

THE OIKOS FELLOWSHIP



ANNUAL  
REVIEW

2023

# FROM THE DESK OF *Rev. Gerard Seow*

As I pen down my reflections on our two-decade journey in Geylang, my heart swells with gratitude for the sacred moments we've shared and the divine guidance that has led us. Our story, etched in the lanes of Geylang, is a testament to faith, resilience, and the unwavering love we carry in our hearts.

Twenty years ago, a storeroom on the 3rd level of 175b Geylang Road became the birthplace of OIKOS in this vibrant community. BeeLian's gesture of goodwill, contributing 45k SGD and offering the entire 2nd level at 175a, marked the inception of a sanctuary where souls could gather, worship, and find solace.

The streets of Geylang, with their tales of resilience and grace, have been our canvas. In 2004, as our gaze shifted from the bustling CBD to the red-light district, little did we know that it was a divine nudge leading us to the heart of Geylang. The waves of the Tsunami in December 2004 didn't just reshape coastlines; they reshaped our purpose. Our involvement in relief efforts became the cornerstone of the Geylang Bless God (GBG) mission.

Over the years, our mission has evolved, weaving a tapestry of love and hope in the fabric of Geylang. From opposing vices to championing families, our journey has been a dance of transformation. The past six years, from October 2017, brought profound revelations on Modalities, unlocking new dimensions of understanding and service.

Our family has grown, stretching its arms to Chiangmai, Fukuoka, and Manila. We've explored uncharted territories, touching lives and leaving imprints of God's love. As we stand at the threshold of a new chapter with the West Wing project, the echoes of possibilities reverberate. The acquisition of 173a/b and the synchronicity of events with a nearby Bible school's theological volumes speak of divine orchestration.

The Lion Dance troupe's departure opened a door to a new narrative—the story of the West Wing. Direct assistance to trauma victims, theological education, and spaces for meditation and prayer embody the essence of our expanded mission. The tetramorph design, with the Lion, Ox, Eagle, and Man, signifies not just phases of history but the richness of our shared journey.

In this sacred space, where the cries of Geylang intersect with the whispers of grace, let us continue to be vessels of love, compassion, and transformation. As we embrace the East and West wings, may the spirit of OIKOS soar higher, touching new heights of service and divine connection.

In His Love,

*Gerard Seow*

# TRACES *of* TIME

In this year's annual review, we immerse ourselves in the rich tapestry of our collective journey. Our commitment to impactful community outreach and transformative experiences resonates through shared moments, shaping our growth and success.

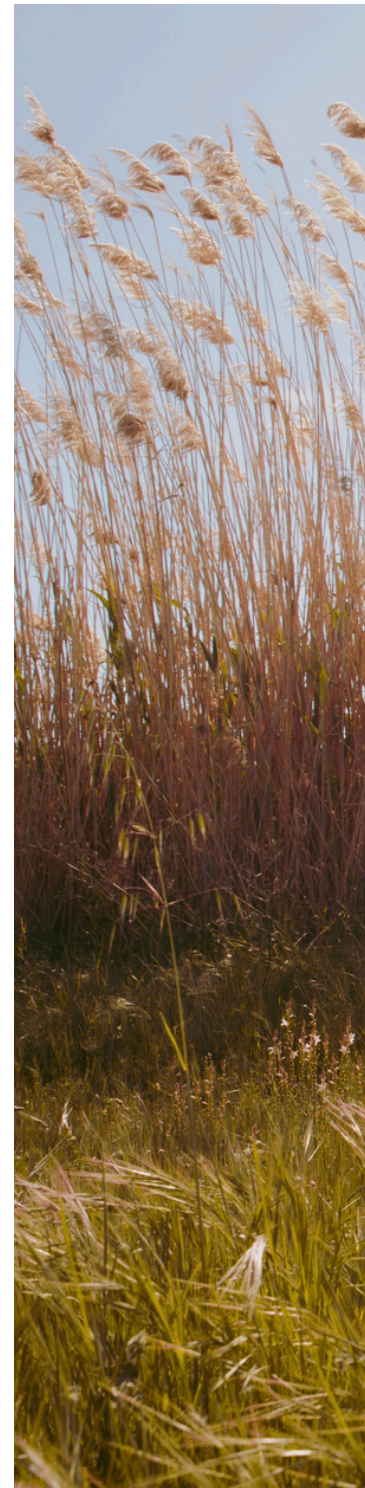
Carefully crafted innovative programs and events have deepened connections with existing members and welcomed new faces into our community. Diverse initiatives reflect our dedication to meeting evolving needs.

