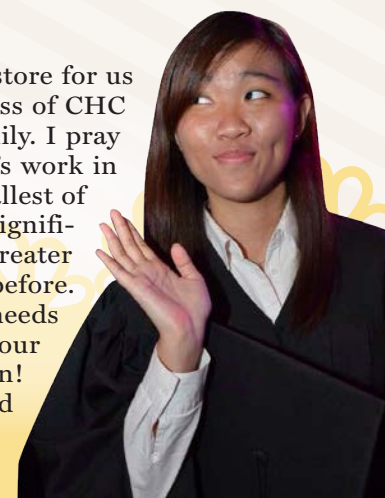
New leadership. I hope to see new youth rising up. When younger leaders rise up it keeps the church leadership fresh, and this will definitely bring about self-renewal. For me, I can help by taking more initiative on my part.

J a m e s Tan, student



I know God has great things in store for us and I can't wait to see the fullness of CHC 2.0 take place in the church family. I pray that we will continue to do God's work in the coming year, even in the smallest of ways. Nothing is too small or insignificant. With that, I hope to see greater growth in the church like never before. I will play my part by finding needs to meet and hurts to heal. So, to our dearest church family, push on! Let's never get tired of doing good works!

► **Jermaine Goh**, undergraduate



As the church goes through a tough season, I hope members will unite their hearts and stand strong together with the church. As for me, I will continue to attend cell group and church service; I believe our attendance will not just encourage our leaders but honor God and the leaders He puts above us.

► **Vivienne Leaw**, financial services consultant



I hope to see our church continue to spread the good news of the Gospel, to be salt and light in our community. I also hope to see our church staying strong and united. I like to think that I can share the Gospel with my community of friends and contacts, bearing good testimonies for Christ. Together with many other members of the church family, we can look out for the needs of others and serve those needs.

Koh Chye Soon, educator

In 2016, our wish is to see CHC2.0 like the (re)birth of the Church in Acts, a testament of deeper unity, heralding a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and of course, greater acts to follow from the sons and daughters of the house.

► **Wayne Choong**, zone supervisor and **Wong Yu Lan**, specialist teaching associate



I hope to see my cell group grow, not just in number, but also in our walk with God, and in love for each other. I can contribute to this by encouraging everyone to love God and each other more, to create a cell group culture that is comfortable and friendly for new friends to join us.

► **Tan Hwee Jing**, undergraduate



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MISSION INCREDIBLE

What started as one-off mission trips for these School of Theology alumni turned into long-term partnerships with local churches in Indonesia and Cambodia with far-reaching impact.

By YONG YUNG SHIN WITH ADDITIONAL REPORTING BY KOH LITING

INDONESIA

It was in August 2012 when then-School of Theology student Chua Kim Peng and his team members went on a mission trip to Indonesia. On that trip, Chua witnessed the Word come to life as he found himself a vessel of healing and deliverance for the locals they ministered to.

Having caught the “mission bug”, Chua and his fellow team members sought the advice of CHC’s deputy senior pastor Tan Ye Peng, who suggested that they adopt a local church instead of spreading their resources among multiple locations.

They followed his advice and since 2012, the group has grown from five to about 80 members. This year alone, 13 trips were made—so far the group has made 25 trips in total to select churches in Indonesia.

All the members are working professionals, and surprisingly, none are cell group leaders or full-time church workers. “The Lord brought us together as one body with one thing in common: we are available to serve God,” says Chua. He observes that the strong culture of discipleship and accountability taught at CHC has been an enabling factor for various ones to “step up and anchor something.” Chua himself is a father of three and a managing partner at one of the largest financial advisory firms in Singapore.

IMPACTING GENERATIONS

One area the team has been sowing into is Mount Bromo near the small city of Probolinggo in East Java. Although they had been ministering at GBI Bukit Sion before, it was this year, during a trip from Apr 17 to 21 that they experienced exciting breakthroughs. The team ministered to a cell group and saw two salvations; it was a significant breakthrough because of the demonic stronghold in the area; Mount Bromo is a well-known volcanic crater that used to see human sacrifices as recently as 20 years ago.

