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How VV Share Is Born

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In 2013 after having installed a water pipe system for a very poor village in Cambodia with the fund I raised for her, **Sr. Mary Walter Santer**, an Ursuline sister who was my beloved teacher at Mater Dei School, my alma mater, and I talked about the inequality in life. We discussed the meaning of our school motto- -SERVIAM- -Service above Self, and ended our conversation with an idea of setting up a 'Soup Kitchen' to help the poor and destitute in Thailand.

As our plan was progressing well, she suffered a stroke. Before she went to heaven, I promised her I would carry on our project. Though I always keep my promise, gone with her was our dream. But as hope I kept...like a tiny dot of light tucked at the bottom of my heart.

Six years later, a totally common daily incident reignited this tiny light in my heart. On 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019, a friend in our Thai Chinese Leadership Class II posted in our class Line about the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the French law that made food waste a criminal offense. I nostalgically told my classmates of my unfulfilled promise with **Sr. Santer**. To my delight, many friends showed interest in supporting me. Two remained who would later become my co-founders.

On 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019, beyond my wildest dream I was arranged to have a private audience with His Holiness Pope Francis at the Nunciature during His official visit to Thailand. I took the opportunity to present a letter to the Pontiff informing Him of our plan to start an organization to bring food waste in our society to the poor. To the utmost elation of my life, the Holy Father sent me a personal letter imparting His blessings on our project. I knew then this project would be successful.



The name **VV Share** comes from one of my co-founders. **Viands** and **Victuals** mean articles and supplies of food. Unknown to my co-founder who is not a Christian, the word **Victual** appears in 32 verses in the Bible.

Our organization is a non-religious, non-profit organization that brings food, which would otherwise be wasted, to the needy regardless of race or religion. However, to be able to start off the operation, it was His Eminence Cardinal Kriengsak Kovitvanit, Leader of the Catholic Church in Thailand, who instructed the Church to sponsor our first pick-up truck and distribution center. His kindness and passion to take care of the poor helped propel the operation of **VV Share**.

On 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021- -8 years after that conversation between **Sr. Walter Santer** and me- - **VV Share's** truck rolls out its wheels for the first time bringing food from **Tops**, and later **Lotus's**, to feed over 1,000 people in 8 communities and a children's center.

To me a devout Christian, a promise kept, an impossible dream realized, and **VV Share** is born.

1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

*"Is it not to share your food with the hungry; and to provide the poor wanderers with shelter...when you see the naked, to clothe him, .... ? Then your light will break forth like the dawn ..."*

*Isaiah 58:7-8*

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