



**WORD**  
WITH REV STEFANIE OH

# Mission: D

**MARK 8:31-38**

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

**ROM 10:14**



# SCRIPTURE READING

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WITH CHANG BIN HAW

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# MARK 8:31-33 (CONT'D)

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# MARK 8:34-36 (CONT'D)

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# MARK 8:37-38

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Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah."

**MARK 8:27-29**



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Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for  
this was not revealed to you by flesh and  
blood, but by my Father in heaven.

**MATT 16:17**



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**MARK 8:37-38 (END)**



Deny yourself



Take up the cross



**Have you followed**  
*Christ*  
**to the place of**  
*DEATH?*



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# Their Stories, Our Future.



500 people hiking 50km to raise \$50,000 for a

## Social initiative 50cube plans 50km trek to raise money for the less fortunate

Rahimah Rashith

A group of young adults want to walk the talk when it comes to giving back to society.

The young professionals behind the 50cube social initiative plan to lead 500 people to trek 50km across Singapore to raise money for the less fortunate on Nov 19.

They are hoping to raise \$50,000 in total for the Lee Ah Mooi Old Age Home and the Alzheimer's Disease Association this year, after organising a similar hike last year, which attracted 55 participants and raised \$20,000 for the two organisations.

Said 50cube founder Elissa Oh, an English language teacher at East View Secondary School: "50cube was founded last year on National Day, when we decided that we wanted to do something for the people that built Singapore on their backs. They are our pioneer generation."

A diverse group of 15 young professionals, from school teachers to a data analyst and a former convict, is behind the charity initiative.

"Some of us are workmates, some of us met at a friend's birthday and we just started talking. We all just happened to meet," said Ms Oh, 28.

"For most of us, organising this social initiative was our first time volunteering, but for some reason the synergy works."

One of the group's members, Mr Leonard Koh, 27, spent three months applying for various volunteering opportunities after his release from jail last year for a drug offence. He said: "When I came out of incarceration for doing drugs, I wanted to give back to society and do something meaningful."

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said: "Eventually a friend told me about this initiative. I started out helping with the logistics and did not look back since."

The group visits the Lee Ah Mooi Home about once a month. "The smiles we see on the elderly when we visit them just brings us joy," said Mr Koh.

This year, the team will be joined

by 200 student volunteers pooled together by Youth Corps Singapore as they cover over 28 heritage sites from the Fullerton Building and the Merdeka Bridge in Kallang to eight national parks across Singapore, including HortPark and Fort Canning Park.

The team said participants across all ages have signed up for the trek,

which costs \$60 and will take 10 to 14 hours. Almost half of the 236 registrants so far are above 40.

The trek will kick off at 6am on Nov 19 at Toa Payoh New Town Park. It will end at Marina Barrage, where trekkers will be greeted by a family carnival, which will run from 10am to 9pm.

"There will be a festival, with a

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\* Those who wish to join the trek or donate separately can go to <http://www.50cube2016.com/>. Registration for the trek ends Sunday.

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# COMMUNITY

## Walking the talk for a good cause



Nine of the 15 organisers of 50cube. Mr Koh (second from right) and Ms Oh (fourth from right) are pictured with (from left) Mr Jeremy Tan, Mr K. Premanathan Pillai, Ms Lynne Soon, Mr Roger Pho, Ms Idriaty Selva, Ms Katrina Adela and Mr George Cherukara Joggy. The group hopes to raise \$50,000 in total for the Lee Ah Mooi Old Age Home and the Alzheimer's Disease Association. PHOTO: TIFFANY GOH FOR THE STRAITS TIMES



