



2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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Third Age of Missions

After the "First Age" of Childhood and "Second Age" of Career and Parenthood, comes the "Third Age" of Retirement, often encompassing the 60s and beyond. The "Third Age of Missions" is about focusing on the potential and value of older adults in fulfilling the mission of God. It is about rethinking the role of seniors and senior missionaries in missions and leveraging on their experience, skills, stability, wisdom and wealth of knowledge. Third Agers, an overlooked resource for missions, are both a field and a force in its own right. God has not placed anyone on the shelf, even in retirement, and there are many ways to serve Him and continue to find purpose in life.

Surveying the current mission landscape in Asia, there are many organisations, us included, reaching out to First and Second Agers. Platforms such as children's home, schools, training centers, birthing centers, refugee placement, livelihood projects, business incubators and other similar initiatives, all good and excellent, are more often than not geared towards enabling emerging young people take off in life and succeed. Few venture into projects or services that cater to Third Agers – the aged and the aging.

Janice Ha | Missions Director

Interestingly, Rev. NP one of our key leaders in South Asia is quietly running an old age home for the past 20 years. Church members minister and serve seniors as they move closer to their end of life. His report is right after this page.

Set against the backdrop of a greying population and our own mortality, the Third Age of Missions is dawning on us and perhaps it is pertinent to devote time, talent and treasure to serve the aspirations and needs of older people.

I will take you
back to your
own soil.

Ezekiel 36:24



Immanuel Old Age Home

Rev. NP | SOUTH ASIA

This year, the Home continues to care for 15 elderly people, including one new resident. Many of the elderly are living with asthma, diabetes and high blood pressure and some also face mental and physical challenges. We thank God that no resident passed away in 2025.

Special attention is given to health care and daily routine. We work on regulating food, guiding residents in healthy habits, and supporting them with basic training for daily living. Simple games, medical check-ups and motor function checks are organised to help with both physical and mental well-being.

The elderly who are able are taken for regular walks and short outings. Recently, we received a small van, which has been a great help. It allows residents who cannot walk well to go to the hospital and travel safely when needed.



We are grateful for strong support from the local community. People visited the Home during Mother's Day and Father's Day, often in memory of their parents. Some families also choose to celebrate birthdays with the elderly.

Volunteers continue to help with laundry, cleaning, bathing and general care. Our church and a few sponsors are faithfully supporting the ministry. One of the challenges is staff tiredness and burnout because of the heavy workload. We are trying to equip and encourage them, reminding them to take care of themselves and support them so they can continue to serve with strength and joy.

Looking ahead, we are praying for better accommodation, stronger physical and mental health care and further training and development for staff so that we can serve the elderly more effectively.

Visits open meaningful opportunities to share the Gospel and some visitors eventually came to church.



God at Work

SOUTH ASIA | Rev. Shyam

God's Spirit moves freely, beyond human control or prediction (John 3:18). Like the wind, His presence is invisible yet undeniable, touching lives in unexpected ways. We cannot dictate His work, but we can open our hearts to receive it, trusting His divine wisdom to guide and transform us.

This year, we once again witnessed God's hand at work. By His grace, we successfully completed the 31st batch of Church Planters' Training in 2025. Pastor Isaac and Brother James Lee joined us in teaching and mentoring these potential planters and leaders. In addition, 15 pastors and leaders completed their Diploma in Theology Course, equipping them further for ministry. 9 new churches are planted in different regions and many more are on the horizon.

Praise be to God for hundreds of new believers added to the Church in 2025 with many receiving water baptism. Our training programs – diploma courses, regular sessions, and short-term courses – continue both on site and online, ensuring that pastors and leaders are strengthened for the work ahead.

In January, we hosted a one day pro-life seminar for youths, attended by 75 participants. Our team also intervened to rescue an 8-month pregnant teenager, placing her in a safe home. She later gave birth to a baby boy. Through God's provision, we are able to find a loving family to adopt him. Similarly, we helped secure a home for another abandoned baby girl. Our team is committed to both spiritual and social ministry.

Altogether, we have planted 279 churches across the country.

