



Angel Tree

ANGEL TREE HAMPER PROJECT 2018

IMPACT
REPORT



Prison Fellowship
Singapore



OVERVIEW

The Angel Tree Hamper Project was launched by Prison Fellowship Singapore (PFS) in 2005 with a vision to bring a message of hope from inmates to their loved ones, in the spirit of Christmas. Over the years, we have witnessed how inmates have found Christ in prison and are transformed by the Word of God. With this initiative, inmates are given an opportunity to seek forgiveness and share with their families how God has touched their lives.

Handwritten letters with powerful messages of hope and reconciliation are written by inmates and are personally delivered with hampers by volunteer church teams to the families. This knitting of hearts not only brings hope and joy to children and youths with parents in prison, but also opens doors for the restoration of broken relationships between inmates and their loved ones.

Churches and business organisations contribute and bring the love of Christ through donations and dedication of their time and service. The delivery of hampers also provides an opportunity for us to further identify needs of families whom we can help in more ways.



Among juvenile delinquents, boys with hostile fathers commit more crime and use a larger variety of drugs and alcohol than boys with absentee fathers. (Journal of Adolescence, 2018)

Among juvenile delinquents who had completed rehabilitation in 2011, 16.7 per cent re-offended within three years. These juveniles were aged between seven and under-16. (Straits Times, 2018)

85 new Beyond Parental Control cases were filed in 2017, the most since 2009. (TNP, 2018)

THE JOURNEY

2017 - 2018



MAY - JUL

CALL FOR DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS

This is communicated to our partner churches around Singapore and through our various social media channels.



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PURCHASE OF HAMPER ITEMS

Purchasing is done early to ensure the availability of the chosen hamper products and to be cost efficient. Also, some products require a longer lead time to be manufactured.



SEPT

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION IN PRISON

Registration is open to all beneficiaries who participate in the PFS programmes in prison. Inmates write their letters and submit them to SPS for approval. PFS then converts them into greeting cards to be paired with the hampers.



NOV

HAMPER PACKING AND COLLECTION

A partner school opens up their premises and allows their students to contribute their time to pack hamper items into large tote bags and sort them in preparation for hamper distribution. Church volunteers collect hampers at the partner school and form teams to visit the homes of hamper recipients.



DEC

VISITS AND HAMPER DELIVERY

Church volunteers unite as a body of Christ to deliver hampers all over the island and bring love into the homes of families of the incarcerated.



JAN

FEEDBACK COLLECTION AND FOLLOW UP

Undelivered hampers are returned to PFS and church volunteers share their experiences to help us improve our processes and solve any issues that arise during the project.

OUR PARTNERS

PARTNER SCHOOL



Christ Church
Secondary School

“The Angel Tree project is a meaningful project to get the students involved. It serves as a platform for students to demonstrate the values they have learned or caught in school. In Christ Church Secondary School, we reiterate the importance of family and the focus of the project on family is a theme that our students can relate to.

Through the Angel Tree project, our students will learn about caring for others, giving their time to the community, paying forward as a member of the community. The debriefing after every session was great for the students to reflect on their contribution. It was impressive upon them that their effort could make a difference to the families who receive the hamper. It was also a time for our students to appreciate and be thankful of what they have.”

Andy Lee



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Churches

Supported the project through donations, of which 33 signed up with volunteer teams to distribute hampers to the families.

OUR PARTNERS

PARTNER CHURCHES

Bedok Methodist Church
Bethany Presbyterian Church
Bethel Presbyterian Church
Bethesda Hall (Ang Mo Kio)
Bethesda Hall Depot Walk
Bethesda Pasir Ris Mission Church
Chapel of the Resurrection
Cherith Baptist Church
Christ Methodist Church
City Harvest Church
City Missions Church
Eng Kong Christian Church
Glory Presbyterian Church
Grace Assembly of God
Hope Presbyterian Church
Korean Church in Singapore
Lawyers' Christian Fellowship
Light of Christ Church Woodlands
Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer
Mar Thoma Syrian Church in Singapore
Mt Hermon Bible Presbyterian Church
New Life Bible Presbyterian Church
Orchard Road Presbyterian Church
Parish of Christ Church
Pasir Panjang Tamil Methodist Church
Pentecost Methodist Church
Praise Evangelical Church
Prinsep Street Presbyterian Church
Sheperd's Assembly
St James Church
St. John's Chapel
True Way Presbyterian Church
Wesley Methodist Church

TESTIMONIES

Pentecost
Methodist Church

“ I have been volunteering in Angel Tree program for many years. Though this is only once a year volunteer service at Christmas season, I look forward to help to deliver hampers to families of inmates who are in prison for some reasons. The families were very thankful and happy when they received the hampers from their loves ones. It's so wonderful when we see how God open doors for the families to share and even allow us to pray for them. We experienced God's work thru us. I do encourage that more volunteers come forward to help every year.

“ I had a sense of fulfilment and camaradarie, to be a part of this project. Being able to deliver gifts & a letter from the loved one, is a small but lovely gesture, that we as Christians should endeavour to show, as we are His children. I encourage every sister & brother, who are able, to do this small but kind deed...As long as we have willing hearts, God can use us.

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I wanted to be God's tool in repairing the bridge between inmates and their loved ones. It is heartwarming when welcomed by families to enter their homes and to hear their stories. I am humbled by how some families are finding ways to cope, to hope (that the inmate will repent) and touched that most families welcome complete strangers like us into their lives.

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This is my 2nd year that i have participated in this event. It's through GOD's grace that lead me to join this wonderful project. I believe God wants me to learn the unconditional love provided to this inmates families. Nobody can do it alone but through GOD leading grace and love, we are able to achieve and fulfill our task on earth.