As we navigated challenges and celebrated triumphs, our community resilience emerged as a beacon of strength. Each trial met and triumph celebrated reaffirms our collective commitment to weathering storms and emerging stronger.

Anticipation fills the air as we envision the seeds planted in the past months flourishing in the future. Our commitment to making a positive impact remains resolute, laying the foundation for continued growth and spiritual fulfillment.

This review is a living testament to our dedication, resilience, and vision. It embodies countless acts of volunteerism, unified prayers, and a shared vision of making a meaningful difference.

As we conclude this reflection, we step into the future with gratitude for the past and a renewed sense of purpose. The narrative of the past year sets the stage for continued growth, service, and spiritual enrichment. Together, as one community, we embark on the unfolding chapters of our journey with hope and a steadfast commitment to our shared purpose.





# GEYLANG'S RESILIENCE

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## A NARRATIVE OF COLLECTIVE TRANSFORMATION

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“God reveals in His word His design for life and human flourishing through patterns of four. As we recover understanding of His eternal truths, and return to ancient paths marked out in His Word, we equip, edify and encourage one another to grow together as the body of Christ in oneness unto perfection—the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Let us respond to God’s initiating work in our lives as expressed in His name YHWH—to save us, to bring us into His covenantal community, to let us know Him experientially and intimately, and to give us new hearts, a new spirit and an inheritance that we are to share with the nations and generations.

We respond through maturing in our manifesting the four faces of life—the lion, the ox, the eagle in flight and the man—to deliver others from oppression and enslavement, to serve one another in community, to know Him and make Him known, and to steward and multiply the inheritance we have received by sharing it generously to others. May the Oikos family continue to grow and flourish in expressing in fullness God’s design for life.”

Chong ChanVee, Elijah 7000

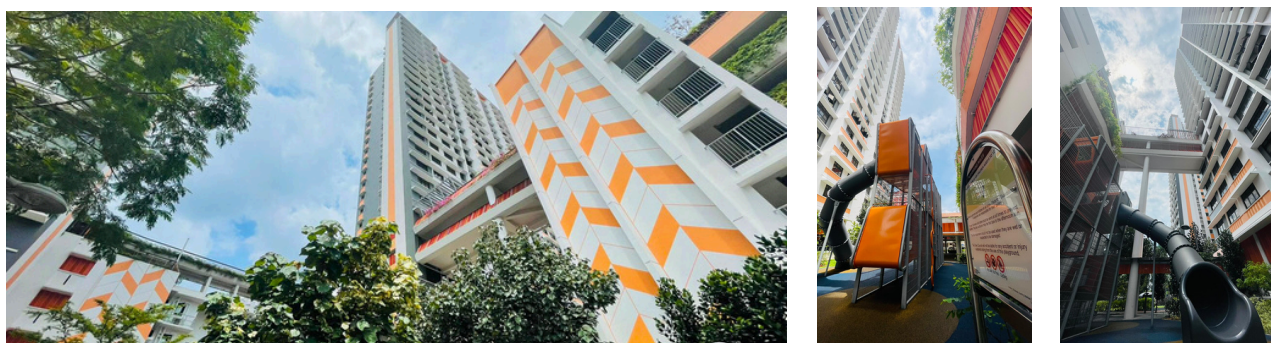
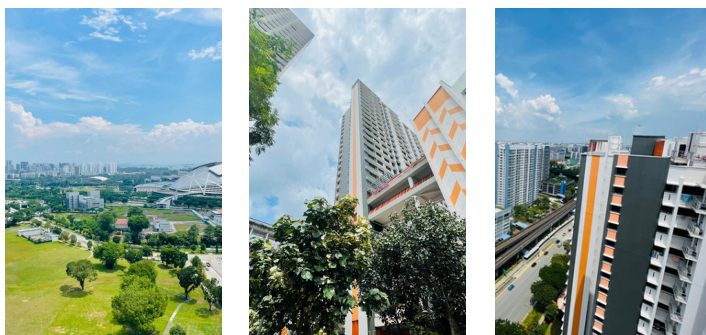
More government BTO flats going up. Built-to-order HDB flats bringing in local families making more room for God to act in the heartlands of Singapore. Location is near Kallang MRT station. (30 Oct 2023)