Taking authority over the oppressive forces, Chua and his team started having prayer walks around the area, ascending the 242-step slope to the crater of the active volcano and breaking the spiritual strongholds of darkness by confessing God’s love over His people there. This time, they felt a significant lift in the spiritual atmosphere, confirmed by many signs and wonders.

“During this April trip, we saw a lady



Chua (in orange) and his team prayed over a bed-ridden man; he got up five days later.

walk into the church with crutches and leaving totally healed, a bed-ridden man sitting upright once again, and a village that was once inaccessible welcomed us to minister at its school. I realized what a great victory the Lord has given us,” recalls property agent Yap Wei Siang. “On a personal note, I ended the trip knowing my true identity, that in the Lord’s eyes, I’m not a servant but a son, a child of the Most High God.”

Says Chua, “This trip marked a major milestone in our ministry, not just because we preached at a major event and received a record number of decisions, nor because of the miracles, signs and wonders. More importantly, this trip confirmed the calling and vocation of our ministry, an evangelistic ministry to reach out to the lost and win them for the Lord. It was not just a spiritual awakening for Probolinggo or each member on the team, but for our mission ministry.”

As the team formed deep, genuine relationships with GBI Bukit Sion’s leadership and in particular, senior pastor Daud Ruku and his wife, they learned about the burden he had to build a primary school in the area. While Ruku and his family had self-funded a Christian pre-school in the area, the students who were taught Biblical values since young had to later on continue their education in a state-run primary school which observes religious

practices of another faith, thus undermining the spiritual foundation that had been built earlier. The other option for the young was a private Catholic school, which was beyond the means of most in the local community.

Most recently, God led them to a plot of land, and Chua and his team, upon receiving blessings from Ruku, took the initiative to raise \$50,000 for the land purchase and construction through donations. The land bid was eventually secured by a narrow margin, and construction commences soon to erect a primary school with a capacity for 60 students. While it will be registered with the government and open to the public, it has been given approval to conduct classes underpinned by Christian values.

The school will be self-sustainable with student sponsorship frameworks in place (approximately \$10 per child a month) from Singaporean supporters,

and the project will allow Ruku and his church to impact generations to come, as batches of students pass through the school’s gates every year, grounded in God’s Word.

BEING SALT & LIGHT

At another province, Ranupani, the team saw over 200 salvation decisions in the last two years or so. Again, it was not just spiritual needs that were met but practical ones, including the installation of a water filtration system and solar panels in the homes of the local members.

It was in this place that the team encountered a young girl who received the Good News of Christ with such joy and thanksgiving that she promptly followed the team around to other villages as a translator, which was an immense help as some of the villagers spoke in uncommon dialects that only she knew.

“The Lord has called us to East Java, added to our team and opened many doors for us,” says Chua. “We find ourselves part of something bigger, doing Kingdom work; and as we serve, we have witnessed spiritual fruit in our own lives: families and marriages strengthened, relationships and careers flourish.”

Senior marketing executive Mabel Heng adds, “This trip has renewed my vision and purpose in Christ: my gifts from the Holy Spirit were exercised and I really experienced God’s presence in a tangible manner. I found myself growing closer to the Lord each day, learning to be yielded to Him and deepening my



The mission team praying over the land for demonic strongholds to be broken.

understanding of who He is and who I am in Christ. I found new amazing, inspiring friends, and most importantly I found God, the One who never left me nor forsook me, who has constant thoughts toward me, who desires for me a future and a hope.”

CHURCH & MISSIONS

CAMBODIA

MADCAM (Make-A-Difference-Cambodia) started as a mission trip by a group of students from CHC's School of Theology in 2013 as part of the course curriculum, explains team leader Jimmy Ong, 33. "That experience made an impact on all of us—seeing how God moved in us and through us. Since then, a group of us felt led to continue this volunteer-driven initiative beyond a one-off project."

