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The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Psalm 23:1-3

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## Editor's Note

### Blessings

One of the many definitions of "blessing" is "a favour bestowed by God". Each day is a blessing - a gift from God. We acknowledge and give thanks to God for his many blessings on the YWCA, her volunteers and staff.

We are half way into the calendar year of 2012 but for YWCA we have only started our year which runs from May 2012 to April 2013. After the AGM of the Association held at the end of April, the Board formed the various committees to carry out the mission and work of the Association. Since then, all the committees had their first meeting and have started to work on the plans and programmes for the year. YWCA is blessed to have many women who have volunteered to participate in the committees and to be involved in the various activities. See pages 3 and 4 for the list of volunteers in these committees.

YWCA has its motto as "By love serve one another" and the Bible has much to say about serving. I found this passage in Romans 12:6-8 which appears to be relevant as we start our new year with volunteers, old and new - "We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your[a] faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is

giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully".

YWCA needs more volunteers if additional programmes and services are to be introduced. On page 8, you will read an article about the community services provided by YWCA and you can contact our staff to volunteer. In addition, the Community Outreach committee will organise a programme of volunteering opportunities for volunteers.

There are other articles in this issue which you should read to keep yourself updated and informed of the activities of the Association. As we continue with the rest of the year, and count our blessings one by one, I give you this prayer.....

### An Irish Prayer

May God give you,  
for every storm, a rainbow,  
for every tear, a smile,  
for every care, a promise,  
And a blessing for each trial.  
For every problem life sends,  
A faithful friend to share,  
For every sigh, a sweet song,  
And an answer to every prayer.

Tan Kee Leng, PBM  
Editor

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## Upcoming Events

EVERY LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

### JOY TALK

Venue : YWCA Fort Canning Lodge,  
Grace Room (Level 2),  
6 Fort Canning Road  
Singapore 179494

Time : 12.30 pm – 2.00 pm

01 SEPTEMBER – 13 OCTOBER  
(SATURDAYS)

### KOREAN LANGUAGE CLASS (BASIC LEVEL)

Venue : YWCA Outram Centre,  
Room 8 (Level 2),  
254 Outram Road,  
Singapore 169051

Time : 10.00 am – 11.30 am

Fee : \$205 (Members);  
\$210 (YWCA Alumni);  
\$215 (Non Members)

01 SEPTEMBER (SATURDAY)

### LEGO SERIOUS PLAY™ PARENT-CHILD BONDING WORKSHOP

Venue : YWCA Fort Canning Lodge,  
Hope & Faith Room (Level 3)  
6 Fort Canning Road  
Singapore 179494

Time : 9.15 am – 12.30 pm

Fee : \$118 (Members);  
\$123 (YWCA Alumni);  
\$128 (Non Members)

06 OCTOBER (SATURDAY)

### MUZIKALTHON

Venue : YWCA Fort Canning Lodge,  
Sophia Cooke Ballroom (Level 2),  
6 Fort Canning Road  
Singapore 179494

Time : 10.00 am – 2.00 pm

20 OCTOBER (SATURDAY)

### COOK-OUT

Venue : YWCA Outram Centre  
Time : To be confirmed

24 OCTOBER (WEDNESDAY)

### SENIOR CITIZEN'S LUNCH

Venue : YWCA Fort Canning Lodge,  
Multi Purpose Hall (Level 1),  
6 Fort Canning Road  
Singapore 179494

Time : To be confirmed

Fee : To be confirmed

12 – 16 NOVEMBER (MONDAY – FRIDAY)

### WORLD WEEK OF PRAYER

Venue : To be confirmed

Time : To be confirmed

28 NOVEMBER (WEDNESDAY)

### YWCA FLAG DAY 2012

Venue : Island wide  
Time : 9.30 am – 1.30 pm;  
1.00 pm – 5.00 pm

03 DECEMBER (MONDAY)

### CHRISTMAS JOYTALK

Venue : YWCA Fort Canning Lodge,  
Multi Purpose Hall (Level 1)  
6 Fort Canning Road  
Singapore 179494

Time : To be confirmed

07 DECEMBER (FRIDAY)

### 1-DAY CAMP FOR CHILDREN

Venue : To be confirmed

Time : To be confirmed

Fee : To be confirmed

## Events

### Golden Y Fellowship Mother's Day Luncheon

What better way for the Golden Y ladies to celebrate Mother's Day than to have fellowship and lunch together. On Wednesday, 9 May 2012, 27 ladies trooped down to Fort Canning Lodge to have their celebration lunch at the newly renovated Café Lodge. The ladies had a good time feasting over the scrumptious buffet spread. Besides the food, a blessings draw was conducted. Prizes for the draw were donated by the GY ladies. It was a joyous day and everyone went home happy.

