

**New Creation Church Taps On Its 18,000-Strong Congregation
For The Boys' Brigade Sharity Gift Box**

New Creation Church (NCC) is tapping into its network of 18,000 members to provide food and household items for more than 28,000 beneficiaries of The Boys' Brigade Sharity Gift Box (BBSGB). With the aim of bringing Christmas cheer and joy to the less privileged, NCC endeavours to involve its members through the act of caring and sharing, and to play a role in the local community beyond cash donations.

Taking the lead in the one-day charity drive, NCC's Council Members accompanied by their families will make their purchases and deposit them at the gift collection counter on Sunday, 14 December 2008 at 11.15am.

The gift collection counter manned by church volunteers outside Suntec City Tower Three, near where the church holds its various services, will open from 10am to 8pm. Another gift collection counter will be available at the entrance of Convention Hall 602 at Suntec Singapore International Convention and Exhibition Centre from 10am to 5.30pm. NCC will also assist in delivering the donated items to The Boys' Brigade headquarters.

Preparations for the charity drive began on 23 November 2008, and church members were informed via announcements during church services, flyers, e-mailers and the church's website.

Deacon Matthew Kang, Lead Independent Council Member and Honorary Secretary of NCC, said, "Christmas is to us a season of loving and giving. The very first Christmas gift came in the form of a baby when God gave His Son Jesus to mankind. So it is appropriate that during this festive season, we remember those among our fellow Singaporeans who need help. We hope to alleviate the financial difficulties that they are facing.

"Everyone can play a part in reaching out with love to the less fortunate in our local community, and as a church, we feel that it's our privilege to be able to give and make a difference in the lives of our fellow Singaporeans. We believe we are blessed to be a blessing, and when we're able to lift people out of their circumstances by blessing them, we're helping to strengthen the bonds of society. Moving forward, we're looking at doing more, especially in this economic climate, to help those in need."

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NCC will be giving daily necessities such as rice, cooking oil, sugar, biscuits, cereals, powdered milk, canned food (halal), instant noodles, soap, toothbrushes and diapers for children and adults to the BBSGB.

In addition, the church will adopt and fulfil 174 wishes from various families and the elderly. Up to \$46,680 worth of household and electrical appliances (an estimated \$300 for each family and \$60 for each elderly) will be given to 151 families and 23 elderly. The beneficiaries will be receiving their gifts, such as beds, mattresses, refrigerators and washing machines, on either 13 December 2008 or 10 January 2009.

Expressing his appreciation for NCC's support, Mr Lui Chong Chee, Chairman of BBSGB 2008, said, "We are very pleased that NCC is mobilising its members to contribute actively to the Sharity Gift Box. On behalf of the beneficiaries, I thank NCC for their generosity and I hope that more corporations will step up to do their part for charity."

For many years now, NCC has been contributing every year to local charities and the community as well as overseas relief efforts. In the last financial year from April 2007 to March 2008, NCC gave a total of S\$581,500 to local organisations and charities, and the beneficiaries included The Straits Times School Pocket Money Fund, Chaoyang School, the Disabled People's Association Singapore, Touch Community Services and the Yellow Ribbon Project.

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About New Creation Church

New Creation Church (NCC) is an independent, non-denominational church founded in 1984. Its vision is to see Jesus in all the loveliness of His person, the perfection of His work, and to make Him known through the preaching of the gospel of grace. NCC is led by senior pastor, Joseph Prince, who is assisted by 14 other pastors. The 18,000-strong church meets at the Rock Auditorium in Suntec City Mall, and is a member of the National Council of Churches of Singapore.

Website: www.newcreation.org.sg

About The Boys' Brigade Sharity Gift Box

The Boys' Brigade Sharity Gift Box is a national community service project organised annually by The Boys' Brigade in Singapore since 1988. It is supported by the National Council of Social Service and the Ministry Of Community Development, Youth And Sports. Themed "Have a Heart, Share a Gift" this year, the project aims to bring Christmas cheer to the less privileged, inculcate the spirit of community service among members of The Boys' Brigade, and promote the spirit of caring and sharing among Singaporeans.

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