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HOM Editorial

Jurong West Cell Group (JWCG) had our first home cell meeting after almost 2 years as a church based CG. It was held in the very cosy home of Ronnie and Nancy (not the former US President) although it is just as grand as the White House with lots of artefacts. They had prepared a very sumptuous spread for us, over-estimating the attendance.



The difference between holding a CG meeting in

JCC and holding it at someone's home is clearly the food after the study is over. In the church environment, there is no time or place for food, as we are constrained to leave by 10pm and not to eat in the classrooms.



JWCG bids farewell to one of its pioneer members, Patrick Neo, who passed away recently. Way back at the beginning of JWCG, Patrick and Lydia were supposed to be the host but due to Lydia's pregnancy, we hosted the CG at our home which is a block away.



Patrick was a very cheerful person and liked to talk to everyone. He had cancer for 17 years and he did not mention it. I only found out a few months back when I saw him, a shadow of his former self. I prayed for his healing, *"God will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain..."* Revelation 21:4. Lydia mentioned that it was good that the Lord took him home because

Patrick was in great pain in the last months of his life.

Martin Cheah