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5miles

light the way

If someone forces you to go one mile,
go with him two miles.
Matthew 5:41

THANKSGIVING PRAISE



Pastor Henry visited Singapore in September 2013 and shared about his vision for an education centre for the community in Telok Sasa in Uban (Northwest Bintan). After many attempts to purchase a suitable building for the education centre, we decided to rent so that the ministry could take root soon and meet the needs of the community. After eight months of searching, the Lord provided a hall in Uban and it is with great joy that we announce the launch of **Towdah Education Centre (TEC)** in August.

TEC will function as a tuition centre with a social purpose. While our vision is to set up a school that will empower and inspire children to fulfill their full potential and break out of the poverty cycle, our mission is to provide good quality education programmes and teachers to help the underprivileged and disadvantaged achieve academic excellence.

Students will attend TEC three times a week. Experienced part-time school teachers will be hired to teach the following subjects:

> **PRIMARY SCHOOL**

English
Mathematics

> **SECONDARY SCHOOL**

English
Mathematics
Science
Law

In future, we hope to conduct English Language classes, as well as holiday and enrichment programmes.

Why Towdah? It is a Hebrew word that literally means, "an extension of the hand in adoration, avowal, or acceptance." By way of application, it is apparent in the Psalms and elsewhere that it is used for thanking God for "things not yet received" as well as things already at hand.

The logo reflects three aspects:

- 1) the physical act of raising our hands in joyful praise and worship;
- 2) the grateful receiving of His grace and love to us;
- 3) our care and nurturing of the children who come to TEC.

Let us come before
Him with thanksgiving
(towdah) and extol Him
with music and song.
Psalm 95:2

Let them sacrifice thank
(towdah) offerings and tell
of His works with
songs of joy.
Psalm 107:22

We rejoice and give thanks to God for making TEC possible, and pray that TEC will sing and tell of His glory and His works in the community.

Do let us know if you would like to volunteer and run a course/programme at Towdah Education Centre!

Sponsor A Student

We are delighted to launch the **5miles Tertiary Education Fund** in June 2014. Our gracious Lord provided the first sponsor for Ahok's (Ah Hock) daughter, Cia Cia, aged 18. Cia Cia (in white top) intends to study economics and work in a bank after she graduates.

You might remember that Ahok suffered a stroke last year and lost strength in his left leg. By God's grace, he is now able to walk and move around on his own. As Ahok is the sole breadwinner, and since he has not resumed work, there was no way the family could afford to send Cia Cia to university. A kind donor, after learning of the family's plight, offered to sponsor her three-year degree at the Galileo Business School in Batam.

We were spurred on to launch this education fund to help other children in similar situations. It's one of the most practical ways to show God's love and compassion to those in need.

Would you like to sponsor a student and bless the family? The total cost for three years is about S\$3000; sponsors may contribute on a yearly or monthly basis.



If you'd like to offer a love gift to the families under 5miles, sponsor a student or help with the operations of Towdah Education Centre, please email danchar@singnet.com.sg.

We covet your prayers for our beneficiaries and appreciate your interest in our ministry.



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