

Tabitha Foundation Singapore

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Included in this month's newsletter:

- **Silk news**
- **Inside track on an upcoming house build**
- **Fund raising**

We hear of lots of fantastic fund raising by Tabitha supporters, so much so that we want to start sharing all these ideas. Halley Reece, who has recently joined us in the area of fund raising, is currently pulling together an A to Z of fund raising as well as tips on how to best do this.

We have people running through the Gobi desert, kids doing jumpathons, washing cars, you name it someone will probably have tried to raise funds around it!

We get lots of queries on how people can help by raising money, it can be a bit daunting when you don't know where to start.

If you have any fund raising tips or ideas you would like to share please contact us at donations@tabithasingapore.com

In the meantime the A to Z will be on the web site soon.

Did you know that approximately 1.5million people have already graduated from the Tabitha Family partnership programme

Welcome to our third Tabitha Foundation Singapore Newsletter. We are aiming to bring you, our volunteers and supporters, regular news and photographs on what's happening in the world of Tabitha Singapore. We hope you enjoy this newsletter and please let us know about any events you would like us to share. Eleanor Craia. president@tabithasingapore.com

Silk News

It has been a busy time for sales event. In April we had the At Home with Taylor B event, the SAS sale, and a home sale at Ardmore Park. Thank you to those who were part of this. A lot of effort goes into organizing these events, running them on the day through to getting everything back to stock room after it is all over.

Taylor B was a new location for us and I really want to thank Nichole and her staff for giving us such a warm welcome (to say nothing of the lovely food!)



Some of the great Taylor B beds showing the Tabitha homewares.



As well as selling our gorgeous silk, some of the volunteers who are involved in donations were taking the opportunity to

talk to shoppers about the other Tabitha programmes, including family partnerships.

We have already had some events in May; the Summer event at the Marriot and the mothers' day sale at AIS. If you have children at AIS I hope you received a nice Tabitha mothers' day present.

Sam Samlal, the organizer, tries to ensure that all the classes get the opportunity to buy something for mum and we really appreciate the support we receive from AIS and Catrin Huxtable in particular. Thanks also to Tabitha volunteers Cathy Emmerson and Narelle McGarvey, Sam really appreciated all the work you did!

The SAS sale in April also went very well. There were a number of different events but the 5th graders raised over \$25,000 in donations for Tabitha, a fantastic effort by them!

House build

We have numerous teams from Singapore who take part in Tabitha house building. I thought I would share some thoughts from Lisa Newman our Singapore house building coordinator, who herself took a team to Cambodia on the 14th May. The "Singapore Family Build" comprising of 26 kids and 26 adults will build 30 houses



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over 2 days. The biggest challenge for this particular build was the logistics. Arranging accommodation, meals, transport etc for a large group can be quite challenging. The majority of people were flying in from Singapore but there are also people flying in from Canada and Australia on different days. When asked what Lisa enjoyed most about it "I am personally really excited about this particular house build as this is the first time I have arranged a build with children. My daughter will experience her first Tabitha House build along with many other children. I just cannot wait to see the faces of our children when the 30 houses are built and they witness the excitement from the Cambodian people when we hand over the houses to them. I truly love to see the interaction between us and the beautiful and very humble people of Cambodia, it's so rewarding and the thought of any hiccups when arranging such a big build disappears immediately. I think once you have been on a house build it becomes addictive and you then begin to think about the next one"

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