June brought Pastor Dong and his team from Living Sanctuary Brethren Church. Together, we organized a 3-day pastors' seminar focused on soul care, benefiting 50 pastors and leaders. Pastor Dong returned in October with another team to lead a youth camp attended by 160 young people. The camp was lively and effective in helping youths focus on spiritual growth.

In November, Thomas and his team from Touching Young Lives International came and served in local churches and led a Women's Leaders Seminar. 60 pastors' wives and women leaders are encouraged to remain faithful to their calling.

We also held a Vacation Bible School for 90 children at our centre, led by local youths from different churches. It is a blessing to see young leaders imparting knowledge and faith to the next generation.

Harvest Leadership Centre contributed to publishing 6 books this year on leadership, discipleship, Christian living and church management. These resources are designed to equip church planters with knowledge and skills to be more effective and fruitful in their ministries.

We assisted several churches with land purchases, roofing and building construction. Our local church partnership program is progressing steadily. This year we collected about 5,000 SGD from our network – almost 50% of what is needed annually.

The mission field continues to present overwhelming needs. Requests pour in from pastors for land, church buildings and roofing support. Despite these challenges, we remain confident that God is able to meet every need in His timing and according to His will and way.



Join us in making a difference in missions and thank you for your prayers, support and partnership.

Victorious Church 2026

PHILIPPINES | Pastors Ricardo and Marife Avila



2 Timothy 3:1-5 warns that the days ahead will not be easy – there will be hardships, difficulties and persecutions. As followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, we need to stand strong in our faith. Despite the coming challenges, God has promised us victory in Jesus Name!

Through God's grace and enabling presence, we will continue to be faithful in doing what He has entrusted us to do: raise up true followers of our Lord Jesus Christ, reach out and disciple the next generation. We are grateful to our lay leaders and workers who are serving with us in the ministry and thankful to God for His faithfulness in sustaining the church and the community with His strength.

You should know this...
that in the last days there
will be very difficult times.

2 Timothy 3:1

School year 2025 has truly been a roller coaster ride for me – full of ups and downs – financially, emotionally and spiritually. There were moments when I felt overwhelmed and uncertain, but through it all, God never failed to show His sufficient grace and provision. I witnessed His favor in my life, especially in my studies. He is always in control. 2025 taught me how powerful faith truly is, even in the hardest of seasons. Above all, I learnt that God is amazing through it all .

As I move forward, I carry hope and trust, believing that greater things are still ahead in my academic journey.



Aijeleth D. Avila
3rd Year Bachelor of Science in
Nursing



Thank you for your prayers and support. You are a blessing to the church here in Tanauan, Leyte.

神及时的帮助

EAST ASIA | 胡传道

小组教会

今年 CTM 教会主要的福音工作放在小组聚会里。用小组活动的形式开展传福音活动，并且特别为小组开展活动设置了活动经费。教会从宣教基金当中特别拿出一部分经费，鼓励在教会的三个小组聚会点以及省外DB小组多一些拓展活动。虽然数目不多，但是一个支持走出去传福音的行动。

感恩在 10 月份，教会又多了一个小组聚点，主要是 95 后的年轻人聚集。圣灵让我们以查经灵修开始，渐渐有周边的年轻人一起过来聚餐，彼此认识。希望圣灵带领我们渐渐形成让这类年轻人的喜欢的聚集方式，吸引人来认识神。

圣灵今年在DB小组的工作让人感动。11 月份已经进入冬季，气温长期零下 10 度左右，我们的小组几个姐妹为了能更好地传福音，他们同心连续一个月的禁食祷告。在这过程当中，圣灵带领他们在周边村庄向三个家庭传福音，并且这三个家庭的成员都决志相信耶稣，并正在上根基课程，预备受洗。听到这些见证，实在不得不感叹神的信实，为着DB小组能走向小组教会祷告。目前有 14 人左右。由于宗教聚会受严格禁止，他们仍需要“暗地”进行。求主怜悯带领。



城外探访

自从在西南地区传过福音后，那里的弟兄姐妹虽然有保持联系，但一直无法给他们正常的基督徒聚会生活，给他们尝试过用 ZOOM 小组聚会，但一段时间后，由于语言问题，还有城乡生活节奏不同步的问题，并没有坚持很久的时间。