After Ong and his cohort graduated from SOT, a handful of them, together with other like-minded volunteers, continued organizing mission trips to Holy Church in Lechwat Village, Phnom Penh, which comprises about 200 members and 100 youth and children.

The idea behind MADCAM is to put the Christian faith into practice beyond the church setting by "supporting the development of its ministry leaders and its infrastructure, and helping it be a channel of blessing to the community through humanitarian work," explains Ong, a civil servant by profession.

The group started by preaching and ministering during Holy Church's services, sharing Word and giving testimonies. Since then, the MADCAM committee of eight core volunteers—all working professionals

Holy Church to give to members in need. The shoes were collected as part of a self-initiated shoes donation drive by MADCAM volunteer, Xue Yong Zhi. A professional dance instructor who has been

MADCAM also conducts workshops for the church's youth to be trained in praise and worship as well as life skills such as grooming, studying techniques, and financial management. "Most importantly, we use Biblical principles contained within the Word of God as a basis for empowering them while carrying out these workshops," says Ong.

MADCAM also organizes and sponsors trips for select Cambodian youth leaders to visit Singapore; for several of them, it was their first flight experience. In their short time here, they were given the opportunity to be in a Bible School, and observe behind-the-scenes church operations. "Most importantly, they caught the vision for their own

church ministries, and gained ideas and confidence to empower their own people," said Ong.

Ultimately, the dual objective for MADCAM is connection and empowerment—to provide a platform for volunteers to practice their Christian faith and to empower the local church to be self-sustaining and a source of blessing to its community.

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Two events MADCAM conducted this year: a shoe donation drive and Holy Church Talent Time.

—has expanded its scope of support.

MADCAM organizes at least three trips per year to Cambodia, each time building on the spiritual foundation from previous trips, training and empowering Holy Church's staff and members to run their ministry effectively, while constantly observing material needs and providing practical aid.

Last month, a MADCAM team on a recent trip brought 50 pairs of shoes for

participating in MADCAM trips for the past three years, Xue observed that many of Holy Church's members did not have proper footwear; walking around barefooted exposed them to injuries, especially the youth who were actively involved in the dance ministry. Seeing the need, he spearheaded a donation drive, from designing of the posters to rallying for support, coordinating collection efforts, and packing of the donated shoes.

This Little Light Of Mine

A group of Christian kids, accompanied by eight teachers and volunteers, flew to Indonesia on a mission to bring joy to the needy.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE HARVEST KIDZ TEAM

CHC's young missionaries praying for a family living in a slum area; bringing joy to the kids of CWWC.

One is never too young to share the Good News with those who need it. Harvest Kidz, City Harvest Church's children's church, conducted its third Kidz In Mission trip from Nov 26 to 29 with 14 children aged between 10 and 13 and eight adults, mostly teachers and volunteers from Harvest Kidz. This was Harvest Kidz's first mission trip to Jakarta; previous missions had been to Batam. The team worked with an affiliate of CHC, Gekari Kota Tanpa Tembok or Church Without Walls Church (CWWC).

Over four days, the children visited

and conducted many activities at places such as the Cancer Kids Foundation, an orphanage and a slum area.

At the foundation, the Singapore team brought gifts to bless children suffering from cancer, and conducted games and created balloon sculptures to entertain them. One of the Singaporean kids, Nicholas Teo, 11, even donated \$50 from his Edusave Award to the foundation. Although the foundation was secular, the teachers had opportunity pray a blessing of good health over the sick children. The team likewise brought entertainment and gifts to the

orphanage, and sang Christmas carols to bring festive cheer.

Nicole Soh, 13, was part of the praise and worship team, playing guitar alongside teacher Bryan Lee. To bring the gift of music was hard work—the team practiced hard all the carols they

would sing all four days. "On our final day, we headed to CWWC to get ready for our big day: performing for the main children's service and performing for the adults' service!" she said.