## YWCA Annual General Meeting 2012



The Annual General Meeting of the YWCA was held on Thursday, 27 April 2012, at the Sophia Cooke Ballroom of the Fort Canning Lodge. This year, 33 staff were recognised for their years of loyal service to the Association at the Long Service Award Ceremony. There was also a presentation ceremony for the outstanding achievements and performances by our Kindergarten and Child Development Centres. A total of five centres received awards in recognition of their efforts. Ang Mo Kio CDC, Bukit Gombak CDC, Jurong East CDC and McNair CDC, received the Consistent Performance Award; while Pasir Ris CDC received the Best Performing Centre Award. Congratulations and keep up the good work! As of next year, there will be a change to the eligibility criteria of the “Consistent Performance” Award. Centres which have received this award two years in a row will not be eligible for the same award in the following year. This is to allow every centre an equal opportunity to compete for this award while encouraging them to strive for greater excellence.

As the meeting was called to order, our outgoing President, Mrs Ma Kheng Min, delivered a report on the activities and the achievements of the YWCA for the year 2011-2012, which was another eventful year for the Y despite a decrease of 5% in surplus in 2011 as compared to 2010. Mrs Ma expressed her thanks and appreciation to the staff of the YWCA for their hard work and dedication throughout the year which has enabled the Association to achieve such excellent results. In her report, Mrs Ma also informed members present of the completion of her two-year term as President of the YWCA and her decision not to seek re-election at the AGM due to her additional management responsibilities at the University. Mrs Ma will continue to serve on the Board as its Immediate Past President for an interim period of one year.

Mrs Ma is being succeeded by Ms Tan Kee Leng, who is no stranger to the YWCA, having been her President for many terms. After the announcement of the new Board of Management for the year 2012 - 2013, Reverend Melvin Huang, Chaplain of the YWCA, delivered a short meditation before dedicating the members of the Board to the Lord, as they renewed their commitments to serve in the Association and the community.

The YWCA would like to thank Mrs Ma Kheng Min for her dedicated service and contributions to the YWCA. Under her leadership and direction, new projects have been implemented and new members have been recruited to serve on various Committees as part of the leadership renewal and succession plans for the YWCA, some of which have since moved on to join the Board.

May the Lord grant the new Board of Management wisdom, strength and discernment as they spearhead the YWCA to achieve even greater successes for His glory!

## Board of Management and Committees 2012 - 2013

### BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

President	Tan Kee Leng
Vice-Presidents	Mavis Tsoi Janet Tan
Honorary Secretary	Dancy Thong
Honorary Treasurer	Maureen Nguee
Members	Foo Chek Chiang (co-opted) Gan Soh Huan Ho Lay Hong Vivien Lai (co-opted) Helen Miao (co-opted) Jennifer Ng Dorothy Tessensohn Dorene Yeo Evelyn Yeo (co-opted)
Immediate Past President	Ma Kheng Min

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Tan Kee Leng
Members	Mavis Tsoi Janet Tan Dancy Thong Maureen Nguee Gan Soh Huan Ma Kheng Min

### NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Janet Tan
Members	Ho Lay Hong Maureen Nguee

### APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Tan Kee Leng
Members	Mavis Tsoi Janet Tan Dancy Thong Maureen Nguee Ma Kheng Min

### AUDIT COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Evelyn Yeo
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Ex-officio	Tan Kee Leng

### BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Mavis Tsoi
Vice-Chairperson	Gan Soh Huan
Members	Loh-Chiam Shock Yuen Ng Jit Chin Vincent Tong
Ex-officio	Tan Kee Leng

