



SPEECH

By Pastor Lawrence Lim of New Creation Church, at the Christmas Gift Of Love lunch party on Saturday, 19 November 2016.

Madam Halimah Yacob, Speaker of Parliament, Adviser to Marsiling Grassroots Organisations and Member of Parliament for Marsiling-Yew Tee GRC;

Deacon Matthew Kang, Chairman of New Creation Church;

Mr Bob Shaw, BBM, Chairman, Marsiling Citizens' Consultative Committee;

Mr Lim Hock Chee, BBM, Chairman, Marsiling Community Club Management Committee;

Mr Malik Maksudi, PBM, Chairman, Fuchun Community Club Management Committee;

our very special guests, the residents of Marsiling;

ladies and gentlemen;

a very good afternoon to all.



1. Welcome to Christmas Gift Of Love 2016! Thank you for gracing us with your presence today.
2. This year, New Creation Church is privileged to partner with Marsiling grassroots organisations to organise the Christmas Gift Of Love lunch party specially for the residents of Marsiling.
3. Special thanks go to Madam Halimah Yacob for taking time off from her busy schedule to be our guest of honour.
4. I would also like to appreciate Mr Bob Shaw and Mr Lim Hock Chee for getting us this spacious venue and the sumptuous lunch.
5. Since we were founded in 1984, New Creation Church has organised hundreds of outreach and humanitarian projects to help the downtrodden and the weak, including underprivileged children and the elderly, widows, ex-offenders and more. Just from January to October this year, we have reached out to some 3,000 people through more than 90 projects in Singapore.
6. And in November and December this year, through the Gift Of Love projects, we will reach another 8,000 people to love them in a practical way.



7. In fact, since we started Gift Of Love in 2014, we have had the opportunity to help some 18,000 people in Singapore through Christmas Gift Of Love parties like this, and also through initiatives where our church members deliver gift packs and supermarket vouchers to those in need.
8. The Bible tells us that it is more blessed to give than to receive. While we run charity projects throughout the year, there is something special about Christmas, a wonderful season of giving.
9. So this year, I am excited to kick off our Gift Of Love projects with this lunch party!
10. You have already enjoyed a medley of Malay songs and there will be more performances by our church's creative team and Marsiling Chinese Orchestra.
11. Each of the 150 households invited will also receive supermarket vouchers and a shopping trolley filled with daily necessities.



12. The gifts and this party, in partnership with Marsiling, represent our heart of love towards you and our fellow citizens in Singapore, regardless of race, language or religion.

13. Residents of Marsiling, I hope that you will enjoy this party we have arranged specially for you. It is a reflection of what we strongly believe, that God's love has no boundaries, and truly, we are united as one people, one nation in our diversity.

14. As a Singaporean born and bred here, let me proudly declare:

Mari kita rakyat Singapura
Sama-sama menuju bahagia

来吧，新加坡人民，
让我们共同向幸福迈进；

சிங்கப்பூர் மக்கள் நாம்

Ciŋkappūr makkaḷ nām

செல்வோம் மகிழ்வை நோக்கியே

Celvom maḱiḷvai nōkkiyē



And now in English: Come, fellow Singaporeans
Let us progress towards happiness together.

15. Together, we are one Singapore! Thank you. I hope you will enjoy
the rest of the afternoon here with us.

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