Lutheran
Church of
Our Redeemer



Delivering the hampers to each family help us remember the poor in the season of Christmas. It is also a simple way for us to share the love of God. We are happy to have delivered all the hampers before Christmas. May God continue to shower the families with love, joy, and peace as each family opens the hampers and looks forward to better days ahead.

Orchard Road
Presbyterian
Church



We were very encouraged by this pleasant and heart-warming experience. The recipient is the sister of the inmate and she was friendly and open. She was very happy that her brother is attending chapel service and she hopefully wish that her brother will learn to be a good person. I was touched by her love for her brother and also her neighbours as she told me she would distribute the contents of the hampers to her elderly neighbours. She is not a Christian but expressed interest in visiting a Chinese service church. Same has been conveyed to PFS.

CityGate Healing
Room Ministry
under umbrella of
City Missions
church



We are obeying commands of our precious Lord & Master & Saviour ::: reach out to less fortunate, rejected , orphans, widows & persecuted. Especially during this season of joy , peace & love we as the church would like to extend a warm & blessed touch to them. We want to empathise with them as they experience fear, loneliness, unloved & destitute. We are really joyful that out of the 41 hampers only eight was not able to be contacted. Those who took part felt they have had extended the Lord's Hands on the recipients . Shalom.

Dr Chan

LETTERS OF RECONCILIATION

TO : THE ONE I LOVE, MY PRINCESS

I MISSED YOU DETAILED

Hi My Love BLESSED MERRY CHRISTMAS. First Let Us Be Thankful. Thank GOD Almighty For This Hamper And All His Blessing.

May The GOD of Hope Fill you With All Joy And Peace In This Season And Year 2019.

In This Season Papa want To Share The Word OF GOD Thorough The Holy Spirit With You. The Word Became Flesh And His Dwelling Among Us (JOHN 1:14)


«FORGIVENESS»: Forgive as the Lord forgave you:

P.S: Please Ask MAMA To Explain AND Teach You The Word OF GOD.


"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."
(COLOSSIANS 3:12-14)



Pray everyday
IN Jesus name
he will help you,
Dear GOD, you know
what's on my mind today.
Help me to experience the
Peace that comes from
Sharing my concerns with
You and help my wief and
my daughter in your blessing.
Because you cares for us,
We Pray in your name

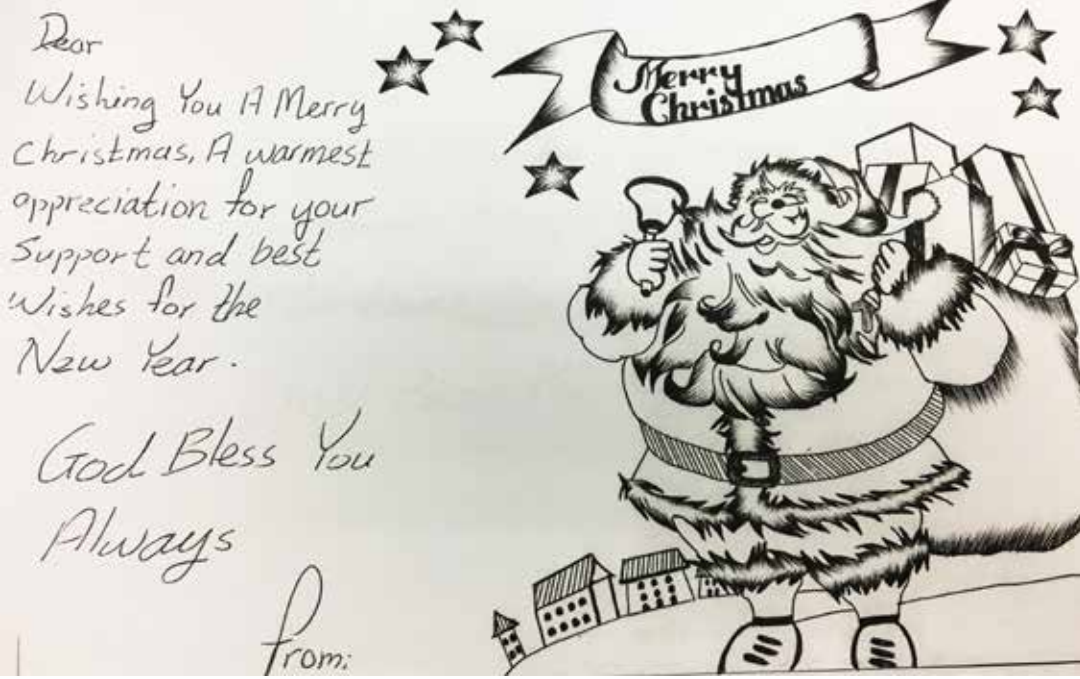


John
3:16



Special day for you when
December 1st come ^{his} your day.
Happy Birthday to my Dear,
Merry christmas and happy
New Year, Mau GOD
bless you all the best.
Dear P.S. go for security
course its ever easy
Five or ten day course
only. Once you took the
Pass then OK.

ALL MY LOVE TO YOU



STATISTICS



733

Hampers
Sent



43

Churches
involved



108

Students packed
the hampers



1000+

Volunteers
delivered the
hampers



Thank You

Each year, we thank God for the many pairs of helping hands that converge to make this Angel Tree project possible. On behalf of the inmates and their families, we thank you for your partnership. You have sponsored, packed and delivered not just hampers, but the message of hope and reconciliation.

Thank you and be blessed!