The part of the trip that had the greatest impact was the team's visit to the slums. The children witnessed how people lived in shanty towns built in the shadow of gleaming skyscraper, housed in shelters without running water, next to foul-smelling gutters clogged with rubbish. The Singaporean children brought packs of rice, milk, bread, and canned food for 15 families and

prayed for every household they visited. They lived out Acts 20:35 (NIV), "In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

"I saw that the people living in the slums are poor but they were happy because they have a shelter over their head," said Xavier Chee, 11. "I felt happy that I could buy groceries for the families and also pray them. Something I learned is to look at what I have and not what I don't have."

Ally Wai, 10, said, "I saw the way the people lived in the slum area and I felt blessed that I have a nice home. God told me that I am the salt and the light of this world. I can shine for Jesus and pray for these families."

The trip was an empowering experience for this group of young ones. They drew close to God in a daily time of reflection, and enjoyed the opportunities to bring the love of Christ to the sick and the struggling, and even to pray for those in need.

"We all learned to be grateful for the little things we have, like family and friends, because not everyone has the things we have," said Soh. "With that, I thank God for the opportunity to come to this mission trip."

~ Reporting by Wendy Wong & Nicole Soh

COMMUNITY

True Colours

This year, Servathon, CityCare's annual service marathon was all about adding colour to life through our impact on others.

By JONATHAN LIM

The theme of Servathon 2015, which happened on Dec 11, was "Colours Of Life". Every person lives his or her unique life like discrete points of lights. But when there is interaction, when our lives connect, there is an explosion of colours, and we encounter a spectrum of emotions and experiences.

The positive impact one has on the lives of others lay at the core of the service marathon, which ran for 12 hours. Servathon 2015 was jointly planned and run by 95 volunteers from CityCare and students from Caretalyt Clubs of Nanyang Technological University, Singapore Institute of Management, Singapore Management University and National University of Singapore.

CityCare is a social enterprise that promotes volunteerism in Singapore. Servathon is its flagship event, and this year's edition encouraged volunteers to add vibrancy to the lives of beneficiaries

and in turn, obtain new perspectives towards these communities. Starting from two different places—one at Gan Eng Seng School and another at New Charis Mission—the volunteers were split into two routes: each had to complete three different projects which targeted different groups of beneficiaries: people with disabilities, youths-at-risk, the elderly and children with chronic illnesses. These were Project Sparked (conducted twice), a sports clinic teaching youths-at-risk frisbee and tchoukball; Project Voila! which brought terminally-ill children a magic show by professional magicians plus Christmas crafts; Project Artidgo, a Christmas crafting session with people with disabilities; and Project Blue Skies, which catered to elderly folk suffering from dementia. Both routes converged at the Finale at Barclay's training room at 7pm.

Shao Tan, 21, a team leader from



PHOTOS COURTESY OF CITYCARE

Clockwise from top: The volunteers from Caretalyt Clubs at the Finale event; creating Christmas crafts with the elderly in Project Blue Skies; a karaoke session for persons with disabilities.

Threads Of Love

"I was naked and you clothed me," Jesus said in Matthew 25:26. This Christmas season, City Harvest Church members did just that. A churchwide drive called Threads of Love called for good-condition clothing for men, women and children, as well as toys, which would be delivered to people in disaster-stricken cities that CHC has supported in recent years. Threads of Love is a follow-up to the support the church has rendered to the people of the Philippines (following Typhoon Haiyan), India and Myanmar—this time to clothe the needy as temperatures dip at this time of year. CHC members donated nearly 2000kg of clothing and toys: 1000kg has made its way to the Philippines, and another 100kg to Myanmar.



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I found out that he has a stable job and he can use the iPhone!"

