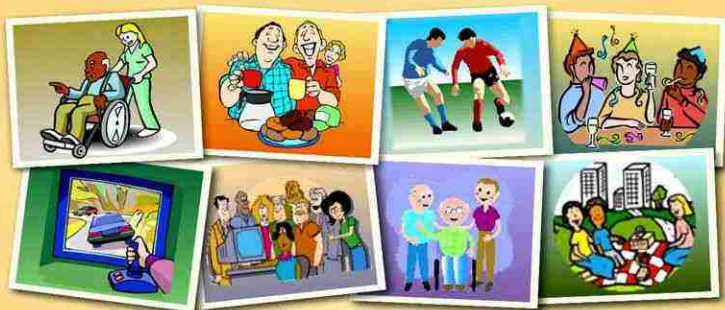


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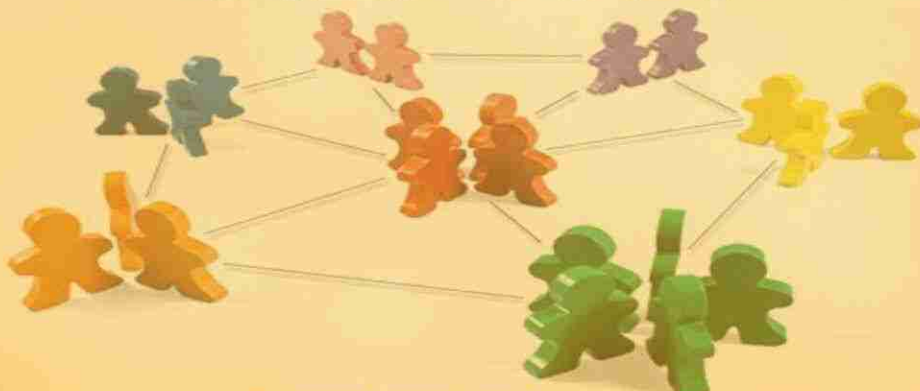
Many people doing many different things!

众多人能做众多事!



Making Connections

与他人联系



December 08 - January 09

08年12月 - 09年1月

Reflections from the Christmas Party at Contact 123 on 20th December 2008

Thank God for His providence, the good weather, and a wonderful and joyful party at Contact 1 2 3.

Everyone shared Christmas with the residents and had a wonderful time fellowshiping.

We spent two and half hours, the preparation was heavy-going and hard work, but the love for Christ Jesus was in everyone's heart to share and give to the Christmas party.

I would like to thank the cell groups for coming to help with the program. I have never seen such unity and bonding in TMC. As this is my 2nd year as a member in TMC, I am very touched by the sincere, hard work, and encouragement from one another. Everyone gave their full strength and support.

I thank God for placing me in this Church and I look forward to working with others again. God Bless.



It is Christmas and I don't want to keep Christmas in the house or in the church ... I want to bring it to the community here.

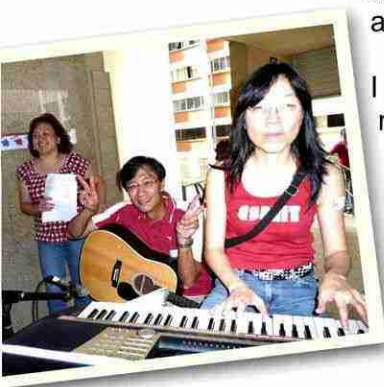


Veronica Yang



Jessie Lee

Our objective is really to celebrate Christmas with them, share a little with them what Christmas is to Christians, touch a few lives ...hopefully get to know at least one or two persons on an individual basis...



I sense that those who are here pretty much enjoyed themselves. I think a lot of it is really making a connection on an individual basis. At a general level when you talk to them, put up a little show, get them to sing, at a general level we make a general connection. On a more meaningful level, I suppose it's more individual.



**Edward
Leong**

One of the ladies (non-Chinese) brought her daughter here. Very nice lady. Another gentleman is a regular here. Just a short while chatting. Just to know that they are coming to the centre ...it's a good chance to connect with them further.