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## REPRESENTATIVE TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS

People's Association	Jennifer Ng
Singapore Council of Women's Organisations	Ma Kheng Min
National Council of Social Service	Foo Chek Chiang
National Council of Churches of Singapore	Janet Tan

## NATIONAL COMMITTEES

### CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Janet Tan
Vice-Chairperson	Vivien Lai
Members	Pauline Boey Evelyn Chey Ma Kheng Min Maureen Nguée
Ex-officio	Tan Kee Leng

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH & FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Foo Chek Chiang
Vice-Chairperson	Dancy Thong
Members	Ho Lay Hong Jennifer Liaw Jennifer Ng Angeline Tan
Ex-officio	Tan Kee Leng

### FINANCE & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Maureen Nguée
Vice-Chairperson	Vacant
Members	Dancy Thong Janet Tan FCL Rep
Ex-officio	Tan Kee Leng

### FORT CANNING LODGE COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Mavis Tsoi
Vice-Chairperson	Gan Soh Huan
Members	Loh-Chiam Shock Yuen Ma Kheng Min Maureen Nguée Adele Tan Janet Tan
Ex-officio	Tan Kee Leng

### HUMAN RESOURCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Helen Miao
Vice-Chairperson	Janet Tan
Members	Jennifer Ng Maureen Nguée Paul Misir
Ex-officio	Tan Kee Leng

### MEMBERSHIP & PROGRAMMES COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Dorene Yeo
Vice-Chairperson	Ma Kheng Min
Members	Jennifer Ho Ho Lay Hong Jennifer Ng
Ex-officio	Tan Kee Leng

## PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Tan Kee Leng
Vice-Chairperson	Vivien Lai
Members	Jocelyn Chew Ho Lay Hong Hazel Oh Dancy Thong Jennifer Vayding Yap Beng-Ai Evelyn Yeo

## PUBLICITY & PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Tan Kee Leng (Editor – YW Link)
Members	Mavis Tsoi Janet Tan

## Y-COOK COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Tan Kee Leng
Vice Chairperson	Dancy Thong
Members	Jennifer Ng Maureen Nguée Janet Tan Dorothy Tessensohn

## SUB-COMMITTEES

### CHRISTIAN GROWTH SUB-COMMITTEE

To be formed later

### KINDERGARTEN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Janet Tan
Vice-Chairperson	Vivien Lai
Members	Pauline Boey Evelyn Chey Ma Kheng Min Maureen Nguée
Ex-officio	Tan Kee Leng

## OTHER COMMITTEES

### GOLDEN Y CIRCLE COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Catherine Chan
Assistant Chairperson	Wendy Lye
Members	Maureen Chan Heng-Lim Gaik Kee Ho Lay Hong Magdalene Lee Susan Lye Jennifer Ng Christina Ong Mona Soh Ivy Song Lily Tan Ivy Wong Yap-Liao Siew Keam



## YWCA Flag Day 2012



This year, the YWCA Flag Day falls on Wednesday, 28 November 2012. Proceeds raised from the Flag Day event will be used to fund the YWCA's wide range of community services and projects, which are made available to all, regardless of race, gender, belief or religion. The YWCA's community services include the following:

**HUNGRY NO MORE (MEALS-ON-WHEELS FOR ELDERLY)**, a programme that distributes free nutritious lunches to needy, frail and homebound elderly on a daily basis from Mondays to Fridays.

**HUNGRY NO MORE (MEALS-ON-WHEELS FOR CHILDREN)**, a programme which provides free nutritious dinners to children from low-income families on a weekly basis from Mondays to Fridays.

**HUNGRY NO MORE (SUSTENANCE FOR FAMILIES)**, a programme which distributes dry rations on a monthly basis to needy families.

**"YES U CAN... BE INCLUDED!"** an integration programme for pre-school children with mild special needs – an early intervention programme that aims to provide mainstream pre-school education for children with mild special needs in a normal child care environment with the purpose of integrating them into normal schools.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME** to help needy children attending our Child Development Centres who are unable to pay the full fees.