~ Shao Tan, NTU student

NTU, said, "It was the first time I had interacted with a blind person. Naturally, you feel that people with disabilities need more assistance, but he proved me wrong—they can be independent. I found out that he has a stable job and he can use the iPhone! Leaning on technology, people with disabilities can actually perform just like any other person."

One outstanding session was Project Illuminate, a small games carnival and performance planned for the beneficiaries from the Disabled People's Association (DPA). The beneficiaries completed all the carnival games and even put up performances for the volunteers! It was a very heart-warming sight as both volunteers and beneficiaries sung and clapped along to support one another during the performances.

Upon the completion of a project, a bottle of coloured sand was given to each volunteer. This symbolized a new experience gained, a life touched. At the

Servathon Finale, volunteers were given an empty glass bottle and they were instructed to fill it with the coloured sand. As there were seven different projects each participant collected seven colors of sand through the day. Participants interacted with volunteers from the other route to exchange the colours that they did not receive on their route. Each color of sand represented an experience shared.

Servathon volunteer Junity Tay, 23, a primary school teacher, found the event "a reflective process for me. The experience taught me that interacting with them was not tough. All I needed was the courage to take the first step to get to know them."

It was an intense 12 hours of service for the volunteers, but the lives they touched and the friendships they made did not end with the event. Already, many are looking forward to serve and learn again at Servathon 2016.

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Spreading The Cheer

Elderly neighbors in a Toa Payoh estate mingled with volunteers from a youth cell group and CHC's Dialect Church for a time of Christmas fellowship, fun and games.

By **BEVERLY NG**

You might have mistaken the source of all that noise at this Toa Payoh void deck for a bunch of rowdy teens and their shenanigans, but on Dec 4 at Toa Payoh Care Corner, it was a group of elderly neighbors from the area who were having a rollicking time with games, story-telling, jokes and more.

A Christmas outreach led by City Harvest Church's Dialect Church pastor Maria Tok, this event was supported by a cell group and their friends from

the church who went along to entertain the old folk and bring Christmas joy and goodies.

During a game called "Guess The Price", enthusiastic participants excitedly threw in their best bids for household goods like biscuits, Milo and instant noodles, even using their fans as bid paddles to indicate a higher or lower bid. Those who got the price right, beamed from ear to ear as they collected the food items, while those who did not get the price right laughed it off, eager for the next question. Smiling volunteers went around helping to facilitate the games.

Tok delivered a short but impactful Christmas message in Mandarin, Hokkien and Cantonese, which the elderly folk listened to attentively. The question-and-answer session that followed helped to reiterate that Jesus is the reason for the season. The participants answered questions about the birth of Christ, His ministry on earth, and how He conquered death. One elderly lady cheekily answered "Jurong!" when asked where Jesus was born, bringing on amused smiles and good-natured chuckles from her friends. The team ended by inviting all present to Dialect Church's special Christmas drama which was to happen the

around them so they never feel lonely."

According to cell group leader Johnson Hay, it was the first time they participated in such an outreach event for the elderly, and 15 members turned up for the event. The most fulfilling aspect of the outreach was seeing the smiles on the faces of the elderly as they received gifts and inter-



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Dialect Church volunteer Cai Yan provided Cantonese interpretation during the outreach event.

following weekend.

CHC member Marklin Ho, 27, said, "I feel this event is a great way to give back to the elderly and to bring smiles to them. I would definitely do this again. My Christmas wish for the elderly is for them to remain healthy and to always have friends

acted with each other, said Hay. Given the success of this outreach, Hay says there are plans for more such events, engaging different groups in the community. The motivating factor for this cell group? That more people would get to know Christ and experience His love and salvation.

12 Years A Blessing

Volunteer Sylvia Sit has helped CHCSA care for multiple sclerosis patients for a dozen years. She shares the art of volunteering.

By **SANDY POON**



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Sit (middle) in 2007, conducting a group activity with beneficiaries.