Santhi is an Indian. We invited her to church. We exchanged phone numbers and hopefully she will come tomorrow.
[Ed: Santhi did visit TMC the next day]



**Katharine
Loh**

I was supposed to sing ...at the same time, I think I just became a photographer...with lots of pictures and helped with the goody bag.



I was quite surprised to find that there are some Malay kids and Indian children around here. I actually approached them, talked to them, made friends with them because they were pretty lonely.



**Ang Poh
Kit**

I met a few aunts and uncles today. They are very nice.

One of the aunts said that she very much wants to join tomorrow's service, but there is a Chinese festival tomorrow as well. I told her to rearrange her time and she said "ok". I think I'm expecting her to join us tomorrow.

I talked to her. I said, "I will wait for you. So it's on?" She said, "ok ok".



**Rebecca
Goh**

I tried to encourage two aunts to have an open heart to come to our church just to listen to what the pastor has to say. They should come to hear the good news so that they will know who is our living God.

This aunty actually shared that her elder son is a Christian. I said to her that he must have his reasons for choosing this faith. Previously, he was a Buddhist. I told her that she should give herself a chance to go to church. It was quite wonderful talking to her.



**Irene
Fu**



Post-Christmas Reflections

*An Op Connect initiative
by a small group*

My wife (Jeannie) and I felt that this Christmas, we should do something different to remind ourselves of its true purpose - to celebrate the birth of our Saviour and share His love with others. Although there's nothing wrong with spending time with our family and friends at Christmas, we thought we should do something extra, to hopefully make a small difference in the lives of others, especially those who have yet to come to know our Lord.

We were initially "stunned" by the noise level - wow, those kids were a really chatty bunch! I played the violin for the carol-singing, and it was a challenge to play louder than the singing and chatting! We were very impressed with how many of the carolers were able to interact effectively with the kids (even though the kids were a pretty noisy/rowdy bunch). Sophia, for example, was great with the games, and was able to be firm yet cheerful. I think all in all, it was a great start, given that for many of us (I think), it was the first time we were doing this.



**Kenneth
Chee**



As the night progressed, the kids became more responsive and we all had lots of fun. Our 3-and-a-half-year-old boy, Joshua, was very happy to be able to participate in the singing, dancing and handing out of gifts! For us adults, it was just great to be able to watch a bunch of kids enjoying themselves, getting excited over winning games and prizes. Brings back fond memories of our own childhood :P

We're thankful for the opportunity. As a young family, it's challenging juggling responsibilities and trying to find time to participate in ministry. It was really easy and natural for us to tag along with a group for this caroling session. But this certainly is a great way to take baby steps towards getting more involved in ministry, and more so, in our community. Surely God would want to see TMC being a blessing to the larger community, sharing the good news and connecting with the many souls who live in our immediate vicinity who have yet to know Jesus. Each of us can look out for opportunities to play a small part in connecting with the community.



With THANKS and appreciation!

A

very big THANK YOU to all of you!

Your presence and your time have lighted up so many hearts here in Contact 123 and the children are still talking about it. Truly praise God for all of you!

Thank you for the games,
 Thank you for the carolling,
 Thank you for the stories,
 Thank you for the presents,
 Thank you for chocolates,
 Thank you for the candies
 Thank you for the fun
 Thank you for the log cake
 Thank you for the beautiful photos,
 Thank you for spending your precious time with us,
 Thank you for everything!

Just want to emphasize again,
 THANK YOU FOR BEING GOD'S CHANNELS
 OF BLESSINGS to the community in Serangoon
 North Estate.



**Seok
Eng**

Just wanted to share a reflection.

Hon Yuh and Seok Eng will remember that, in December 2006, we were leading the Youth Camp participants into the neighbourhood to let them experience "reaching out" by distributing balloons and flyers for the Christmas Party at TMC that year. At that time, we chanced upon the Residents' Committee at Block 101 preparing their residents' Christmas party for that evening ... so we dreamt of the day that we would be able to have a Christmas party in the neighbourhood for the residents.



**Chew
Chwee**

God has answered that prayer! He has moved various groups of people over this Christmas season and we had not 1 but 2 parties! ... one on 20 December and one on 24 December.

Praise God indeed for all of you for your presence has ushered His Love into this neighbourhood!