**YWCA KIDS' CLUB**, a programme that aims to help the beneficiaries of the Hungry No More (Meals-On-Wheels for Children) Programme to realise their potential through social, emotional, moral and academic support.

**BURSARY SCHEME** for children who are on the Hungry No More (Meals-On-Wheels for Children) Programme. This scheme seeks to motivate them to improve their studies and affirm their talents in other areas like sports and art.

You can play an active role in helping us continue our efforts to reach out to the less privileged in our society. Together, we can reach out to more needy individuals and families and change their lives for the better!

If you would like to support us financially, you can do so through the following methods:

1. Cash donation – please come down personally to the YWCA National Office located at 254 Outram Road, Singapore 169051 from Monday – Friday between 9.00 am – 6.00 pm or Saturday, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm
2. Cheque donation – please make cheque(s) payable to "YWCA" and write your name and NRIC No. at the back of the cheque(s). Please mail your cheques back to the YWCA National Office
3. Credit card – please provide us with your details, credit card number and the expiry date, together with the amount deductible
4. Donate generously to our street collectors located island wide on the actual day of our Flag Day event.

Only donations of \$50 and above are eligible for double tax exemption. Please indicate 'YWCA Flag Day 2012' for your donation.

Alternatively, you can also support us by volunteering your time to sell flags on 28 November, either from 9.30 am – 1.30 pm or 1.00 pm – 5.00 pm.

To make a donation or to volunteer, please contact Ms Nicole Chua @ tel: 6223 1227 or email: nicolechua@ywca.org.sg or visit our website @www.ywca.org.sg

# Community Services

## Kid's Club Anniversary Outing to Kranji

In conjunction with Kid's Club's 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, on the morning of 14 April 2012, 33 excited children and 11 volunteers headed for an outing to Kranji Countryside. The first destination of the outing was Hay Diaries goat farm. The children were briefed on the breeding of goats and shown the process of milking. After the briefing and demonstration, the children were given a tour around the goat farm. Each child was also given a bottle of chocolate flavoured goat's milk and a souvenir after the tour.

After gulping down their bottles of chocolate goat's milk, the children and volunteers proceed to the next destination - Hausmann Marketing Aquarium. The children were given nets and pails to do longkang fishing at the children's fishing pond for 30 minutes. After an exciting fishing session, the children proceeded to feed the Koi and the turtle. At 12.30pm, the children headed home after a fun and enjoyable countryside experience.



## YWCA Community Services

### Sustenance for Families

This is a dry rations distribution programme which targets mainly the low and middle income families living in 1, 2 or 3-room flats and do not receive public assistance. With the rising costs of living, these families often have to make difficult and painful decisions such as choosing between paying their utilities bills or buying food for the family.

This programme seeks to ease the financial burdens faced by these families as they struggle daily to make ends meet. Needy families will receive basic necessities like rice, beverages, cooking oil, canned food, toilet rolls and washing powder. Distributions of dry rations are carried out on a monthly basis on weekdays and on weekends.



### Weekend Distribution

This programme is usually carried out on Saturday mornings on a monthly basis in different areas. Volunteers help in the packing and delivery of dry rations to families who live in the vicinity.

### Weekday Distribution

The rations for each family are customised according to the family's needs. For example, a family with young babies may request for diapers to be included in the rations. Volunteers will also help to pack the dry rations and packing is done at our YWCA Outram Centre.

### YWCA Kids' Club

The YWCA Kids' Club seeks to provide a more holistic approach to help the existing recipients from the Meals-on-Wheels for Children programme. The Club aims to provide emotional, academic and social support to disadvantaged children aged between 5 to 12 years old. Through this weekly Saturday programme, we hope to engage older youths and working professionals to mentor the children by providing a rewarding, conducive environment for them to develop their self-worth, character, and discover their unique potential and strive for excellence. The children will also be tutored in their academic subjects, mainly English by the volunteers.



### Meals-On-Wheels for Elderly and Children

The Meals-On-Wheels for Elderly programme was launched to distribute free, nutritious lunches daily on weekdays to needy, frail and homebound elderly while Meals-On-Wheels for Children provides free nutritious dinners on weekdays to children from low-income families.