In 2003, MS Care was set up under City Harvest Community Services Association (CHCSA), to meet the socio-emotional needs of Multiple Sclerosis (MS) patients. MS is a potentially disabling illness that affects the spinal cord and brain, and there is no known

cure yet. Over the years, MS Care has emerged as one of Singapore's main support groups for MS patients and their families, working in partnership with organizations like the National University Health System and National Neuroscience Institute. Currently, MS Care has 15 active volunteers serving approximately 40 clients, says CHCSA counsellor Herman Lim.

On Oct 10 this year, MS Care celebrated its 12th anniversary with volunteers, beneficiaries and medical professionals at the National Museum. Among them was long-time volunteer Sylvia Sit, 41, a purchasing executive who has volunteered with MS Care since its inception. Voluntary work

in MS Care is challenging and time-consuming for working adults like Sit, who attributes her commitment to self-discipline and persistence and most importantly, God's strength.

Prior to being activated to serve, each volunteer learns to teach clients and their family members to administer treatment at home, and also to be more observant towards clients' on-going well-being, their needs at home and other issues that arise, such as financial difficulties arising from high medical costs.

Sit shares that though it is a challenging job, the rewards are rich. Over time, the relationship built with a client evolves from that of volunteer-beneficiary to friends; every catch-up session is filled with updates about each other's lives. The volunteers connect with clients' family members and pray together with them for improvement in their clients' medical condition. The greatest reward, she says, is seeing clients and their family members getting back up on their feet and pushing forward after every setback.

While working with other volunteers who share the same calling makes the journey much easier, challenges abound. Sit recalls an episode when she and another volunteer were at the receiving end of an outburst from a very emotional client. Sit

admits she was very discouraged after that incident, but after consulting with her team leader, she gathered up her courage to visit the client again. It is this sort of dedication and perseverance that increases her capacity to deal with clients who are experiencing MS at different stages, and helps her raise the standard of service offered to MS patients, to be a true blessing to them.

At the same time, Sit draws inspiration from another client, a fellow working adult who chooses not to be a victim of her illness but instead visits and gives emotional support to other clients grappling with their condition. This patient's continuous acts of love and strength beyond self has moved the hearts of many at MS Care.

"Going forward, we plan to expand our pool of active volunteers—currently our ratio of volunteers to clients is about 1:2 or 1:3, so we are quite understaffed. In addition, we will be rolling out in-house training for our volunteers to enhance their befriending and counseling skills, so they can meet the needs of our clients more effectively," says Lim.

Keen to volunteer? Email info@chcsa.org.sg

MARKETPLACE

Where Sweets And Design Meet

Kki Sweets offers a Japanese-themed experience with its lovingly handcrafted cakes and award-winning interior design.

By JOELLE PANG

You may have heard of Kki Sweets, the cozy cake shop that serves up Japanese-inspired French mousse cakes. However, not many may know that it is owned by husband-and-wife team, Kenneth and Delphine Seah, City Harvest Church members for over 10 years.

Founded in 2009, Kki (“cake” in Japanese, pronounced “Cakey”) Sweets started at Ann Siang Hill (together with another business The Little Dröm Store) after the couple were inspired

over, they prayed for the right space to be made available for them—one with the right rental rates and location with a large window display, and the perfect size: 1,000 sq ft. God answered their prayers with a space at Ann Siang Hill, which was where they stayed for four years.

Since then, Delphine, who has a background in events management, and Kenneth have made good on their passion to introduce Japanese-style baking

to South East Asia’s World Heritage Site, Mount Kinabalu in Sabah, Malaysia.

Believing that organic growth is the best type of growth, the couple banked on word-of-mouth marketing to expand their business. In doing so, they also had time to carefully hone their craft and build the business while starting a family; their daughter is now four.

When their lease at Ann Siang Hill came to an end after four years, God led them to a 1,700 square-foot space at the

of the streets of Japan.