In recent times, the landscape of Geylang has undergone a remarkable transformation, reflecting a concerted effort by the Singaporean government to address illegitimate activities during the night. This shift has prompted a reevaluation of our community's focus from anti-vice and anti-human trafficking endeavors to a more pro-family, family-friendly posture.

Guided by the Malachi 4:5-6 ethic, our church community finds itself at the forefront of public square debates on conservative theology, traditional family values, and human formation. This intentional stance offers an alternative narrative to the prevailing liberal ideologies in culture, media, and education.





Above are visual representations of the urban evolution surrounding our micro-church plant at Lor-3. The significant changes since the revivals of 2008 are palpable, signaling not only physical growth but a deeper societal and spiritual metamorphosis.

The orchestration of various agencies, including YWAM and intelligence groups such as Scarlet Web, Hagar, and Mercy, has played a pivotal role in addressing the complex issues faced by the community. Their direct and indirect assistance to victims in trauma (DAVT) in the back lanes and alleyways of Geylang stands as a testament to the collaborative efforts in bringing about positive change.

Geylang has not gone unnoticed on the international stage. University students from diverse faculties, including those from Amsterdam University, and partnerships with Catholic contacts, including Vatican prelates, priests, and nuns, have added a global dimension to the local efforts. This collaborative spirit, transcending denominational boundaries, is emblematic of a united front against societal challenges.

This narrative is a reflection of the collective dedication, resilience, and vision that defines our community. It serves as a testament to the power of collaborative initiatives, demonstrating that transformative change is possible when communities, organizations, and individuals join forces.



# GLOBAL EXPEDITIONARY AWARDS

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LEADERSHIP REDEFINED

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Paul Khoo

# GLOBAL EXPEDITIONARY *Awards*

Every visionary journey begins as a bold venture into uncharted territories. The OIKOS Global Expeditionary Award stands as a testament to the recognition of young leaders pioneering impactful movements in both classical and emergent fields, leaving an indelible mark on generations to come. Like intrepid explorers of old, forging paths through unconventional terrain demands not only vision but also verve. In our annual review, we celebrate the inspiration, the journey, and the beauty of sons and daughters uniting to answer the restorative call to be a light in the world.

The GEA benefits extend beyond recognition, offering a unique set of opportunities for these trailblazers:

30-Day Immersion in Singapore: A strategic stay to train, upgrade, network, strengthen, perform, or plan the next leg of the adventure. learning.

Affirmation and Connection: Especially with fathers and mothers in their field, providing powerful encouragement to link up with generational frontlines.

Strategic Singapore Base: A worthy hub for continued home church support, fostering computer literacy, mobility, and fast-track learning.





# CHIANG MAI *Accelerator*



In the rich tapestry of our journey to Chiangmai, Thailand, each step uncovered layers of a culture deeply rooted in non-conformity. From captivating art to profound philosophies, Thailand's commitment to independence resonated as a testament to resilience and spirit beyond borders.



