



Singapore has some 800,000 low-waged foreign workers. For a number of them, the reality of living and working here can be horrific. Imagine 30 men sleeping in a dormitory, beds spaced half a meter apart, all sharing one bathroom; a maid beaten and locked behind closed doors; a construction worker forced to be repatriated because his employer doesn't want to cover work related medical costs. TWC2 seeks to give foreign workers fair working conditions and answers their call for help. A registered charity and member of NCSS, we provide the following services:

- A telephone help line
- A soup kitchen provides free daily meals to abandoned workers without any income
- An emergency fund provides relief for immediate medical or other critical needs
- Social workers and experienced volunteers steer workers with problems through Singapore bureaucracy
- Enrichment courses for foreign domestic workers

TWC2 has a paid fulltime staff comprising 2 social workers and one administration position. About 30 volunteers help to do every thing else. Throughout the year, our soup kitchen feeds around 200 workers daily. Together with other assistance rendered, TWC2 tended to 2,300 cases in 2012 up from 2,100 the year before.

Of all its various services, currently TWC2 sees the greatest need to replenish a fast depleting emergency fund. Called the CARE Fund (Compassion and Relief for Emergencies Fund), money is needed for the following:

- Funding urgent and essential medical and surgical treatment where no other help is available
- Phone cards to help destitute workers stay in contact with their support network and families at home.
- Pocket money so that workers can take transport to Ministry of Manpower or other departments to pursue their claims.
- Help with alternative accommodation when employers fail to provide

Outlays from our Care Fund provide a lifeline to desperate workers. These posters tell their stories (see attached posters).