The design of Kki Sweets and The Little Dröm Store was so appealing it clinched an award in the retail category at the INSIDE World Festival of Interiors 2015, one of the most important events in the global interior design and architecture scene. They beat big names like LOTTE World Mall in Seoul and the Kabuki Gate in Narita Airport Japan, despite being the smallest location by far in their category. This win con-



by the preaching of CHC’s senior pastor Kong Hee back in 2006, when he shared about the importance of writing down and praying for one’s God-given visions and dreams. Kenneth, the main man behind the baking of these artisanal cakes, is an engineer by training. Interestingly, it was his frequent travels to Europe for work that first piqued his interest in French cakes.

On their honeymoon in 2007 to Tokyo, the couple fell in love with Japanese-style cakes—delicate and beautiful to look at, the cakes were lighter in taste and texture compared to the French cakes, which were denser and sweeter. Realizing that there were, at that time, no such cakes sold in Singapore, they decided to embark on a new business venture selling Japanese-style cakes.

Together with cell group members Stanley Tan and Antoinette Wong, the graphic designer couple behind The Little Dröm Store, an art and design retail store favored by design lovers the world

techniques to the local pastry scene.

Their great attention to detail is evident throughout Kki Sweets, from the

School of the Arts (SOTA) after a hiatus of eight months. They were serendipitously connected to PRODUCE Work-

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décor to the tableware to, of course, the stars of the show: the exquisitely handcrafted cakes. Each cake has a story to tell, from the delightful “Antoinette” which celebrates the “girl next door with a heart of gold”, to “Kinabaru”, a tribute

shop, a design studio that helped them create a charming, cozy atmosphere within the stunning architecture of Kki Sweets’ new location.

The result is a homely, welcoming enclave reminiscent of the look and feel

firmed Delphine’s belief in the Bible saying that believers are to be “the head and not the tail”, and that they are to be the salt and light in the marketplace.

To tie in with their Japanese-living concept, they also launched their new brand, Kki Home, offering their very own line of household ware and products founded on the belief that a home is not just about food and shelter, but also about a community of friends and family, identity and aspirations for a better life.

This way of life extends past Kki into Kenneth and Delphine’s life; in fact, their weekly cell group meetings are held right in the café. Pay Kki Sweets a visit and experience for yourself the stories this place has to tell.

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EYE ON SOCIETY

Battlefield Of The Mind

Mobile devices. Can't live without them, can't control them... or can you? Here are some ways to protect your children from being exposed to inappropriate content on their mobile devices.

By CAROL LOI

Children are born into a media-saturated world; one of the first things that many babies see may be the back of their parents' mobile devices as their parents take photos of them. Many of them grow up to be comfortable in front of a camera, and be able to use technology for a variety of purposes.

We, the parents may be using so much media and technology ourselves, that we do not think too deeply about how to help our children navigate technology, assuming in our busyness that they will find their footing in it somehow.

However, unlike adult brains, children's brains are not yet fully developed; research shows that the human brain is not fully developed until a person reaches his or her mid-20s. Children's personalities are still forming, they are not yet able to control their impulses well, and they are unable to assess risk well.

So what constitutes inappropriate content? It may include information or

images that upset our children, material that's directed at adults, inaccurate information or information that might lead or tempt our children into unlawful or dangerous behaviour. These could be content (pictures, videos or games) relating to:

- Pornography
- Foul language
- Promotion of inappropriate behaviors such as violence, terrorism, racism, suicide or self-cutting

It may be difficult to monitor what our children are viewing as these materials could creep into their devices when they are on the Internet. These content may pop up when they are surfing the Web online, or surface via a link sent by their friends, or even through inter-device systems such as Apple's AirDrop.

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

Broadly, two things: we can filter inappropriate content, and/or we can moni-

tor our children's usage of the Internet and use the reports as teachable moments to guide our children.

Internet filter

Content can be filtered at three levels: at network level, at search engine level, and at device level.

