

Ordinary People, Extraordinary Faith

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As part of AMC Missions Month 2023, we bring to you inspiring stories of church members who have answered the call to share God's love with the nations.



Chi Lin (left) and his family have been worshipping in AMC for the last 5 years. He is amazed at how he has been able to serve with his IT skills.



Chi Lin is part of the IT team that supports the needs of St Paul Methodist School in Timor-Leste. Here, they are performing hardware and software diagnostics for the laptops.

Putting his childhood hobby to good use

As a boy I had learnt how to upgrade computers, as I was too poor to buy new ones for my computer-gaming passion. But God works in mysterious ways — I realised my childhood hobby could be put to use again!

Earlier this year, I was stirred by a call for IT volunteers when I found out about the old laptops that were no longer working at St Paul Methodist School (SPMS) in Timor-Leste. Due to availability of spare parts and the internet in Singapore, laptops are currently being sent back to Singapore for refurbishment.

So since May 2023, a few of us have been refurbishing pre-used laptops donated by generous well-wishers. We use our God-given gifts to upgrade these laptops to modern-day performance levels. This facilitates learning for 800 students, providing computer literacy for their future careers.

TESTIMONY BY TANG CHI LIN



From left: In his very first mission experience, Chi Lin helped to rebuild schools in Banda Aceh; Chi Lin's wife, Mabel, on that same trip, which was made after the devastating tsunami.



I believe literacy and access to knowledge are also pathways in discovering the Good News and learning how to be disciples of Jesus. I have faith that the computers being made available to SPMS students would facilitate that objective.

In Acts 20:35, the verse says it is more blessed to give than to receive. From my personal experience with missions, I have found this to be true. I have been humbled by the extent of Christian faith and trust that the locals have.

For instance, while on a mission trip to Banda Aceh, Indonesia just after the 2004 Boxing Day tsunami to support the rebuilding efforts, I saw how the Christians would travel up to 50km before dawn just to meet us for morning devotion.

It opened my eyes on how much I could learn from them as a Christian. Such life-changing lessons and insights are difficult to experience here in comfortable and safe Singapore.

I have yet to visit Timor-Leste, but I would like to do so one day. With SPMS looking to build a computer lab, hopefully that would be my chance!