

## CASE MANAGEMENT STORY

# PERSEVERING AMIDST ADVERSITY

*Marilyn\* and Paul\* had to battle against financial uncertainties. While Marilyn tried to find a night-shift work, her husband faced growing dissatisfaction working at his family's company. He had to battle with unreasonable treatment and a salary reduction.*

*Marilyn is from The Philippines while Paul is a Singaporean. Marilyn had four children from a previous marriage and three from her marriage with Paul.*

*Aside from finances, the couple also worried about finding schools for their four children who had trouble obtaining student passes for them to stay in school.*

*They also had to pay an exorbitant amount for DNA testing for Paul's three biological children with Marilyn for them to become Singaporeans as they were born in the Philippines.*

*To add on to their burdens, one of their children was also riddled with medical issues.*

*Having few avenues for support, ACMI journeyed with the couple together with case workers from the Family Service Centre (FSC) that they had reached out to. Through their journey with case workers, it opened many possibilities for the couple to explore.*

*Despite these tribulations, Marilyn and Paul still remained close and did not let these adversities tear them apart. Rather, the duo focused on keeping the family together and kept a resilient, positive and cheerful outlook.*

*"We do this for our children, because we love them," said Paul and Marilyn.*

*Today, all seven children are in school. Paul's children had also received DNA testing, through the support of an anonymous donor. While the road ahead is uncertain for Marilyn who has her own medical issues and Paul who is unable to get out of the family business. Despite this, the couple continues to be steadfast, staying strong for the family.*

\*Names have been changed to protect the identity of our clients.