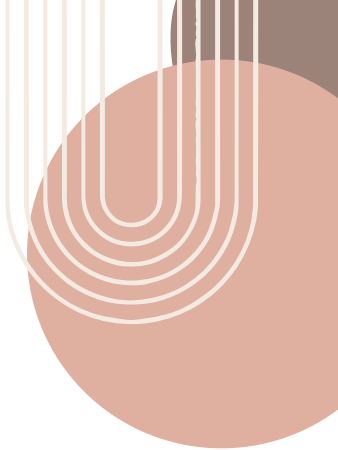


The Journey of Tamar Village



2010 – Tamar Village was birthed by founders Shih Shu Hui and Lois Loh, pioneering an outreach to individuals affected by the red-light sector.

2011 – Tamar Village came under Mercy Centre Ltd. and launched a Skill Centre for the Ladies' Focus, offering classes in baking, jewellery making, and crafts. The Centre became a place of hope where women explored new opportunities, gained practical skills, and some chose to walk away from the red-light lifestyle.

2012 – Volunteer Rachel Seah (Ministry Leader, 2021–2024) founded SHINE KIDS, an outreach to children living on the streets. This later grew into ACORN, a Children & Youth Focus providing tuition and holistic programs, including weekday support for children of parents in restoration.



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2019–2020 – An urban garden program gave men meaningful work and healing. Beneficiaries entered Integration Phase 1, working part-time outside jobs with CPF contributions. The ministry encouraged steps toward home ownership and established two businesses to create employment, restoring dignity and confidence.

2021–2023 – Under Rachel Chow and team, the ministry emphasized empowerment through career counselling, skills training, and job readiness. Many graduated from the Restoration Centre into salaried jobs, flourishing in new chapters.

2024 – Families reached stability, children thrived, and many beneficiaries grew in independence. With gratitude, the ministry leadership and Mercy Centre discerned it was time to close the Tamar Village expression after 14 years. This pioneering initiative had fulfilled its catalytic role, paving the way for new ministries and partnerships to continue serving individuals affected by the red-light sector.

