



POOR & NEEDY MINISTRY

WHY WE SERVE

"Then the righteous will answer him, Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you? The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Matthew 25:37- 40



WHO WE SERVE

Even as Singapore becomes more affluent, Jesus has reminded us that we will always have the poor. In a modern and developed society, the term “poor” goes beyond those in need of basic material necessities. Poverty is also often accompanied by emotional distress, family and marital strife and social isolation.

Poverty can be crippling; children and youth from these families often have trouble catching up in school; adults find themselves left behind in family and job; while elderly poor can become increasingly weak, isolated and forgotten.

OSC's befriending program aims to build a relationship between the befriender and the poor and needy family we befriend (the befriendee). We recognize the importance of building a good relationship with the befriendees. Our befrienders are someone who will visit them, lend an ear when they want to pour out their hearts, or just be a friend that they desperately need who will not judge them but love them the way Jesus loves us.

TESTIMONY

I have somehow always felt the call to reach out to the poor and needy but for a long time I did not know how to approach it other than the few occasions during mission trips where I had the opportunities to be amongst the poor just to talk to them or share a meal with them. Even then, it was quite short term and there is no opportunity to develop a longer term relationship with them. That changed when I had the chance to serve as a befriender with the Outreach & Social Concerns ministry. I am currently a befriender with 2 families and God has opened my eye and my heart during the last 13 months that I had known them. I have gotten to know them better, their pain, their struggle as well as their hope for themselves and their children, Life has not been easy for them and as a befriender, I cannot help them solve all their problem but I know they appreciate me as a friend.

It is a very humbling experience to see how the families have managed to get by with so little while God has blessed us with so much that we sometimes waste away. I sometimes feel that I get more out of this ministry for myself than for the beneficiaries because God has humbled me, helped me to appreciate all that I have been blessed with, and helped me learn to always lean on Him. May all that I do for these families help them see the God who truly loves them!

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<http://bit.ly/OSC-vol-interest>**

**All volunteers will need to go through a screening process
before being accepted.**

