

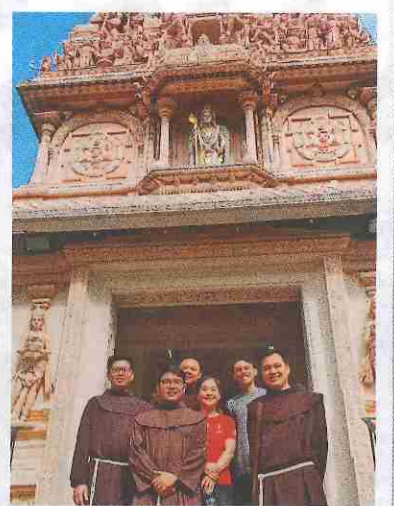
St Mary's collaborates on community outreach events



A musical treat from the Ugandan Mwangaza Children's Choir.



Friar Clifford Augustine, parish priest of St Mary of the Angels Church, mingling with residents from rental blocks in Bukit Batok.



Franciscan friars in formation seen here with representatives of the Parish Emergency Preparedness Taskforce.

The Church of St Mary of the Angels (SMOTA) organised two social outreach programmes in an effort to create a sense of belonging and community with its neighbours.

On July 22, SMOTA's representatives from its Parish Emergency Preparedness Taskforce went on a friendly neighbourhood walk with a few of the Franciscan

friars in formation. The aim was to visit the various religious institutions in the neighbourhood.

The walk brought participants to the Masjid Ar-Raudhah mosque along Bukit Batok East Avenue 2, the Sattha Puchaniyaram Buddhist Temple at Bukit Batok West Avenue 8, the Sri Arulmigu Hindu Temple along Jurong East Street 21 and the Ju-

rong Taoist Temple along Jurong West Street 42.

Not only were the visits informative, they were also an opportunity to bond with members of other religions.

On July 7, SMOTA, Masjid Ar-Raudhah and Bukit Batok Single Member Constituency grassroots collaborated to organise an event.

About 330 households from the rental blocks of 210A and 109 along Bukit Batok Street 21 joined the organisers for a morning of food, entertainment and even shopping at a nearby block.

A pop-up supermarket was set up for the redemption of groceries which included dried food items and toiletries.

There were also cultural per-

formances by the Ar-Raudhah community, and the SMOTA team provided live entertainment for all.

The Ugandan Mwangaza Children's Choir, who were visiting Singapore as part of their international Light Up Tour to raise money for the Children's Hunger Fund, also entertained with a vibrant musical performance. □

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