Exploring Thai culture, their non-conformist ideals captivated me, fostering an environment where diverse ideas flourish. The reserved nature of the Thai people underscores the significance of active listening and understanding in cross-cultural engagements.



The red brick replica of the Changpuak gate, standing as a poignant symbol of enduring values, spoke volumes. Dr. Preecha, Prof. Anchalee, Dr. Jaroon, and Krisna Jittiwutikarn, our hosts for three decades, emerged as custodians of a rich heritage, leading the way in preserving the essence of Thai culture.

Our video, "Learning the Eye," opened a portal to a profound connection between humanity and nature, urging an embrace of diverse perspectives. In the Thai people's presence, our spirits stirred, awakening to a commitment to indigenous principles and a spirituality resonant with the sacredness of our faith journey.

After 100 immersive hours in the ancient Kingdom of Lanna, the metaphorical diamonds "in the rough" have been unearthed. Now, it's a transformative journey of cutting and polishing, undertaken with gratitude for the invaluable lessons learned. If granted divine permission, the commitment to this transformative work shall endure.



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Joshua and Sharon Khoo  
Forerunners Ministry.  
11th June 2023



## LEARNING THE EYE

*The Nut Suwanna video, "Learning the Eye", highlights the unconventional and distinct elements of Thai culture and intelligence. Thai people place high importance on independent thinking, unique ideas, and have their own ways of living, dressing, and eating. They have their own traditional medicine and have been cultivating marijuana for medicinal purposes for centuries. The Sticky Team producers admire their determination to preserve their distinct culture and resist foreign influence. [Click here for video](#)*

## EXTENSION CAMPUS

*This presentation outlines the concept of setting up a remote campus accelerator to engage senior administrators in the task of erecting the superstructure of the MA degree offering online [Click here for presentation](#)*



# FUKUOKA

## *Accelerator*

Our exploration of Japan's Kirishitan period in Fukuoka in October, sparked by Endo Shusaku's profound words, revealed a captivating chapter in history. Amidst seventeenth-century turmoil and powerful warlords, our odyssey sought enduring flames of revival, uncovering the indomitable spirit of the Kingdom of God guided by organizations like SJ, FMM, and MEP.

In an era defined by samurais, ninjas, and upheaval, missionaries like Francis Xavier became beacons of light, spreading Jesus' transformative message with unwavering faith. Their legacy, etched into mountains overlooking Nagasaki, narrates enduring spirit in the face of persecution—a testament to Kirishitan Japan's resilience.

Venturing beyond familiar narratives of Southeast Asia and WWII, our journey delved into the transformative "crazy wind" that brought colonial powers to Japanese shores, seeking hidden revivals displaced by the trauma of atomic survivors.

Our exploration led us to Nagasaki, where devout Christians once congregated at the poignant hour of 11:02 am—a symbolic testament to the resilient sentinels that survived, bearing witness to the enduring legacy of secret believers in Jesus.

The recommended art museum by Makoto Fujimura became our initial point, paying homage to Endo Shusaku's contributions to illuminating medieval Japan's revivals. Fujimura's art and theological insights guided us through the intricate tapestry of history.

In honoring the Kirishitan, we acknowledged the echoes of faith that transcend time. This expedition wasn't merely a historical quest; it was a profound encounter with the spiritual resilience shaping Japan's enduring narrative.

# ARTISTIC ENRICHMENT

## *Geylang Hebraic Art*

### *Mamlakah*



In the profound exploration of the term "Mamlakah," echoing with Hebrew resonance meaning "kingdom," a narrative unfolds. This series is a mosaic of fragments, each an individual masterpiece, yet together they weave a potent gallery, illustrating a grander story of hope and restoration.

