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GENERATIONS
TO COME

STEWARDSHIP
REPORT 2023/24



Empowering Marriages, Strengthening Families

YEAR IN REVIEW FOUNDERS' THANKSGIVING

We are delighted to share Bridging Hearts' Stewardship Report "**For the Generations to Come**" for FY23-24.

Bridging Hearts' (BH) mission to "empower marriages and strengthen families" has never been more relevant and vital in a society facing:

- Declining marriage rates,
- Increasing divorce rates (especially "grey divorce"),
- Delayed marriage and cohabitation becoming the norm,
- Growing pressure and acceptance for same-sex marriage, and
- Shifts in gender roles and expectations.

To deliver on this mission, BH's primary focus is to raise, empower and mobilize like-minded couples, who share our vision, to help:

- Married couples stay married and nurture a healthy marriage, and
- Pre-married couples be better prepared for marriage.

We are grateful that through BH, many of us can use our imperfect marriages to serve:

- Our Almighty Creator, the God of Generations and Author & Perfector of marriages.
- Our mentee-couples and their children, and the **generations to come**.

We are constantly amazed at how God has raised a diverse team of 42 dedicated, passionate, and sacrificial couples from 20 different churches, who volunteer with BH as Marriage Mentors (BH MMs).

We honor every BH MM, who sacrifice their time, energy and love to share their marital journey and stories, so that their hindsight can be foresight for the mentee-couples.

We look forward to another exciting year ahead, in eager anticipation of more of His grace, favor and guidance, as we hold on to our plans loosely and hold on to Him tightly!



James & Katherine
Trinity CC

Nam Seng & Sok Mian
Hope Singapore

To God be the Glory!

KEY METRICS & FINANCIALS

Number of Bridging Hearts' MM Couples

42 +**23%** YOY

Number of Partner-Churches

31 +**31%** YOY

Number of Marriage-Mentor Trained

370 +**19%** YOY

*YOY = Year-on-Year

Income (SGD '000)

- 60% Donations
 - 40% Programme fees
- 71.4**

Expenses (SGD '000)

- 44% Prog costs
 - 54% Admin & Trg
 - 2% Others
- (54.9)**

Surplus (SGD '000)

16.5

*Pre-audited

OUR PARTNER-CHURCHES

Bridging Hearts deliver its mission primarily through **partnerships** with churches. Our current **31 partner-churches** enable BH to:

- **Meet needs where they are** – both internal (congregation) and external (community)
- **Extend our reach** – churches are entrenched in the community
- **Mobilize potential MMs** – churches have immediate access to members



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ELVIN:

I grew up in a big family with 2 elder brothers and 7 sisters. Being the youngest, I was well provided for in my growing up years. The siblings get along well, and we have frequent family gatherings and celebrations during festive seasons and birthdays.

Such family bonding helped me in my growing up years and it's something that I continued in my family.

Hong Hong and I have been exploring a ministry in which we can serve together. I personally benefited from Bridging Heart's approach in marriage mentoring as it had enriched and strengthened our marriage.

We thank God that BH has given us such an opportunity to journey with couples to build stronger marriages and create a healthy environment for their next generations.

HONG HONG:

My dad was a compulsive gambler and an absent father. My mum was left alone to care and provide for me and my three siblings, while facing frequent harassment from loan sharks.

In my early years of marriage, Elvin's frequent work-trips meant that I was alone in caring for our three children. I was often angry and bitter, subconsciously experiencing similar pains as my mum.

Thank God that our marriage was renewed by His grace and timely intervention.

I am now acutely aware of how our family of origin (FOO) can impact both our own marriage and future generations.

As a BH MM, I hope to share such awareness to my mentee couples and to support them to build strong, godly marriages grounded in God's love and not their FOOs.



Elvin Tay Hong Hong Agnes Noelle Nicholas Tiang Lip



Baby Emma

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I grew up without a father figure and saw the struggles my mother went through to single-handedly raise my 2 sisters and me.

I am very blessed to have very good mentors at church who modelled for me what a good father is like. This impacted my perspectives, values and subsequently my marriage and fatherhood journey.

Before we met, Carolyn already had a burden to help marriages, as she saw the struggles and pains of her friend's failed marriages. She wished she could do something to help and support them.


This burden resonated greatly with me as I personally experienced the power of being mentored.

The ministry of Bridging Hearts has been a great blessing to us. We are always amazed at this community of giving couples who go the extra mile to support marriages.

We have been inspired and so blessed to be part of this ministry and have had the privilege of walking alongside some couples in their marriage journey.

Bryan & Carolyn





“The **health of a marriage** brings about the **health of a family**, which brings about the **health of the church**, that will **change a nation.**”

Rev Edmund Chan

People often say that the family is the basic unit of society. It's undeniable that at the core of a family is the marital relationship between husband and wife. A strong marriage will positively influence the health of the family, the church, and society as a whole.

For the coming year, we will continue to direct our efforts on 3 fronts, as we continue to trust God to lead, guide and provide:

1

Enlarge BH's and BH MMs' Capacity

- Grow the pool of BH MMs - so that we can scale.
- Deepen the competency of BH MMs.

2

Deepen Our Partnerships with Existing Partner-Churches

- Help enlarge and equip their teams of marriage mentors,
- Introduce other BH's marriage-and family-related programmes.

3

Develop New Partnerships with:

- Churches in SG - to help train a team of MMs to support their members
- Overseas - partnership with locals with strategic access and support

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