

CONTACT 123

CONTACT 123 has been in operation for the last 2 years and many are still not sure what Trinity Methodist Church is actually doing there. We would like to take this opportunity to share with you some insights of this outreach point.

CONTACT 123 is an IT Centre managed by TMC to bless the Serangoon North community. It is situated at Block 123 Serangoon North Ave 1.



The work done at **CONTACT 123** serves as a window to connect with people in our neighbourhood. Our objectives are to befriend, provide relevant services and hospitality to the people in the Serangoon North. We hope that, in serving the community, we will be given the opportunity to share the love of Christ and the reality of the Gospel.

We bring blessings to people living in our neighbourhood by connecting with them and offering assistance in any form. Through God's grace, we hope to touch the lives of people who are in need, lonely, unloved, oppressed, marginalized, from dysfunctional families, or disconnected from an increasingly-connected world.

Matthew 25:32-36 tells us that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Shepherd will separate the sheep from the goats.



*"He will put the sheep on his right
and the goats on his left.
Then the King will say to those on
his right,
'Come, you who are blessed by my
Father; take your inheritance,*



*the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.
For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you invited me in,
I needed clothes and you clothed me.
I was sick and you looked after me,
I was in prison and you came to visit me."*

Matthew 25:40 teaches us that, whatever we do among the least in our community, we are doing it for our Lord.

Certainly, none of us wish to be on the "left", and told by the Lord,

*"depart from me, you who are cursed,
into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels".*

Similarly, brothers and sisters in Christ, Proverbs 19:17 tell us that,

*"He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord,
and he will reward him for what he has done".*

Let us not interpret this incorrectly – salvation is by faith through the grace of God. However, after receiving this gift of salvation, we do need to demonstrate and reflect God's love in our lives, strive to be the salt of the earth and develop Christ-like characteristics.



CONTACT 123 is an opportunity for TMC worshippers to live out a good Christian life by getting involved in the Serangoon North community, in a non-threatening way through a loving and caring approach. Currently, **IT and Internet** are the main services provided by **CONTACT 123**. We have a group of school-going boys who are there regularly to play computer games. We provide a friendly, loving and safe environment for online gaming. The aim is to keep them away from bad influence. Others use the centre for emailing, MSN, surfing, doing homework and for personal or work-related purposes. We also run periodic computer classes in basic computer usage, blogging and others.

Lately, there is an increasing demand for **Homework Help** which involves children coming by after school to do their homework with the assistance of our church volunteers. Other services rendered by **CONTACT 123** are quarterly birthday parties for the children, outings and chaplaincy services. We also have a **Legal Clinic** operating on the 1st Monday of the month depending on minimum sign-ups received at the end of the previous month.



We are critically in need of volunteers to help out in the administration work, tutoring, IT maintenance and troubleshooting, and befriending visitors to **CONTACT 123**. Volunteers are also required for new areas of ministry with the elderly living in this community and befriending families of children coming to us at the centre. To some of us, such work may be simple, but it means a lot to the beneficiaries.

There is a story (<http://www.starrbrite.com/starfish.html>) about hundreds of starfish washed ashore on miles of beach, helpless under the hot burning sun. If we could pick a few and return them to the ocean, it would give "new life" to these starfish. Come and be a starfish thrower and connect with others by becoming a volunteer at **CONTACT 123**.



You can volunteer as an **individual** (e.g. retirees, homemakers, vacation students, in-between jobs) or in **groups** (e.g. Small Groups, WSCS, Chinese Ministry, Seniors Ministry, Youth Ministry):

- to man the reception counter
- to supervise primary school children in their homework
- carry out IT troubleshooting and maintenance
- befriend families and the elderly

Time: 1-2 hours in the afternoon on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays

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