This collection of 39 masterpieces transcends mere artworks; they are time capsules patiently awaiting discovery by the next generation. Serving as beacons, they direct towards a life devoid of the prevailing fears, envy, and self-interest rampant in our contemporary world.

They stand as sentinels, unyielding in their commitment to faith—a proclamation that change is imminent. These fragments challenge us to embrace a different paradigm in navigating life, work, and family, transcending the mundane cycles that often confine us.

As one wise soul once articulated, "It ain't about what you achieve, it's about what you survive." These fragments, collectively forming a larger, wiser, stronger, and loftier whole, remind us that we are but tiny fractals of something grander. It's an invitation to rise above the ordinary and embrace the extraordinary journey of faith.

# ARTISTIC ENRICHMENT

## *Geylang Hebraic Art*

### Tetra-morph



We are thrilled to unveil the latest additions to our church – the four mesmerizing pieces of the Tetramorph (Lion, Ox, Eagle, Man) proudly displayed within our sacred walls. These exquisite artworks stand as powerful symbols, representing the rich Legacy of Oikos and serving as the guiding forces that will propel us into a promising future.

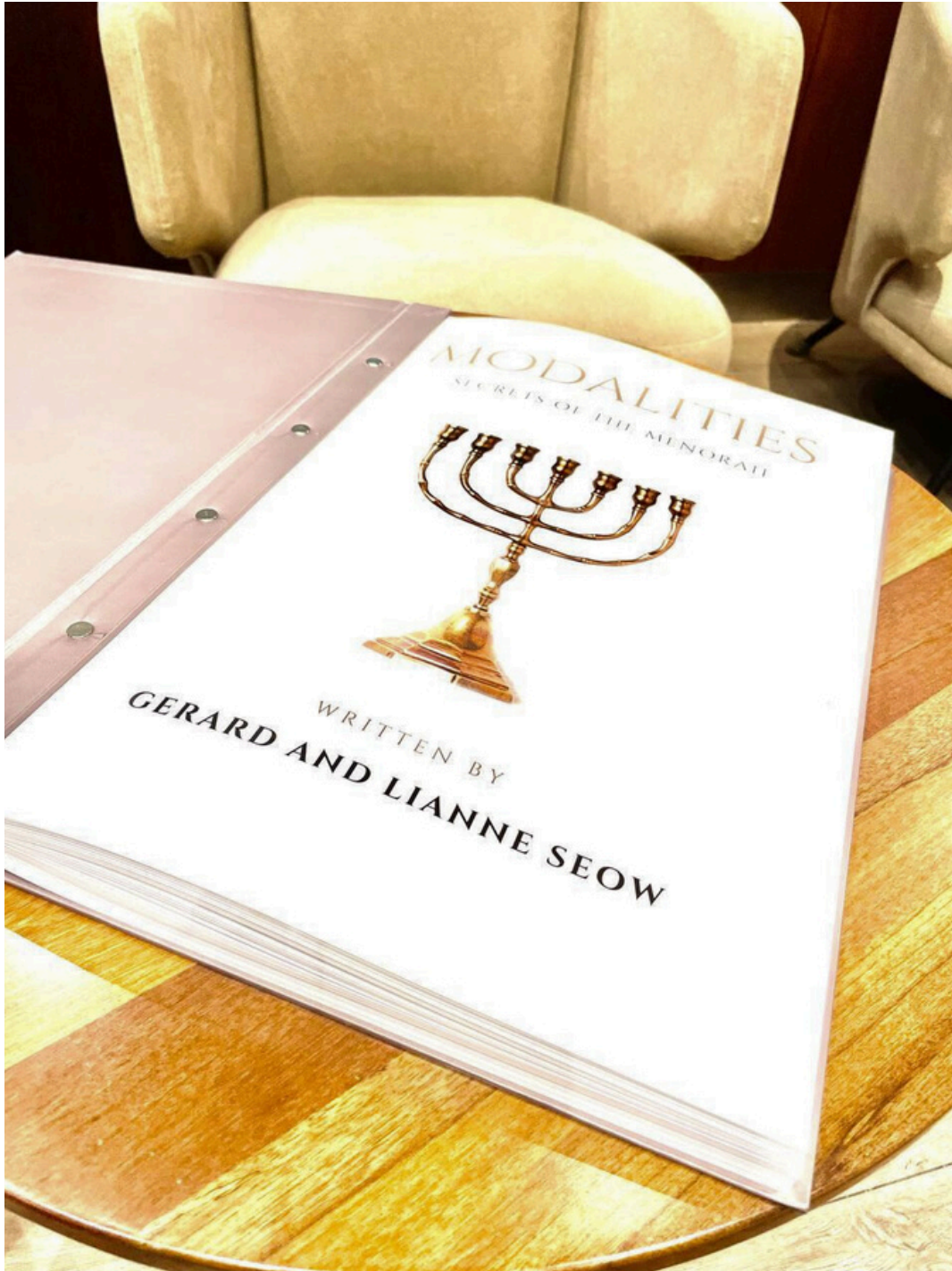
The Tetramorph, adorned with captivating depictions of the Lion, Ox, Eagle, and Man, serves as a poignant reminder of the diverse qualities within our community. Each figure embodies unique leadership traits.