For more information on these programmes and how you can volunteer with us, please contact us at [members@ywca.org.sg](mailto:members@ywca.org.sg) or visit our website at [www.ywca.org.sg](http://www.ywca.org.sg).



### Kat Teng, Volunteer for Sustenance for Families

Interviewed by Karen Chay



Kat Teng (Front row, fourth from the left)

#### Tell us something interesting about yourself.

I am extremely outgoing. I enjoy all sports activities under the gorgeous sun.

#### Do you have a favorite book or author?

I like books written by Sherry Argov.

#### What are some things that you cannot live without?

Water, my beauty sleep, spending quality time with my family and outdoor activities!

#### What's your most treasured personal possession?

Photos taken with my loved ones.

#### Is there anything you always wanted to do but never did?

Sky diving!

#### Other than your family, who are the most important people in your life?

That would have to be my best mate, who is residing in Sri Lanka.

## Christian Living

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### The Fight of Faith

By Pastor Cynthia Quek, Rhema Christian Centre

In any competition, whether a person participates as an opponent or as a supporter, nobody enjoys being on the losing side. If your team is winning, you cheer enthusiastically, but when your team is losing, you are demoralised. You just feel like crawling into a hole to hide. In this game of life, when Jesus rose from the dead, life triumphed over death. Jesus defeated death and the devil. The good news is that those who believe in Jesus are transferred from the losing side to the winning side.

#### Faith overcomes

The Apostle John in 1 John 5:4 says, *“for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith”*. Everyone who is born again, through faith in Jesus Christ, has this victory that overcomes the world. The world includes the devil, sin and your flesh. You don't have to wait until you become a strong Christian to get this victory.

#### What do you consider to be your strongest/weakest character traits?

My strongest character trait would have to be my ability to adapt easily to my surroundings and to the people around me. My weakest character trait would be my short temperedness.

#### What motto do you live by?

Now is the last moment of one's life. My life becomes more meaningful when I learn to live each day as if it was my last day here on earth.

#### If you could be someone else for a day who would it be? Why?

I would love to be Mother Teresa. I want to be able to accomplish all the great things she did out of love and compassion for mankind.

#### How long have you been volunteering with the YWCA? What made you decide to volunteer with the YWCA?

I have been volunteering with the YWCA since October 2010. I wanted to be a volunteer because I want to be able to do my part and contribute to society.

#### What do you find rewarding about being a volunteer with the Sustenance for Families programme?

What keeps me going each time are the smiles on the faces of the beneficiaries when I deliver dry rations to their homes. I am glad that I am able to bring a smile to their faces.

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In life, there is a real fight. We are not supposed to relax on beds of ease. Faith is active, not passive. We cannot build muscles by being an armchair athlete. We cannot become proficient athletes by practising on the computer. We have to exercise our muscles to win the game.

In life's battles, what kind of fight do we fight? The only fight the believer is called upon to fight is the FIGHT OF FAITH. It is not to quarrel with people or even fight the devil. Jesus didn't jump, shout and scream at the devil but spoke the Word to defeat him. In the parable of the sower, Satan is portrayed as the bird of the air that swallows the seeds that were sown. The devil is after the Word and steals God's promises to you through lies and deception.

If the devil is already defeated, what is the fight all about? The fight of faith is to hold on to the Word of God until what you believe concerning God's promises comes to pass. This "holding" requires a continuous possessing. You can't let go, you need to seize and hold fast what is good. (1 Thess 5:2)

The fight of faith is a "good fight" because we have won; we don't fight TO win, we fight FROM a winning position. Jesus won the battle and gave His victory to the church. However, although the war has already been won, we need to enforce the victory. As Christians, we are like soldiers who come in to occupy the captured territory. We are the law enforcement officers.

We enforce the victory by standing on God's promises. We must have staying power to stand, stand and stand until we see the promise materialise (Ephesians 6:13-14). The fight centres around keeping your mind focused on Him and His Word. Isaiah 26:3 says "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. (KJV)

Stand and resist the devil. Do not do the opposite - receive from Satan and resist God. Submit to God, resist the devil and he will flee from you. How do we do this? Suppose you feel unwell. The promise of God in 1 Peter 2:24 is "by whose stripes ye were healed." Even though you don't feel healed, you believe you are healed according to His Word. Keep your confession of faith in spite of any symptoms you may experience. Instead of saying, "I feel sick" or "the doctor said I have this condition," in faith, say, "I believe I am healed by the stripes of Jesus." In this way, you agree with God and resist the enemy of sickness. That condition will have to flee from you.

