

**MIGRANT MINISTRY
CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, SETAPAK
May 2017 Report**

Summary of Case Managements and activities from Jan 2017 to 15 May 2017

AOHD Migrant Desk Representative (Josie Tay) came to our parish on 26 Feb 2017 & held a dialogue session with our Migrant Ministry members. The dialogue was an opportunity for AOHD to listen to the challenges and success stories of the ministry at parish level and for AOHD to update the ministry on matters affecting the migrant community and the ministry works in the archdiocese level.

The migrant community Leaders attended a Migrant Formation program organised by the Archdiocese in Feb.

English & IT classes in the Bukit Bintang Community center continues every Mon as usual.

Priests from several countries came in during the Lent/Easter period to minister sacraments to their various Myanmar, Indonesian & Vietnamese communities throughout the KL Archdiocese. Our parish migrant ministry help coordinated for one Myanmar priest while he was in KL. Masses, confessions were held in several centers. A wedding mass was held in GSC.

A migrant (Rose Ja Seng Mai) underwent a kidney surgery and the cost of surgery of RM10k was borne by the insurance company (RHB). Foreigners no longer enjoy any subsidised healthcare in all government hospitals from Jan 2017 onwards. Therefore, it is advisable for all migrants (refugees) to purchase medical insurance offered under the UNHCR program with RHB. At this juncture, arrangements have been made to insure 4 other families.

The ministry dealt with the death of a Myanmar migrant (Irene Ja Ra Dawn) in Kepong from leukemia in Mar 2017. Arrangements were made for her death reporting, funeral mass, cremation and eventual burial of her ashes in Semenyih cemetery. Irene Ja Ra Dawn leaves behind a 2 year old son who is cared by the migrant community.

During Easter season (30 April), the ministry members paid a visit and had tea with one migrant family in Pandan Mewah. Members brought cakes, pastry, corn and coffee. It was also an opportunity to check on the progress of Kee Moung's wife who is unable to walk without aid. This family has 2 school going boys. One teenage girl who dropped off school to work to support the family. Kee Moung (father) works as a swimming pool cleaner. A token of RM250 was given to the family to help them obtain medical insurance under the UNHCR/RHB program for refugees.

Education aid is given to the following:-

- (a) Kachin Refugee Learning Center Setapak - RM550 pm
- (b) Martin UN354-11C05632 (2 children) (Tamil Myanmar migrant) – RM150 pm
- (c) Lazarus UN354-10C09376 (1 child) (Tamil Myanmar migrant) – RM150 pm

The ministry coordinated the receipt of contributions (RM2900) to purchase a notebook for Vitman (for his school going daughter), our Sri Lankan migrant worker who is leaving for home in June 2017. A luggage was also provided to aid him in returning home.

Bernie, representing the ministry, attended the following meetings:-

- (i) APA IHD Cluster meeting organised by Fr Bernard (AOHD) on 25 Mar 2017.
- (ii) The Migrant Labour Forum organised by the Malaysian Bar Council on 6 May 2017.