The Lion signifies courage, strength, and fearlessness, encouraging us to embrace boldness in pursuing our goals. The Ox symbolizes hard work, perseverance, and reliability, imparting values of diligence and discipline.

The Eagle represents vision, wisdom, and foresight, inspiring us to explore new heights and envision a brighter future. The Man embodies compassion, empathy, and collaboration, urging us to prioritize building strong relationships and supporting one another.

Together, these figures form the cornerstone of our leadership spearhead, influencing our decisions, actions, and strategies. They embody the core principles of **Lessons, Learners, Location, and Licentiate** that are integral to the fabric of Oikos.





MODALITIES  
SECRETS OF THE MENORAH



WRITTEN BY  
GERARD AND LIANNE SEOW

# SECRETS OF THE MENORAH

## *e-book Launch*

The Lord has been speaking about S-E-A-change signifying our geographical area and sea-change signifying that we were to operate as a flotilla, vessels of different sizes and purposes. In a naval fleet, smaller boats are purposed to escort massive aircraft carriers out to sea. Other tugs carry supplies, respond to sister-ships' distress calls, or work as floating hospitals. Smaller companion ships perform complementary duties. As a ministry basecamp in the city of faith, we are facing changing opportunities and threats as revival prayer spreads across Asia from its origin, Singapore.



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In this sea-change, you may be a small independent local church, yet you are not alone unfit for rough seas. You are chosen with us. The Lord has revealed that this was no accident. I think that is evident by now in your walk with Jesus. We are plotting a course for new ministries in this unsettling time, one of the darkest of earth’s history, when a coronavirus pandemic has rippled and stormed across barriers and boundaries with devastating results. Amid multiple threats, God has raised up thinkers and strategists, like admirals and captains, developed from entry-officer groups. Whatever our roles, we are called as servants. On our own, we cannot be commanders.

We are calling out Elisha-sons, proteges of Elijah-mentors, to take up the mantle to reverse the curse of indifference and opposition to God’s Word.



# MHR CERTIFICATION EVENT

Our November training session on "Modalities" in Manila, Philippines was a resounding success. It was an impactful step towards empowering high-performing teams and fostering a culture of excellence within the OIKOS community.

Rev. Gerard led the MHR Certification of Life Impact Coaches at Kingsford Hotel Manila in Parañaque City. Fifteen outstanding participants from Megaworld Corp. received their well-deserved certification. Congratulations to Cleofe Albiso, Divine Delos Reyes, Eden Decano, Lynette Ermac, Mario Justo, Socrates Alvaro, Ferdinand Navarro, Joe Fijardo, Rowena Samonte, Jorold Montelibano, Jeremy Go, Charlene Co, Nico Ivan Velasquez, Loleth So, and Claire Bernabe! Your commitment to growth and excellence is truly commendable.