### Elements of a fight

1. The battle is in the mind. It is in our thought life.  
One of the earliest examples of Psychological Warfare was practised by "Alexander the Great." Alexander had conquered most of the known world. With each region he conquered, he left soldiers behind to control the newly conquered area. Eventually, Alexander realised that he had stretched his army too thin and was now in danger of losing to a large opposing force. Alexander's only option was to retreat and regroup forces with the armies he left behind. But this tactic would incite the opposing force to pursue him. He risked capture or even defeat.

Alexander knew that if he could intimidate the opposing force they would be scared to follow his army. He gave the

command to make several oversized armour breastplates and helmets that would fit "giants", men 7 to 8 feet tall. As his forces withdrew during the night, they left behind the oversized armour which was found by the opposing forces. They believed that they would be battling with giants. The oversized armour (together with propaganda about how fierce Alexander's army was) caused them to retreat instead of pursuing Alexander's army.

In the same way, the devil wages psychological warfare in your mind. He will try to make you think God does not care for you when in fact, God loves you exceedingly. He will try to make you think the sickness is incurable instead of "nothing is impossible for those who believe."

2. There is a war of words but you must have the last say.  
In 1 Samuel 17:43-47, David had to win the war of words with Goliath.  
Goliath said: "*Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks? Come here and I'll give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!*"  
David replied: "*You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will hand you over to me, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands.*"

When your bank account taunts you, "You don't have enough. Prices are sky rocketing," you'll have to answer it by saying, "My God is El Shaddai, the One who is more than enough. He is my provider. He supplies all my needs according to His riches in Christ Jesus." If the devil intimidates you with, "You are useless! You can't do anything right! You are not good enough to get that job," you'll have to answer, "The Greater One is in me. He is the Creator of this universe, the most intelligent One. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." When your body is screaming, "Pain, pain, pain!" or when the doctor says, "Your case is terminal," you answer back, "Surely He took up our sicknesses and carried our pains...by His stripes I am healed." (Isaiah 53:3-5)

So fight the good fight of faith. Don't believe the devil's lies. Win the war of words. Don't let your problem have the last say. Let God's word have the last say. The battle is the Lord's. We are WINNERS!

*Cynthia Quek is an instructor at RHEMA Bible Training Center Singapore (RBTCS). Her responsibilities include teaching assigned classes for the full time and part time schools and assisting the Director of RBTCS in alumni affairs. She travels regularly taking missions teams to conduct seminars and leadership programs at Bible schools, churches, orphanages and other organisations. She graduated from RBTCS in 2003. She is an ordained minister with RHEMA Ministerial Association International. She is married to Colin, with two sons, Ian and Shaun.*

# Announcements

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## Welcome on Board

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The YWCA is pleased to welcome new staff joining the team. We welcome Nursyahirah Binte Sahabah (Teacher Aide) at Bedok CDC; Saratha Bahnu D/O Radakrishnan (Assistant Teacher) at Outram CDC; May Chen Meixiu (Teacher) at Outram CDC; Lau Puay Hwang (Teacher Aide) at Outram CDC; Lim Sai Eng (Cook cum Cleaner) at Bishan CDC; Aruljothi D/O Raju (Teacher) at Bishan CDC; Loke Kai Wen Joy (Assistant Teacher) at Bishan CDC; Tan Peck Hong and Tan Pek Hoon (Para Educators); Sun Shuang (Language Teacher) at McNair CDC; Chow Mei Mey (Office Secretary) at Pasir Ris CDC; Noorini Binte Rasib (Teacher) at Bukit Gombak CDC; and Chong Sin Loke (MOW Attendant) at National Office.