目前西南共有 7-10 个信主的肢体，散居在当地，平时聚会交通也并不方便，虽有预备过组长人选，但由于场地问题，固定的聚会就一直没有做起来，我们会偶尔过去探访他们。彼此坚固和倾听，虽然在属灵生命方面帮助有限，但这样的连结使们的关系一直保持良好，每次过去他们盼望着能多交流，总是有说不完的话。但愿神托住他们的信心，也让我们能有更多精力常常去坚固他们。

门徒训练课程

为了那些初生信徒能建立基要信仰，清楚自己已经是新造的人，并且认识圣灵，跟随祂过新的生活，作耶稣的门徒，最终也能成为牧人。我们今年在DB开展了 2 次“基要真理”课程。参加人员都是今年刚信主的。感恩我们在DB有一个对神国超有热心的肢体，他愿意被主使用，积极地组织并成为带领者，用教会提供的教材《新生命》，《新生活》带领他们当中的小羊。

教会需要“生”
也要“养”
如此生养才能
众多

儿童主日学

教会的孩子越来越长大了。大童目前固定的有 5-6 个，年龄在 7-11 岁。小童固定 3-4 个，年龄在 1-4 岁。每次主日他们都能与老师有很好的配合。大童除了自己上课，完成老师的要求外，有个别还能积极地帮助大人管理更小的儿童，在教会看到他们的成长非常感慨，感谢主爱小孩，赐给他们有单纯的心。

值得感恩是我们当中过去公开自己不喜欢服侍主日学的弟兄姐妹，今年看到小孩的需要，也积极参与主日学服侍，帮忙在聚会的时候照顾小童。他们的参与使主日学儿童能分开进行，大童有专门的老师，小童也有看护。他们也常能在服侍的过程中看到孩子和家长的需要。其中对还未进入婚姻的老师来说，得着更多，因为他们看到自己需要怎样预备婚 后带领小孩。相信这也是神的祝福借着服侍将教育的种子先撒在他们生命中，为得是他们能得着自己下一代的心。



弟兄团契

本着建立合格的家庭领袖、合神心意的父亲以及弟兄能够成为彼此生命的鼓励，2021年7月开始弟兄团契。我们保持每两周一次线上聚会。每个季度会不定期线下聚餐，增进彼此的认识和连接。

2025年继续开展每日读经计划，每天按编排好的读经计划表，读圣经4~6章节。自己规划每天的读经时间，录音并上传至弟兄群，彼此监督和鼓励，让自己每天都有神话语的供养。目前已完成第4期读经计划，即圣经通读4遍。2025年11月，第4期读经计划已结束，预计到2026年1月可以通读第5遍圣经。

今年弟兄读经计划有遇到不小的挑战，全年读经人数从上半年的平均6-7人，到下半年只剩下2-3人在跟。主要原因还是属灵状态，可能家庭生活发生的变化也带来了一些消极因素。2026年我们计划会增加弟兄团契的次数，并一起操练禁食祷告，寻求圣灵的同在。

退休会

2025年11月教会组织了退休会，邀请了弟兄姐妹到隔壁城市。为期3天的退休会，我们住在海边的别墅里，操练一个大家庭如何地彼此相爱和照顾。我们利用游戏、烧烤、游玩等方式增进彼此的感情。也邀请了讲员分享《守望者的恩赐》。不少肢体在听完讲员的分享后很激动，看到过去自己在很多恩赐上是比较模糊的，现在得到答案后有一种释然，更加愿意去操练先知性的恩赐。