The heart of the seminar revolved around discovering human genius through seven modalities, offering a holistic perspective on personal and professional growth. Each modality provides a unique approach to life, from uncovering mysteries and pushing boundaries to valuing human connections and inclusive dialogue.

Rev. Seow's core message resonates deeply: "You are designed by default, ordained for greatness." The life-impact coaching program promises not just professional development but a profound transformation in how we perceive ourselves, our relationships, and our roles within the broader community.

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Cleofe Albiso  
Managing Director of  
Megaworld  
Hotels and Resorts  
13th August 2023



# NATIONS GATE

In the midst of the Covid-19 upheaval, our Singaporean community, especially the cherished domestic helpers, faced unprecedented challenges. The lockdowns deprived them of their precious Sunday off days, leaving a void that went beyond physical absence. For our dear Filipino sisters, the return to physical church services on May 1, 2022, was more than a reconnection—it was a liberation, akin to birds spreading their wings after a prolonged confinement.

Yet, beneath the smiles and newfound freedom, a palpable ache lingered—a consequence of almost two years separated from friends, the comforting aroma of Lucky Plaza bulalo, and the loving embrace of family back in the Philippines.



To navigate this complex journey, our church committed to a six-month rehabilitation process during Sunday services. This wasn't just about addressing the physical toll of isolation; it was about healing hearts burdened by frustration, stress, and prolonged separation.

Through focused prayer, one-on-one counseling, modalities teaching, and Bible study, our aim was not just to restore a routine but to mend the emotional toll of prolonged isolation. The church kitchen became more than just a place to cook—it became a haven, a space for the Filipino sisters to share their favorite cuisine, fostering connections through boodle fight feasts. It became a symbol of home away from home.



# NATIONS GATE



Understanding the importance of community, we extended our embrace to the digital realm by establishing the "Nations Gate - Oikos" Facebook page on December 1, 2022. Beyond being a virtual space, it became a lifeline for these sisters to stay connected with loved ones back home, fostering a sense of belonging that transcended physical distance.



The consistent updates on the Facebook page served as more than just information; they were a source of motivation and recognition for the sisters. Opportunities for them to serve according to their gifts further deepened their engagement in various church duties, supporting the Pipit Road Elderly Community and participating in Evangelistic Outreaches to OFWs at Orchard Road.



Celebrations were in order as five sisters experienced the sacred waters of baptism at East Coast Park beach on February 19, 2023. Acknowledging those who completed their contracts and returned home, those remaining continued their earnest service to the church and the larger community during their Sunday off days.



This journey goes beyond mere physical restoration; it is a testament to the resilience, unity, and shared commitment to community and faith—a profound journey of restoring souls in the face of adversity.



# OIKOS' TECH-DRIVEN MISSIONS OUTREACH

OIKOS has always recognized the transformative power of technology and its potential to advance the Kingdom of Heaven. Increasingly, IT serves as a conduit for providing training and support for overseas missions. With the widening availability of the internet, our fellow believers in neighboring countries are now able to access valuable teachings. Their eagerness and sincerity in seeking knowledge is remarkable; it's not uncommon to hear stories of students perched in treetops for better connectivity during Zoom calls. OIKOS is committed to aiding them through the "Ducky Donations" initiative.

Known affectionately as Ducky within the OIKOS community, Moses Tay has always harbored a passion for serving communities through technology. His interest in tech was sparked when he himself benefited from technology donations. Since then, he has been using his self-taught IT skills to support various ministries. Despite working as a full-time Cybersecurity Consultant, Ducky now oversees the collection, sorting, and refurbishment of laptops on behalf of OIKOS. Drawing on his technical expertise, OIKOS has successfully completed the first wave of laptop donations, with several more waves planned.