A Family Connection

My brother-in-law who had earlier informed of his non-attendance due to another party he had to attend, dropped by with his family and even brought some food for our party. This brother had stayed away from the family due to some misunderstanding and had not attended any family functions for over 2 years. His act of coming to see his siblings together with his wife and 2 sons showed a willingness to let go of the past and start connecting with each other. I thank God that this event had opened doors for reuniting of relationships. I am filled with joy that our prayers had been answered in His time. Shalom

**TMC
Member**

[Ed: Names have been withheld due to the sensitive nature of this story]

A Workplace Connection



On Sunday 18th Jan 09, I was in camp finishing up some work when the duty officer asked me to send a form to his colleague, V, who was staying near my block. V is suffering from kidney failure and has to undergo regular dialysis. That evening, when I went over to his place, V whom I did not know personally, looked thin and frail and I could sense that he was not in good shape. His wife, Y was at home and she was equally surprised to see a stranger knocking at the door. After I had introduced myself and taken back the form that V had signed, I left the home but could not forget the plight of V and Y. I was also told by Y that they had some financial concerns.



I went back to office the next day to relate their financial concerns to my admin officer, and was told that nothing could be done, as V was still drawing a salary from the organisation and his medical bills could not be fully subsidised. The admin officer also told me that Y used to mention money problems to anyone who made regular visits to V, who was on long medical leave at home.

I had a choice, to either just leave the matter at the doorstep of V and Y, or to continue with regular visits to the family of V and Y. I remembered Op Connect and was prompted by the Lord to take the second option.

The financial and health matters of V remains in the hands of the Lord, but I am trusting God to show me how to reach out to the family of V and Y in other ways.

What's Up at the Operation Connect Corner?



Keep your connection stories, photos and videos coming in to the Op Connect Corner, or send them to opconnect@tmc.org.sg.



*My family and I
too are see of faith
to organise a simple
Christmas party for our
non-Christian extended family
members after seeing a conviction
from God. It was a joyful time of
getting together and though we did
not share the gospel during the
party, God gave us opportunities
to explain why we weren't
having a Christmas etc*

*service this year
and how we are
called as Christians to
spread the love instead
during this season. one
of our ^{non-Christian} uncles remarked that
this should have been celebrated! It was
Christmas was celebrated! It was
definitely a reminder for us, and
we give thanks for how God has
used the journey to spread
some warmth & joy.*

*I was at the Ho
Ho 123' Christmas party
and I feel so joyous that the
message of Christ can be preached
in such a fun way. In the
question and answer game
the participants actually
gave the answer that
the gift is Jesus, and God
loves us!
Continue to say a prayer for contact
123 each day, you can make a difference
in their lives!*

*In planning
for the
HoHoHo
Christmas party for at
contact 123, God led us
to connect with our
brothers + sisters
at the WSCS & Chinese
ministry. We couldn't have
done it without each other!!*

*We gave away
3 big prizes &
each was something
special for
the winner.
Each winner was very
grateful. An
Indian Lady
whom we met @ the
party visited our TMC
on the following Sunday.
Gift!*

Other postings on the board...



Hi, Parishioners of Serangoon Parish, you have been my source of inspiration in my journey of getting closer to the Lord.
~ Daisie...love you.



Connect @ Contact 123. Sharing my learnings about Blogging with the Seniors @ Contact 123 is enriching. The warmth of fellowship is so welcoming that I look forward to coming to 123.
~ Dick



Thank you for inviting us to have fellowship with your Parishioners @ Parish Cell Group. Thank you for your warm welcome and hospitality.
~ Teong Wan & Geck Luan



The children at Contact 123 need care and concern, that's why they are at 123 and not at home. Go visit them when you are free, get to know their names and you can care for them by saying a prayer for them. Prayer changes things, and their life can get better thro' your prayers!