盼望透过这些相聚，能使在家作头的弟兄们信心更坚固，更有勇气面对生活的不易

洗礼郊游

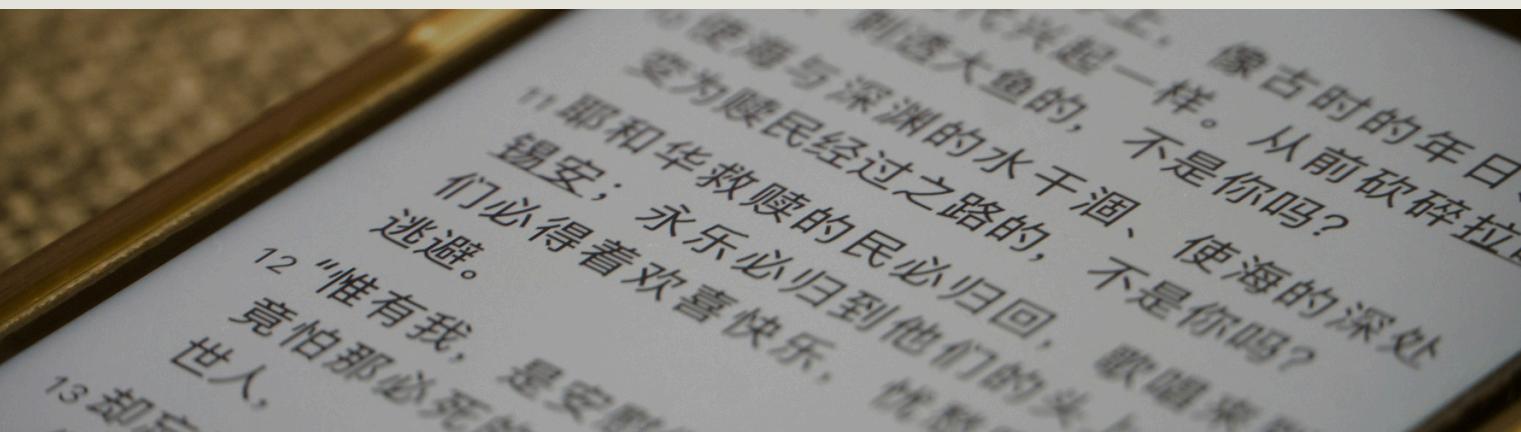
今年教会共有3人受洗，其中2位姐妹是在DB完成受洗的。有1位因着身体的缘故用了点水礼，另两位都是浸水礼。借着每年的郊游活动，我们今年为田姐妹洗礼，感恩这个生命在之前愿意完成洗礼课程并受洗。虽然在城内的教会只有1位受洗名单，但弟兄姐妹还是给了很大的鼓励，跟我们一同见证一个新的生命正式归入基督的大家庭。本次活动有近40人参加，其中多数为教会的会友及其亲朋。

宣教月

在疫情期间教会推出的家庭祭坛来到了第3年了，感恩我们当中的家庭仍然在坚持，并且延伸出多种形式，有些家庭会把孩子带到户外进行家庭祭坛。我们采用的方式是每周一次，各自家庭选择适合自己的时间来一起敬拜主。在神的话语中彼此建立和祝福。目的是让我们的下一代从小就培养敬拜主、爱主爱人的生命。

家庭祭坛方式：

- 适用于每个家庭，一周一次，选择适合一家人的时间与地点。
- 让一家人每周聚在一起至少30分钟(例如：每个周六晚上7点用餐后在饭桌上聚会)。
- 每次聚会都会用W.R.A.P.S.来作提纲。每周遵循这个模式，主必用祂的亮光与美物罩住摆上的家庭。
- 原则上由父亲召集并带领聚会。如果父亲不能做到这一点，可由母亲代替。





个人家庭

美国 Harvest Bible University 设在国内的线上课程已来到第三年半了。越到后面越多课程要学，并且有很多实操的课，如：讲道学、个人灵修、读书写总结等。特别到2025年末这三个月，我们每个月需要预备至少2卷书的讲章。有时与教会的讲道交叉的那周，就是我最忙也是最心累的一周。所以那一周会把所有无关紧要的事都放一边。感恩虽然紧张，但仍坚持下来。不管结果如何，我希望最后一年能完成神学学士的毕业。求主帮助我能够全力以赴。

感恩新生命中心的记念。年初悉尼新生命中心的 Rev. Lawrence 和新加坡新生命中心的主任牧师来探访。我看到教会的弟兄姐妹如此的饥渴慕义，与他们二位畅谈、祷告、祝福。至于对我这个刚接手教会的传道人来说，这无疑是个巨大的帮助与支持。

谢谢主差遣王牧师
能持续地给教会以
属灵的关怀



Growth Year Plan

SYDNEY | Rev. Lawrence and Helen Ong

Following a period of transition and consolidation in 2024, our local centres have found stability in 2025. The year also marked a significant turning point with our missions entry into East Asia, launching us into a new phase of international missions.

