

BLESSED to be a BLESSING

At Lakeside, we believe that every life is precious, and every soul is worth helping and blessing. The reason why our staff and volunteers alike enter into this work is that we have been so blessed that we want to share the blessings with others. The wonderful thing is that even with very little, we can still bless others. **The little gift which we offer – our time, effort and friendship – can go a long way in adding value to someone else's life.** We see many of such stories featured in this edition of e-News. Take the example of Mdm Nyam, who, out of very challenging circumstances as a widow, rose up to bless others through acts of service and kindness. Or take the example of Ruby, who though struggling with serious illness, was able to rise above her situation to not only serve others, but taught her daughter to do the same as well.

What is the lesson here? Simply that we can be a blessing to others despite our inadequacies and difficulties. Many of us may have suffered setbacks and hurts in our lives. However, the good news is that we can serve out of our brokenness, or, to use Henry Nouwen's words, we can each be a "Wounded healer" to others. In fact, our own pain and brokenness is often what gives us deeper empathy and compassion, and what fuels us with a fiercer passion to serve those who are in pain and anguish.

Dear friend, whether out of the plenty that you have been blessed with, or out of the lack that you think you have, you can still bless someone today. And let me share with you a secret - **When you bless someone else, the blessing comes back to you, many times multiplied!**

Would you be a blessing to someone today?

TEO TEE LOON
Executive Director

"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "

(Acts 20:35)