Our new friends in our tour group in Adelaide. Please pray that we will be able to glorify His name as we share God's love with them.
~ Cher Khee, Maely & Cheryl



Thank God for connections made at Contact 123 party. Connecting with GIED Small Group and Chinese Ministry who spontaneously came forward to help make the party a success. And He added to their Numbers. Indeed He added to our numbers when 3 more ladies were informed by their friends to come to the party at Contact 123.
~ Pat Yong



The Blind. Celebration Party during Chinese New Year. Bring blind to the party.
~ Heartbeat of God Small Group



Non-Christian family members. Introducing them to Christ.
~ Sin Guek & Family



I want to thank God that we can make an effort to connect with the small groups & Chinese Ministry to reach out to the residents in Serangoon North, and kids and friends in Contact 123. We praise and thank the Lord for good turnout. We had a wonderful time of fellowship!
~ Alice Ng

2008年12月20日联系123 圣诞派对之感想篇

感谢主的恩赐，赐予晴朗的天气，让我们在联系123圣诞派对中度过美好时光。

大家与居民分享圣诞的喜悦，一同团契。

我们花了两个半小时筹备，过程是辛苦的，但乘着对耶稣基督的爱，每个人都为圣诞派对付出及分享。



Veronica Yang

我想感谢前来协助筹划节目的小组。我从来没有在卫理三一堂里目睹过如此的团结及联系。这是我成为三一堂教友第二年，深深地被彼此的真诚，辛劳及鼓励感动。每一个人都付出了所有的力量，给予支持及帮助。

我感谢主将我带领到这所教会，并期待与他人再度合作。主内蒙福。



既然是圣诞佳节，我不愿将圣诞节限制于家中或教会，我要将它带到社区里。



Jessie Lee



我们的目的是与他们欢度圣诞，同他们分享圣诞对教徒的意义，感动生命，希望能至少深切认识一两个人。

我感觉到参与的人都玩得挺开心，我想这与在个人基础上所作的联系有很大的关系。在众人互动的基础上，我们表演，邀他们歌唱，与他们作众人联系。个人联系相对而言，应该更具意义。



其中一名女士（非华裔）将女儿带来，她为人很好。另一名男士是这里的常客。就这样闲聊几句，他们来到中心，就是与他们进一步联系的好机会。

Santhi 是名印族同胞。我们邀请她到教会来，交换电话，希望她明天会来。
(编者按：Santhi 隔天确实到访卫理三一堂)

我本来是要唱歌的，同时竟成为了摄影师，拍了许多照片，并帮忙包小礼物。



看到有马来及印度籍孩童在这里，我相当惊讶。我接近他们，与他们聊天，和他们做朋友，因为他们还是挺寂寞的。



**Edward
Leong**



**Katharine
Loh**



**Ang Poh
Kit**

我今天遇见了几位叔叔阿姨，他们都很友善。

其中一位阿姨说她很想参与明天的崇拜聚会，但明天也是个华人节日。我告诉她重新安排时间，她说“好”。我期待她明天的参与。

我与她说话。我说“我会等你，就这样说定了？”她说“好，好。”



Rebecca
Goh



我尝试鼓励两位阿嫂打开心门到我们的教会来听听一下牧师的证道。她们应该来听福音才会知道我们的真神是谁。

其中一位阿嫂说她的大儿子其实是一个基督徒。我和她说她的儿子会选择这个信仰必定有他的原因。她的儿子之前是一个佛教徒。我叫她给自己一个机会去教会。这样子和她交谈感觉很好。



Irene
Fu



“联系 123” 平安夜活动后感想

《行动联系》 自发性的 小组活动

我和我太太希望在2008年的圣诞期间做一件有意义的事，提醒自己圣诞节是基督徒纪念主耶稣诞生的日子。我们必须把主的爱传给他人。虽然往年我们都是跟亲戚好友一起度过圣诞节，我们觉得在2008年的圣诞节，我们应尝试与其它人接触，尤其是未认识主耶稣的朋友。因此，我们陪同一个小组在CONTACT 123举办了个圣诞“派对”。



Kenneth
Chee

起初，我们被这群孩子们的热情吓着。他们可真叽喳！那天，我负责拉小提琴；小朋友的声量远超过小提琴的声量！我们在一旁目睹诗歌班如何与小朋友融洽地接触。尤其是Sophia姐妹怎与小朋友玩游戏；她又能维持纪律又能保持欢乐的气氛。虽然这是我们这一班人首次举办这种联系活动，我觉得这真是一个好的开始。

