

# the NEIGHBOURHOOD AID

“And who is my neighbour?” ..... “The one who had mercy on him.”  
Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.” Luke 10:29, 37 (NIV)



## Kitajaga.co

A web-app, by local developers at Terato Tech, with Google Maps funding.

Anyone in need of aid can directly pin his location as a **red dot** on a map by clicking on the “Minta Bantuan” button. The app enables users to list details like name, Whatsapp contact and items they are in need of.

A donor would use the app to locate **red dots** in his immediate or nearby neighbourhoods. Donors are at liberty to select people they are able to help.

After some preliminary enquiries with the recipient through Whatsapp, a donor will shop for the required items (either personally or on-line) and send them out to the recipients (self-delivery / via delivery service.)



<sup>X</sup> *In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”*

*Acts 20:35 (ESV)*<sup>X</sup>

PBC’s Neighbourhood Aid was started to enable our congregations to reach out, either individually or as a Care Group, to an increasing number of people who were laid off due to the EMCO, from 1 June 2021. Petty crimes and suicides began to increase as savings depleted and Covid-19 cases continued unabated.

By the end of June, netizens began a ‘White Flag’ campaign, encouraging people to raise white flags if they were in need.



Petrol Stations and grocery stores set up Food Banks, where

people gave what they could so others could take what they needed. Malaysians readily came together with the spirit of “Kita Jaga Kita” to support their neighbours so that none would go hungry.

On 18 July 2021, Pantai Baptist Church launched our own Covid Relief Fund (CRF). Members gave generously, enabling us to fund our four initiatives.

“I did not realise so many families were in need ... just 10 minutes drive from where I stay,” remarked one sister. She had sent grocery packs to a few families at a nearby low-cost apartment complex. We were happy to reimburse from our CRF, the groceries that she and others began to send.

Our Neighbourhood Aid efforts continue to surface many more who are in need ...

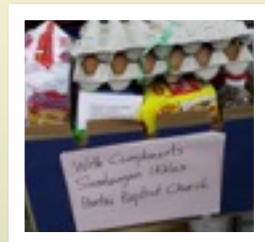
In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

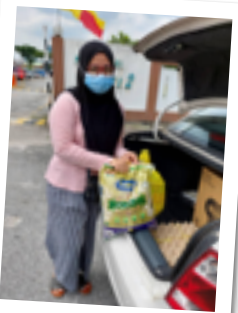
*Matt 5:16 (NIV)*

## Basic Groceries Pack

5 kg rice  
1 kg flour  
1 kg coarse sugar  
1 kg cooking oil  
450 g salt  
Instant Noodles (5x79g)  
Mee Hoon (1 pack)

Cream crackers 428g  
Garlic 600g  
Onions 300g  
Coffee (sachets)  
Sardines in tomato 425g  
Baked beans 425g  
Grade C eggs (30 pcs)





## Who are our recipients?

Many are Indonesians who had lost their jobs as construction workers, or were cleaners at shopping malls, coffee shops and restaurants; shop assistants, part-time maids and other casual workers. There were elderly Malaysians, whose

children were financially stretched to support them, and families under house quarantine, unable to shop online or have items delivered as they had no e-wallets to make payments. One lady had sold her phone to buy milk for her baby.

### TYPES OF GROCERY PACKS

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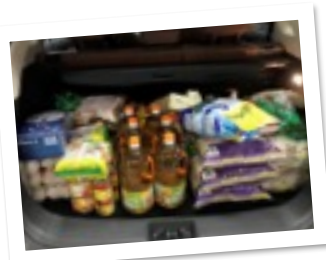


AEON Bersama-Mu Box



### REQUESTED ITEMS

Many people just asked for “*barang dapur*” or kitchen supplies which often meant the very basics like rice, cooking oil, sugar, instant mee, salt, flour and beverages like coffee and Milo for their older children.



### OTHER AID

We also received many requests for infant milk powder and disposable diapers (relatively expensive items.)

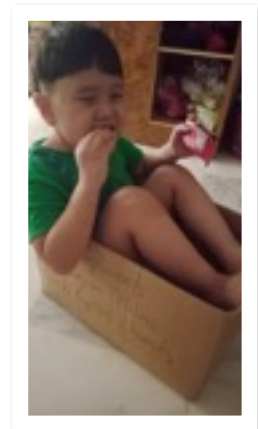


### “CAN’T ONLY EAT DRY FOODS ...”

Some who bought items wondered how one would eat dry food with dry food. They thoughtfully added veggies like onions, carrots, a head of cabbage, or potatoes. Or a can of sardines or baked beans.

### A SMALL TREAT

One of our CG leaders thought to include a pack of cream biscuits to her box of groceries on discovering that her recipient has a 4-yr old son. That turned out to be such a treat for the boy! The grocery box certainly did not go to waste either! (His mother sent us this photo to share her joy.)



*We benefitted riders as well when we sent out our packs using delivery services.*



And the King will answer them, “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.” *Matthew 25:40 (ESV)*

### Non-food essentials

A construction worker requested for bath soap and tooth paste. Another lady needed some dish washing liquid and laundry

detergent. Although these were not food items, we included them in our packs.

### Some toys . . .

A lady, from a low-cost flat, only requested for any kind of used toys.

Her young children were bored, unable to go out for many weeks. She could only afford to spend on food, rent and utilities. We now hope to collect some used toys from our Sunday School children to bless our recipients’ kids.

### PBC Food Hubs

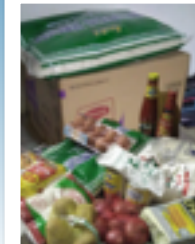
- Sumbangan Ikhlas packs
- reduces shopping risks



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### Nepali guard

Another CG leader reached out to a Nepali guard at the housing estate where he stays - the guard had a mild stroke and most of his salary was used to pay for his medical bills.



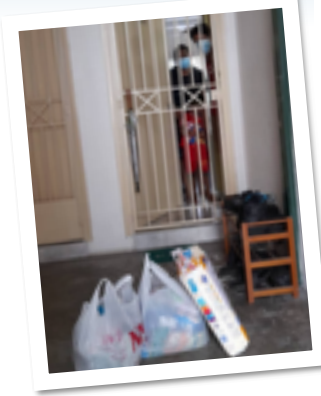
### An Old Folks Home

They requested not only for basic food items but also oats, Ensure milk powder, Nestum, kaya and Jacobs biscuits. These items were personally shopped for and delivered by a concerned CG member and his wife.



### A Night Market trader

He was additionally blessed with a food pack, eggs and diapers from a PBC member. He had come to collect items from a food bank at a local petrol station that only allowed him to take 2 items.



### Family under home quarantine

Unable to leave their house, this Malaysian family had requested for dry foods, infant milk powder and diapers, as well as some fish and vegetables, which our CG member obliged.