This report provides a summary of the current status, challenges and opportunities across our four centres and our newly formalised missions work.

BAULKHAM HILLS CENTRE (FARSI)

Ps Mostafa oversees this Persian ministry, averaging 25-30 members. This is a challenging work due to the transient nature of the people and financial pressures of members.

Many grapple with job security, visa and settlement issues which hinders deep, consistent church commitment. Raising committed leaders also remains a significant hurdle. Please pray for deeper spiritual engagement and for God to meet their physical needs.

2026 will be about growth, discipleship & structural development both locally & globally.

EASTWOOD CENTRE (CHINESE)

Following significant leadership challenges in 2024, this congregation has stabilised with approximately 25 regular attendees. They demonstrate resilience and potential.

Two growing weekly cell groups (one evening & one daytime) are each led by an experienced lay leader. We rejoice with three new converts and one baptism during Christmas 2025.

The search for a new pastor is ongoing and deliberate, prioritising spiritual and cultural fit over speed. Prayer is also needed for passionate, committed leaders to emerge.

We are grateful to God for sufficient tithes & offerings that sustains the church's needs. The centre's location is prime for outreach to the local Chinese community. The foundational work is solid for future growth and we need committed and trained leaders.

EASTWOOD CENTRE (ENGLISH)

Launched in 2024, this work has grown encouragingly to an average of 20 attendees, primarily comprising young believers. There were 10 baptisms in 2025.

Two fortnightly cell groups are currently led by pastors due to the majority being young believers. Our primary focus is grounding them in faith through Bible study.

We are grateful for Pastor Ian Bartley, a highly experienced Australian pastor, who provides pastoral oversight. There is a critical need for mature believers to step into leadership roles.

Pray for people who are committed & “power-packed” in Spirit.





LIDCOMBE CENTRE (CHINESE)

This is an established, stable and mature group of approximately 35 believers.

The congregation is characterised by faithful tithing and commitment. It is ably supervised by a dedicated Chinese pastor who is gifted in organising major events and has successfully raised a choir and established 3 fortnightly cell groups.

Their current challenge is plateaued development. There is a lack of processes to attract and assimilate newcomers, which is key to growth and expansion.

MISSIONS IN EAST ASIA

We are very excited with this new milestone for the church. Our goal is to plant a network of churches all over East Asia.

Pastor Randy Singh conducted a week-long training program in July. By God's grace, this resulted in the planting of a new church in the North East in October 2025. We believe this will be the first of many such fruits.

Our approach is equipping locals to reach locals so one urgent prayer request is for faithful workers and necessary resources to cater for this expansion wisely and effectively.

2026 OUTLOOK

Centre Pastors/Supervisors will map out a clear, actionable growth plan for their centres, with specific, faith-filled goals. They will be held accountable to these objectives through regular supportive review. Pray for all leaders to be infilled with the Spirit, equipped with a measure of faith to believe for great things and empowered to break out of their comfort zones.

Missions in East Asia will focus on consolidation and expansion in the North-East region. There will be training and explorative trips to plant more churches in the region. Pray for protection, wisdom and abundant resources for our workers.

Children's Ministry is a strategic priority to serve families and enable sustainable growth locally. Pray for dedicated teachers, volunteers and for the necessary resources and curricula.

Worship Teams will start training and establishing worship leaders and musicians for each congregation. Pray for enhanced corporate worship and opportunities for gifted individuals to serve.



God has faithfully sustained our diverse local ministries and has unexpectedly opened a significant door for missions in East Asia. The 2026 Growth Year plan is a faith-filled response to these opportunities and challenging every part of our ministry — from Eastwood to North-East — for Spirit-led expansion, discipleship and maturity for the glory of God.

We are stewarding both local & global harvest fields.