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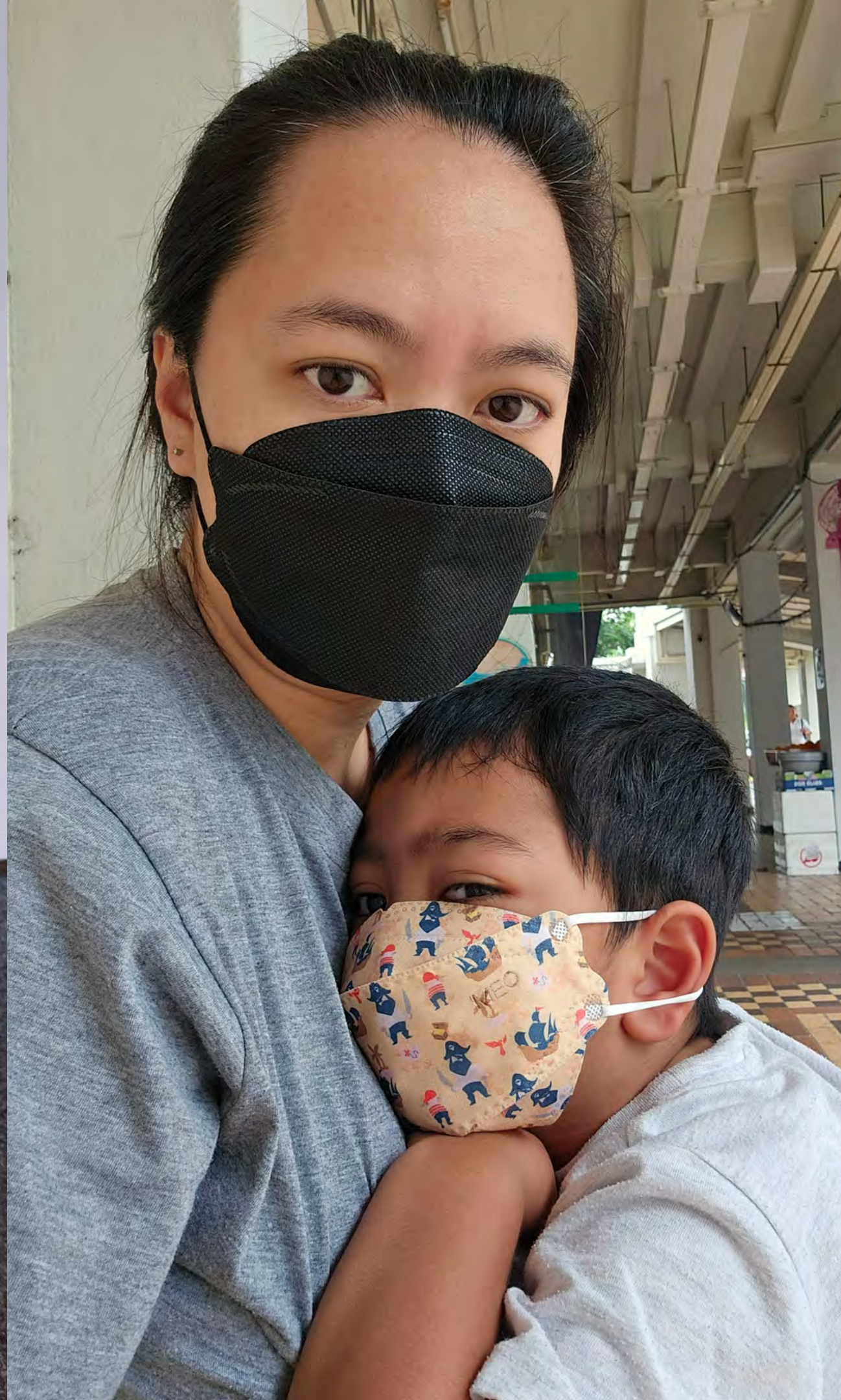




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The background of the image features a light blue cross with a textured, brush-stroke appearance, centered behind the text. To the right of the cross is a large, stylized green leaf with a prominent vein structure. In the bottom left corner, there are several smaller, pointed green shapes, resembling leaves or flames, also in a soft green color.

**Have we followed**  
*Christ*



Grander earth has quaked before  
Moved by the sound of His voice  
Seas that are shaken and stirred  
Can be calmed and broken for my regard

Through it all, through it all

My eyes are on you

Through it all, through it all

It is well

Through it all, through it all

My eyes are on you

It is well with me

Far be it for me to not believe  
Even when my eyes can't see  
This mountain that's in front of me  
Will be thrown into the midst of the sea



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So let go, my soul, and trust in Him  
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