

CHRISTMAS EVE AT CONTACT 123

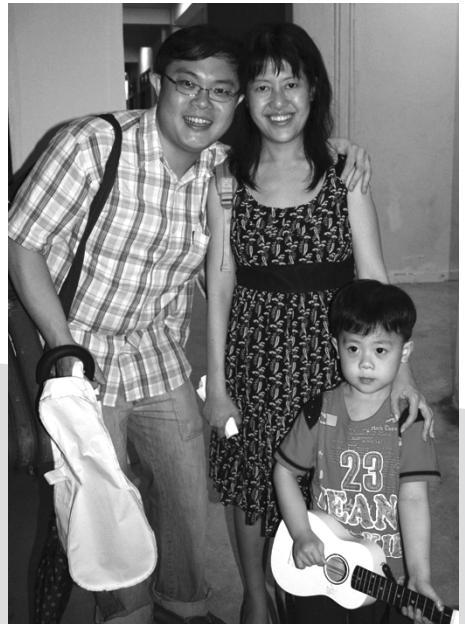
An Op Connect initiative by a small group

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. So we joined a small group and carolled at Contact 123 on Christmas Eve.

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.

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.

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.



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