Being Sent Empty- Handed

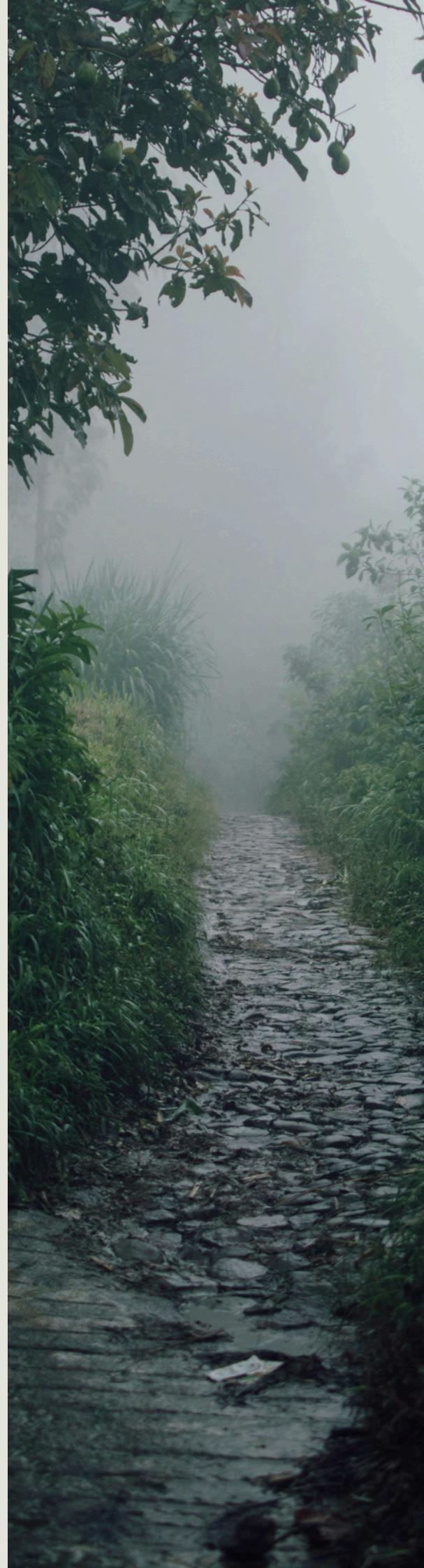
JAPAN | Zhi Jing Lim

This year I spent the longest time thus far in just a single place, volunteering under one farmer. When I described my two months there, some considered it an exploitation of volunteers, others were just aghast at my lack of discernment for choosing such a host. Yet without it I would not have developed my own insight into Jesus Sending Out the Twelve (Matt 10, Mark 6 & Luke 9) and an understanding of God's shrewdness and my utter ignorance.

LESSON #1: Do not bring any possessions with you. This way you may keep your life.

In Matthew's account, disciples do not need to take anything along with them because a "worker is worth his keep." That was how I have understood it for the longest time, till I came across Luke 10 where Jesus Sends out the 72. This time, the instruction to take nothing with them comes after Jesus says "I am sending you out like lambs amongst wolves." In other words, do not bring any valuables with you because wherever you are going, you will not be able to account for it nor will you be able to hold onto it.

Do not assume the path to be peaceful & greet no one. Instead make haste to reach the house that the Lord sends you.





Through other veteran missionary organizations, God showed me how leading with money can contort relational dynamics and hide the truth. When funds run dry, an entire organisation that took decades to build can fall like a house of cards. Singapore promotes itself as a financial hub, so often times we also want to use our strong dollar as a solution to the problems we see on the ground. Yet the Lord seems to be firm in His warning – do not extend your help with money as a first response. Instead, build skills, relations, knowledge, capability and capacity that can benefit the household He leads us into.

LESSON #2: If you want to serve someone, work for them. It is easier to know them when you work for them than when they work for you.

Needless to say, my volunteer experience broke my rose-tinted glasses and helped me see this uncomfortable truth – The more you enjoy yourself as a customer, the more work it is for the worker behind the scene. Therefore, do not ever start anything, say a cafe, if your reason is to enjoy the relaxing vibes as a consumer.

Jesus tells His disciples to go empty-handed, to be put in the position where they need to rely on the good will and grace of their host to feed and house them. And they in turn work to earn their keep. As a worker, there is unlimited access to knowing the host, because many do not bother to put up a false front for hirelings.

