

Our Promised Land

What was once known as Geylang Serai Vocational Institute would in 2014 be known as Kembangan-Chai Chee Community Hub, the Promised Land of The New Charis Mission (TNCM).

TNCM occupies Block 1 and half of the second floor of Block 2. Moving in was a momentous milestone for TNCM as we rejoiced at the end of our nomadic journey. This Promised Land was the vision-bearing whiteboard, directly translated into reality. With stability in tenure and space, TNCM was ready to go ahead with bringing our programmes and services to another level. However, not without doing some makeovers with our new premise.



A view of Block 1



Before

Once bare and unwelcoming



Before



Back Yard

Once it was a corridor of concrete and soil

Now a cosy venue for gatherings and casual talk



Front Porch

Now the first sight that greets our visitors, it is also a favourite spot for our residents to have their tea fellowship.

Preparing to create a space where our residents can comfortably take their meals in.



Before



Dining Area

A homely dining space created! This is where all of us take our meals and catch up with one another on our day over good food.



Before



Kitchen

A well-equipped kitchen is ready for the carefully curated meals for our residents' palate.

Meals are a crucial part of a Residential Programme. Hence we cannot do without a kitchen!



Before



After

Dormitory

They are now spaces where residents justifiably sleep. Each resident gets sufficient storage space for their belongings.

Previously classrooms where students took classes and possibly, unofficial siestas.

This was previously a technical workshop. Its high ceilings and absence of centre pillars made it ideal for conversion to a Multi-Purpose Hall.



Before

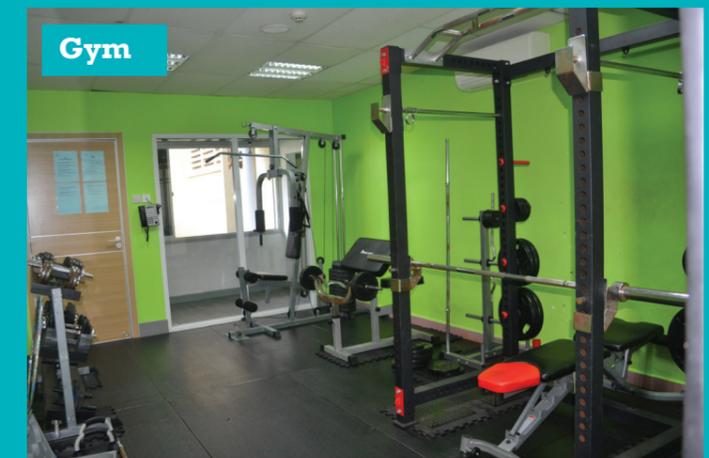


After

Multi-Purpose Hall

All ready for mass gatherings and events. This hall is used on a daily basis for our morning devotions and gatherings.

Other facilities set up and available:



Gym

Our men possess a passion for keeping themselves fit and well-built. The gym is where we'll find them working out and helping one another keep fit.

This is where residents can relax and play indoor games with one another. It is also where they watch television programmes and movies.



Recreation Area

We strongly believe that the Promised Land is not meant to simply be a blessing to us. The land is to be a blessing to others as well. Hence, as part of the Social Enterprise, the facilities and space are open for use by others who require.

Countless youths have had their camps at our premise, students have come for learning journeys and overseas guests have been hosted at our guest rooms. Simultaneously, such usage of the premise has also led to a greater community awareness of the work TNCM is involved in.



▲ Children watching a movie at our dining hall



▲ Youths playing bubble soccer at the field



▲ Youths hanging out at our cosy backyard



▲ Our elderly beneficiaries celebrated Chinese New Year with us in our premise

▼ Youths playing their version of giant jenga at the hardcourt

