

Rebuilding Lives



At Lakeside, it has always been our passion to care for the marginalised -the last, the least and the lost- in society. Our Specialised Services department does this by providing care through our work with prisoners and ex-offenders, problem gamblers, the homeless, and their families.

More than ten years ago, we started working with prisoners and their families based on the simple belief that this special group of people needs God's love and healing as much as anyone else. Through our TJ Haven (so named because our Prison Services are based in Taman Jurong) programme, we serve inmates who are currently incarcerated, as well as those who have been released. We reach out to their families, their spouses and their children through counselling, financial assistance, employment coaching and family bonding activities. We also provide tuition for the children. **Today, we no longer call them "ex-offenders", but "overcomers" instead, as we empower them to overcome the challenges of life!**

In 2009, we started our Families-in-Transition (FIT) Shelter to provide temporary shelter and care for families who had lost their homes due to financial difficulties and other issues. **Through the Shelter, we also assist them in finding employment and more permanent housing.** The lives of our residents are further enriched through men's and women's support groups, family activities, as well as tuition and sports activities for the children. Over the years, we have seen hundreds of these families find new hope for their lives and future.

Two years ago, we began our journey in helping problem gamblers and their families. We desire **to help those stuck in the web of gambling addiction break away from it, while at the same time offering support to their family members as well.** Since we started, we have served more than 200 individuals and their families, and continue to offer support to them in the form of individual counselling and support groups.

Once again, thank you for your support. It is because of your continual support that Lakeside is able to rebuild lives such as these.

God bless!

TEO TEE LOON
Executive Director

"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."

(Jesus' words in Matthew 25:35-36)

