



The new life news

Mastering Life's Transitions

"COVENANT EFC IS HERE TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY!" read the yellow banner that hung boldly on the scaffolding, as residents in the vicinity watched the church building being constructed not too long ago. Then, in September 2000, Covenant Evangelical Free Church finally moved into 10 Jelapang Road. And with mastery of life transitions in the very lifeblood of this disciplinemaking church's mission, Covenant EFC resolved that it had a vital contribution to make – not only within the church, but beyond as well.

Our Mission & Vision

Earnestly desiring to serve the community, Covenant EFC established **New Life Community Services Centre**, seeking to enrich family and community life in Bukit Panjang by empowering people to master life's transitions. New Life envisions itself as a household brand name for quality social services in Bukit Panjang – to be the name to remember, the number to call, the email to send to – whenever anyone in Bukit Panjang is in need of professional social service that will assist them in life's tumultuous journey of many transitions.

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Our Purpose

As Covenant EFC's social service arm, New Life provides the platform to engage the community through a wide range of professional social services to enrich family and community life. New Life

complements established community services and works hand-in-hand with community leaders and residents to serve the Bukit Panjang community regardless of race or religion, and with no strings attached.

This inaugural issue of "The New Life News" showcases New Life's range of services, from pre-school, children, youth, adult, family, to community health. Subsequent bi-monthly issues will continue to bring feature stories and news updates, so stay tuned, because New Life is on the move!



New Life ... Empowering People to Master Life's Transitions

Certified OK! And SARS-free, New Life Childcare's response to the SARS outbreak had exceeded mandatory practices, inspiring confidence and eliciting much praise from parents.



Homebound patients are not deprived of quality medical care, as Dr Mohan Tiru, New Life Home Medical Care doctor, administers the nebuliser for an elderly patient, within the patient's own home. Charges are affordable to all, as the Ministry of Health as well as New Life provide subsidies to help needy families.



Parents engaging with their child's teacher as partners in education at New Life Childcare's bi-annual Parents-Teacher Meeting on 14 June 2003.

This was followed by a talk by Ms Lim Sook Wai, an experienced pre-school educator and former member of the Childcare's Board of Governors.

The 33 children who attended New Life Kidz Club's Discover Character! Day Camp on 20 March 2003 learnt, through stories, craft, song, rap and games, that it is possible to be grateful in all situations!

Dr Tian Cheong Sing's family life enrichment talk on "Understanding Your Child's Learning Styles", on 7 June 2003, jointly organised by New Life and the Zhenghua Division Grassroots Organisations, and held at Greenridge Primary School, scored an all-time high attendance of 77 participants, and was graced by the presence of Mr Gan Kim Yong, MP for the Holland-Bukit Panjang GRC.



Inserting a naso-gastric tube for the patient is only one of many procedures performed by Diana Ooi, New Life's Home Care Nurse, bringing quality nursing care to the homes of patients – a service endorsed by the Ministry of Health.

New Life Health Care's pilot project – a simple health screening exercise – was held from February to April 2003, with 50 persons having their health screened.



Kudos to Zhenghua Primary School for the excellent use of space! This tastefully-furnished staircase landing provides a cosy, private corner for Rebecca Lo, New Life's social worker, to meet with students in her weekly school-based counselling sessions, as engaged by the School.



Welcome!

An IT professional prior to several years of full-time motherhood, Irene Lim returned to the workforce joining New Life on 2 Jan 2003 as Administrative Officer. Irene multi-tasks as New Life's IT Co-ordinator, HR Administrator, PR Co-ordinator and Office Administrator! Irene and her husband, Chee Wei, have two children – Joel, 4, and Rachel, 2 – regularly worship at Covenant Evangelical Free Church's 11am service.

Congrats!

Since 1 Jan 2003,

- Ng Kim Leong has been re-designated as Finance Officer.
- Diana Ooi has been promoted to Nurse Manager (Community Health Services).
- Lee Da-Win has been promoted to Centre Manager.

Welcome!

Trained in counseling-psychology and burning with passion to reach youths, Nelson Ong joined New Life as Counsellor & Programme Co-ordinator (Youth Services) on 2 May 2003. Anchoring New Life's youth services, Nelson will pioneer new ground into secondary school-based work, and blaze the trail towards the proposed New Life Youth Centre! With his wife Angie and son, Nicholas, 9, Nelson worships in Faith Mission Home, a church where Nelson had previously pastored for 10 years.



Parent Support Group (English)

Date: 7, 14, 21 & 28 Aug (Thu)

Time: 7.15 – 9.15 pm

For: Parents of children below 12 years old

“Fighting to Win”

Family life talk on managing conflict for couples

Date: 16 Aug (Sat)

Time: 2.30 – 4.00 pm

For: Dating, engaged and married couples

Discover Character! – “Generosity”

A 1-day character-building camp for kids

Date: 12 Sep (Fri)

Time: 10 am – 6 pm

For: Children, 7-12 years old

掌控愤怒情绪，增进夫妻情趣

Family life talk (in Mandarin) on enriching your relationship with your spouse

Date: 20 Sep (Sat)

Time: 2.30 – 4.00 pm

Interested? Call **6892-7191** or email to
email@newlife.org.sg.

Our Programmes & Services

PRE-SCHOOL SERVICES

Childcare

CHILDREN SERVICES

Kidz Club

Tuition

School Social Work

YOUTH SERVICES

(coming soon)

ADULT & FAMILY SERVICES

Counselling

Legal Advice

Family Assistance

Family Life Enrichment

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Home Care (Nursing)

Home Care (Medical)

Home Support

Home Helps

Health Care

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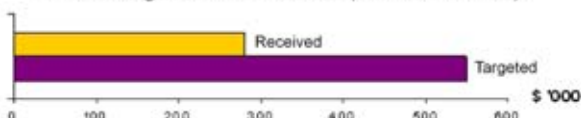
DONATE YOUR ERS SHARES: <http://www.ers.org.sg> “Cash Exchange Instruction” and follow on-line instructions. (requires SingPass ID and password)

Donations received in 2003 are eligible for tax deduction in 2004. Until further notice, tax deduction will be twice the value of donations made. Individual donors need not claim tax deductions if they have furnished their full name and NRIC number, as New Life will submit details directly to IRAS.

For more help, contact **6892-0849** or ngkimleong@newlife.org.sg

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