Moving forward for 2026 I will continue to give more time to volunteer in farms in order to learn, curate and bring agricultural methods and technology to developing countries. Pray with me for opportunities to meet people who are willing to impart their skills and know-how to benefit the poor in South Asia.

MISSIONS FUND AT A GLANCE

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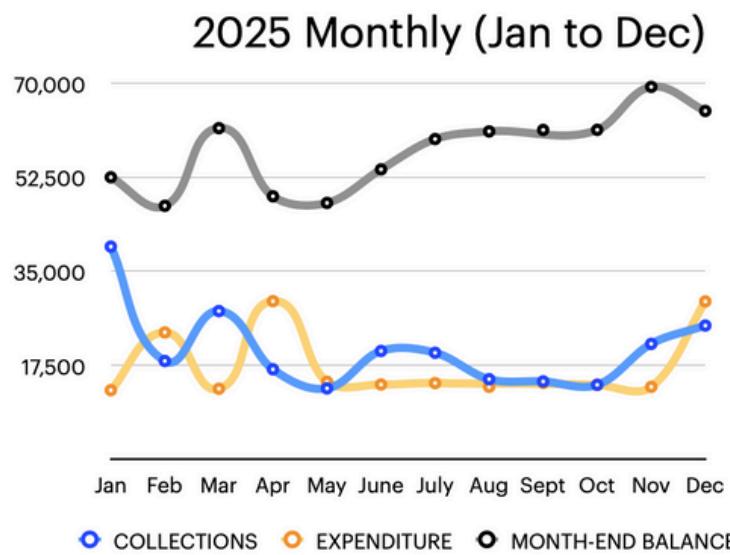
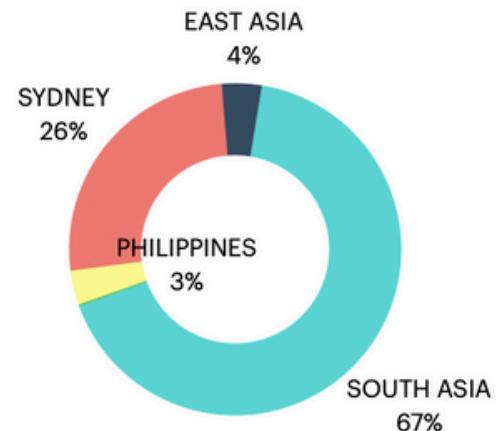
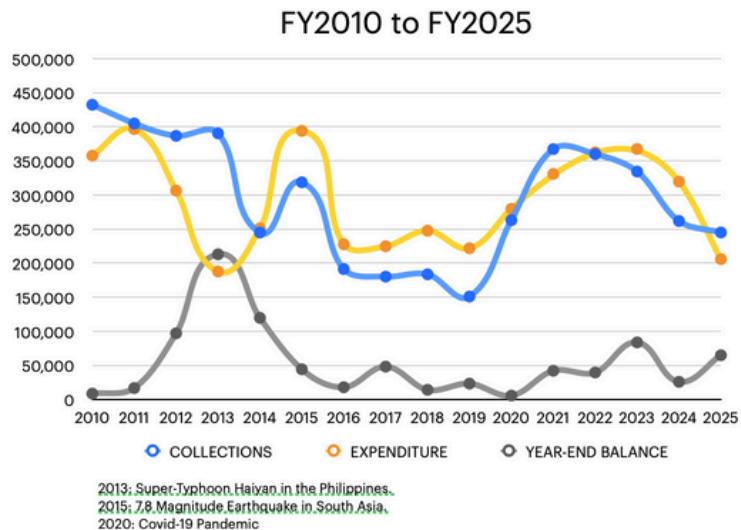
DECREASE IN ANNUAL EXPENDITURE

Increase in self-supporting churches & decrease in overheads.

244K

ANNUAL COLLECTIONS IN SGD

Total collections decreased by 5%



317

Total number of foreign-based
mission churches

2

Total number of AG workers
and AG ministers overseas

367+

Total number of co-workers
serving in the mission churches

205K

Total missions spending for the year
in SGD



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