At Fort Canning Lodge, we welcome Sithampara Nathan (Night Cleaner), Wang Feng and Xia Haibo (Room Attendants), Mok Chee Wai (Cook), David Loke (Maintenance Manager), Hii Siik Cho (Executive Chef), Ravindran S/O Sivilingam (F & B Sales Executive), Wong Chee How (Technician), Zhuang Qingquan (Night Cleaner), Sasikala Muniandy (Waitress), Colleen J. Doral (Assistant Manager – Reservations), Eve Nathan (Reservations Executive) and Ramai A/P Kuppusamy (Stewardess)

## Suggestion Box

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We welcome your views and feedback! If you have any comments or suggestions on how we can improve on our programmes and services or if you have any creative ideas for fund raising activities or community service projects, we would love to hear from you! Drop us an email at [admin@ywca.org.sg](mailto:admin@ywca.org.sg).

## Life Time of Memories

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We are looking for past YWCA mementoes and collectible items such as old newsletters, newspaper articles, souvenirs, etc. as part of our efforts to preserve the YWCA's heritage. If you have any old mementoes which you would like to contribute towards this cause, we would love to hear from you! For more information, please contact Ms Karen Chay at tel: 6223 1227.

## YWCA Recipe Greeting Cards

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As another fund raising initiative by the Y-Cook Committee in support of the underprivileged in our local community, the YWCA has launched a set of limited edition recipe greeting cards featuring six selected recipes from our popular 2010 Celebrations Diary such as Sugee Cookies, Roast Lamb Rack with Almond Crust, Cold Buckwheat Soba Salad, Tandoori Chicken, Beef Rendang and Tom Yam Mee Siam. The cards are blank on the inside so they are perfect for any and every occasion.

Make every occasion special for you and your loved ones as you send your love and thoughts to them using these lovely fundraiser cards. Each set of six cards are only priced at \$6.00 so get your cards now and help someone in need today!

The cards are available for sale at the YWCA National Office located at 254 Outram Road, Singapore 169051 and at the YWCA Fort Canning Lodge, Front Office, located at 6 Fort Canning Road, Singapore 179494. For enquiries, please contact Ms Karen Chay @ tel: 6223 1227 or email: [karenchay@ywca.org.sg](mailto:karenchay@ywca.org.sg).



## Volunteers Needed for our Community Services!

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Join us as VOLUNTEERS and make a difference in the lives of the less privileged in our community!

### YWCA Cook-Out

The highly anticipated Cook-Out event is back again in October! Whether you are a chef, an amateur cook or totally clueless in the kitchen, you can be part of this event as we all come together in concerted effort to prepare a special home-cooked meal for over 200 beneficiaries of our Hungry No More (Meals-On-Wheels for Elderly and Children) Programmes! To find out more about this volunteering opportunity, please contact us at email: [members@ywca.org.sg](mailto:members@ywca.org.sg) or tel: 6223 1227.

### YWCA Kids' Club

We are looking for volunteers to tutor children from low income families who are between 5 – 12 years old in English as well as mentor them by providing a rewarding, conducive environment for them to develop their self-worth, character, and discover their unique potential and strive for excellence. If you are between 16 – 30 years old, enjoy working with children and are available on Saturdays from 10.00 am – 12.30 pm, please contact us at email: [members@ywca.org.sg](mailto:members@ywca.org.sg) or tel: 6223 1227.

# Child Development Centres

## Bedok Child Development Centre

By Sandy Koh

### Easter Celebration

Christians across the world celebrate Easter to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ on the third day after his crucifixion. On Thursday, 5 April 2012, Bedok CDC celebrated Easter by having one of the student's father, Pastor Matthews Abraham, visit the centre and share a video of the Easter story with the children. The children enjoyed the video clip and responded very well to Pastor Matthews.

Easter is also often associated with bunnies and Easter eggs. The centre staff created a special tree using real branches. After the children had painted their Easter eggs, they carefully hung their eggs on the tree. Special messages on God's love were also written on the eggs.



### Mother's Day Celebration

On Friday, 11 May 2012, in conjunction with Mother's Day, the centre organised a PEPS parenting workshop for mummies and children to spend some bonding time together.

Earlier in the week, the children were busy preparing special gifts for their mummies for this special day. They made cookies, cupcakes, poems on trays, key chains, tote bags, paper flowers, photo-frames and many other items.