1. **Network level:** You can sign up for a security package or internet filter provided by your IASP. SingTel, StarHub, M1, ViewQWest and MyRepublic in Singapore offer third-party security suites, which include parental controls.
2. **Search engine level:** Popular search engines such as Google and YouTube can filter out objectionable content from your children's search results. The search results will be filtered to show only what is acceptable. You will have to activate the SafeSearch settings on every browser or device that your children use.
 - a. For Google, go to www.google.com/preferences and check the box for "Turn on SafeSearch". This will block search results for explicit text, images, videos as well as results that might link to the explicit content. Click "Save" to save your settings. You can also lock your settings with a password by using Lock SafeSearch. For mobile devices, turn on SafeSearch in Search Settings by checking the box for "Filter explicit results".
 - b. For YouTube, turn on Safety Mode by scrolling to the bottom of any YouTube page. Choose "On" in the drop-down menu of Restricted Mode to hide videos that may contain inappropriate content. You can lock the Restricted Mode by signing in to your YouTube account.
3. **Device level:** At device level, you can filter inappropriate content, as well as monitor your children's Internet usage.

There are settings on your children's phone can restrict the kind of content that is allowed. For example, for those using iPhones, parents can set restrictions for content relating to music, podcasts, news, movies, TV shows, books, websites etc.

Beyond setting restrictions on the mobile device based on the device's built-in options, you can download and install software on your children's mobile devices that can contain these features, depending on the product that you choose:

- Block objectionable websites, videos and music;
- Filter according to categories and age-based settings;
- Create "black lists" of unsuitable sites

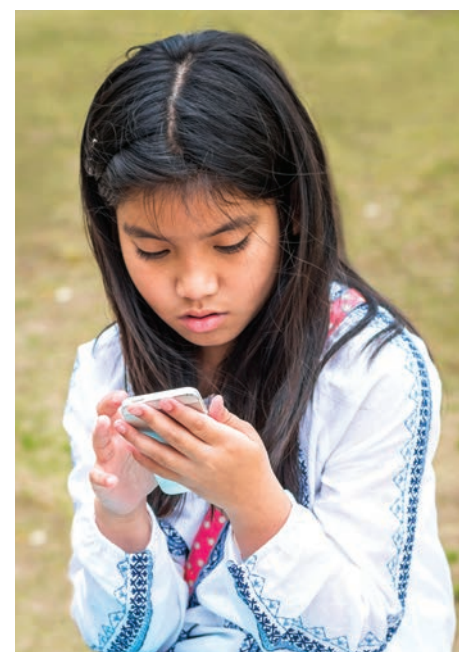


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Manage your child's Internet usage.

- and "white lists" of approved sites;
- Get logs that report all activities, including websites visited;
- Set time limits or time windows for Internet access
- Track words and phrases that your children have used for searches;
- Monitor your children's use of social networking sites;
- Get notifications if your children attempt to access inappropriate websites.

There are many types of filtering software. Popular choices include Covenant Eyes (www.covenanteyes.com/), K9 Web Protection (www.k9webprotection.com), Net Nanny (www.netnanny.com), Mobicip (www.mobicip.com), Norton Family (onlinefamily.norton.com) and McAfee Family Protection (mcafeeamilyprotection.com).

Covenant Eyes, K9, Net Nanny and Mobicip also come as safe browsers for Apple and Android mobile devices, while Norton Family and McAfee Family Protection are available as apps for mobile devices.

But the most reliable filtering and monitoring tool is you, the parent. No other tool is 100 percent effective, and many of the risks that our children face online are caused by of their own behavior and that of others. Furthermore, what we consider inappropriate material for our children may differ from our children's views, or even that of other parents with different parenting philosophies and family values. It is therefore critical to discuss with our children why and how we are setting boundaries with them, and let them feel safe to come to us whenever they have questions or when they are in doubt.

Reference: Media Literacy Council (www.medialiteracycouncil.sg/), UK Safer Internet Centre (www.saferinternet.org.uk/)



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