## *The Ducky Donations Story*

"Regarding with the laptop in reality, it's been a long, long time we've been praying for. Thanks for one sponsoring. God bless you more. I can say you plant your seed in the good ground."  
- Paz Cabrigas Concan, Buntay Zumarraga Samar, Philippines





# GOING *Forward*

Lessons underscore the importance of continuous learning and growth, cultivating a culture of curiosity, open-mindedness, and personal development.

Learners emphasize humility and the willingness to listen and learn from others. Acknowledging that leadership is a journey of lifelong learning, we welcome insights and perspectives from diverse sources.

Location highlights the significance of our physical and spiritual presence in the community. We are committed to actively participating and making a positive impact in the areas we serve.

Licentiate degrees reflects our dedication to excellence and professionalism in leadership. We strive to obtain the necessary qualifications, skills, and knowledge to lead with integrity and competence.

In conclusion, the Tetramorph and our four-fold leadership spearhead encapsulate the essence of the Legacy of Oikos. They visually remind us of the qualities and principles guiding our journey as we strive to make a meaningful difference in the world. Through embracing lessons, nurturing learners, acknowledging our location, and upholding licentiate standards, we stand poised to continue our impactful journey of leadership and service.

# MODALITIES

We help gifted individuals to discover genius by modalities

## FUTURIST

Discover - “learning the eye”

- Derive pleasure in unearthing and uncovering mystery and proclaiming this to the world
- Interactions with the world - broadcast
- Future forecast - connecting the dots
- Leadership style - restoring defaults
- Problem solving - occupy uncontested space
- Approach to Learning - re-engineer existing ideas
- Peer-to-peer Expression - give new vocab
- Energy source - push the envelope

## ESSENTIALIST

Teach - “learning the ears”

- Disciplined mindset
- Interactions with the world - imprint values
- Future forecast - synthesis from multiple sources
- Leadership style- cogent clarity
- Problem solving - end game
- Approach to Learning - disambiguation
- Peer-to-peer Expression - clarifies muddled water
- Energy source - reframes the question

## REALIST

Structure - “learning the neck”

- The driving force of resourcing for internal controls by reorganising, restructuring and prioritising
- Interactions with the world - seed for the sower
- Future forecast - spot adn invest
- Leadership style - stewarding talent
- Problem solving - internal restructuring
- Peer-to-peer Expression - upscale to tipping point
- Energy source - keep short account

## INTERVENTIONIST

Rescue - “learning the heart”

- The driving force to rescue the fallen, rebuild boundaries broken by violence, neglect or carelessness
- Interactions with the world - first responder
- Future forecast - attitude over aptitude
- Leadership style - mentoring
- Problem solving - damage control
- Approach to Learning -on-the-job training
- Peer-to-peer Expression - associates in action
- Energy source - remove wounds

## SPECIALIST

Serve - “learning the hands”

- Masterful Execution
- Interactions with the world - exceeds expectations
- Future forecast - anticipates future needs
- Leadership style - master craftsman
- Problem solving - performance review
- Approach to Learning -perfection
- Peer-to-peer Expression - competitive
- Energy source - pursuit of excellence

## PLACE

Bond - “learning the tongue”

- Masterful conversationalist by persuasion, inclusivity
- Interactions with the world - from experience
- Future forecast - widens inner circle
- Leadership style- fresh ideas to flow
- Problem solving - works winsomely
- Approach to Learning - inclusive dialogue
- Peer-to-peer Expression - performance coach
- Energy source - scaffolding

## EXPANSIONIST

Agile - “learning the lead”

- Command and take charge
- Interactions with the world - expands core
- Future forecast - assembles team
- Leadership style - cast vision
- Problem solving - go big or go home
- Approach to Learning - going forward
- Peer-to-peer Expression - conviction not consensus
- Energy source - ground breaking ideas