当晚，大家都玩得很开心。我们三岁半的儿子参与了歌唱跳舞项目，也负责把



礼物递给其他小朋友。我们这群成年人看着小孩子积极地玩游戏和赢取奖品，心里觉得万分温馨，也勾起我们小时候的回忆。

我们为这个联系机会而感恩。我们刚建立了小家庭，因此有些教会活动会具有一定的挑战性。但是因为有一个小组的辅助，我们很自然地参与了这项活动。虽然这只是一个小小的开始，我们觉得卫理公会三一堂应当把神的祝福和福音带给世人，尤其是我们的左邻右舍。我们每一个教徒都应掌握与他人联。



各位，

非常感谢你们！

你们的参与和奉献的时间照亮了联系123这里的许许多多人的心，小朋友们到现在还在谈论着呢。我为你们每一个人赞美上帝。



谢谢你们的游戏，
 谢谢你们呈现的佳音，
 谢谢你们分享的故事，
 谢谢你们的礼物，
 谢谢你们的巧克力，
 谢谢你们的糖果，
 谢谢你们带来的欢乐，
 谢谢你们的圣诞蛋糕，
 谢谢你们拍的美丽的照片，
 谢谢你们将宝贵的时间与我们分享，
 谢谢你们的一切！

在这里，我再次感谢你们作上帝赐福的器皿，将祂的祝福带到实龙岗北的社区。



在这里和大家分享一个感想。

Hon Yuh (宏煜)和Seok Eng (淑英)肯定会记得我们在2006年12月为让参加少年营的少年体验邻里拓展工作而带他们去分发宣传教会圣诞节活动的气球和传单。那时候，我们也刚好碰到大牌101的居民委员会在预备他们当晚的圣诞节活动... 这让我们希望有朝一日也可以为那里的居民筹办一个圣诞节活动。

上帝已应允了这个祷告！祂在这个圣诞佳节时期感动带领了数个小组让我们欢度了两个分别在12月20日和24日的圣诞派对。

感谢赞美上帝，因为你们的参与而把上帝的爱带到了这个邻里！

一个温馨的团圆故事

我的小叔较早前通知了我们他有另外的节目因此不会参加我们的圣诞派对。小叔因为某些误会，疏远了家人，已有两年没参加家庭聚会了。但到了派对当天，他带了一家大小，拎着一锅南瓜汤，终究还是来了。他这一次愿意带着家人出席，与兄弟姐妹相聚，表示他愿意把以前不愉快的事忘掉，重新与大家联系。我为此感谢神，



**Chew
Chwee**

**TMC
Member**

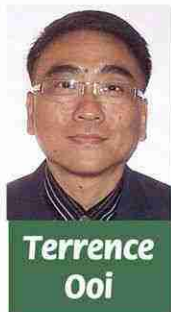
是神使我们和小叔重逢、团圆。我的心充满了喜悦，因为神应允了我们的祷告。

愿上帝的平安与您同在。



工作岗位的联系故事

今年1月18日的礼拜天，我在兵营处理些工作的时候，值班的长官叫我把一张表格送去给住在我家附近的一位同事V。V患有肾衰竭必需定时去洗肾。我之前并不认识V，到他家的当天晚上发现他样子消瘦也察觉他的状况不是很好。他的妻子Y看到我这个陌生人敲他们的门很是意外。自我介绍后，我让V签好那张表格便收回就离开了，然而却无法忘记V和Y的处境。Y告诉我他们正面对一些经济困难。



隔天，我到办公室向处理行政的同事告知V和Y的情况，得知V目前还在领薪水所以他的医药费得不到完全的辅助，实在无法给他们多余的援助。这位同事也告诉我说Y以前也常向他们家探访长期休病假的人说他们有经济困难。

此时我觉得我可选择不要再插手这件事或继续到V和Y的家探访。我记起了《行动联系》也受到主的带领选择了第二个做法。

V的经济和健康问题依旧在主的掌控中，我仍旧信靠上帝教导我如何在其他方面与V和Y这个家庭继续接触和联系。

《行动联系》小站 活动与节目



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