

August/September. The Gambling and loan sharks problem is certainly on the rise. In July/August we have admitted 3 brothers with gambling debts ranging from \$10,000.00 to over \$500,000.00. Also in August we admitted a case of a teenager armed with chopper problem. The study programme currently we have a teenager tutored for the 'O' level examinations, an adult resident enrolled for the Diploma in Social Service with SSTI. and a staff doing night class studies at the Singapore Bible College. Our residents numbers have increased and currently our beds are full. Praise God, our task is not finished yet!

B.) DAY OF PRAYER FOR HIDING PLACE RELOCATION: We will be having a day of prayer on Saturday 1st October from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Hiding Place. Churches, leaders, prayer supporters and friends are encouraged to join us. Otherwise we urge you to uphold us in setting aside this day in praying for us and our needs of having to be relocated by end April 2012.

C.) 38TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HIDING PLACE: We will be celebrating our 38th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service on Saturday 29th October at the Hiding Place 3 Jalan Kayu at 5.30 p.m. sharp. We invite and welcome you to join us on this day of Thanksgiving in giving Glory to God for 38 Good, Great Years! We are privileged to have as our speaker Rev Dr E N Poulson, former Dean of English Department Singapore Bible College, Pastor Emeritus of Grace Baptist Church and a good friend who says the Hiding Place is very special to him. Our 38th Anniversary theme this year is "STAND UP FOR JESUS!".

EXISTING NEEDS OF THE HIDING PLACE

We are thankful that the Lord has faithfully provided for all our needs. You have been an encouragement and great support towards God's work at the Hiding Place. We appreciate your generosity.

NO	ITEMS:	AMOUNT	PLS. TICK
1.	MOTOR VEHICLES REPAIR	\$ 480.00	
2.	RESTORE FENCE FOR SOCCER PITCH	\$ 1,323.30	
3.	HIDING PLACE - MONTHLY RENT	\$ 6,965.70	
4.	RENOVATION NEEDS - NEW PREMISE	150,000.00	
5.	GENERAL NEEDS OF THE HOME		

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THE HIDING PLACE

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LET THY WILL BE DONE!

“Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego replied to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to give you an answer concerning this matter.

‘If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But even if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.’

Daniel 3:16-17.

Greetings to all prayer partners in the Matchless Name of our Almighty God, the Lord Jesus Christ! We write to THANK YOU for your support especially in praying for the Hiding Place in our desperate need for a new premise. The Hiding Place will be celebrating her 38th Anniversary Thanksgiving on 29th October 2011 at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Wow, very soon we will be 38 years old! As a 'faith ministry' and not funded by the government, we have much to thank God for. He is Faithful over and over again as our Jehovah Jireh and we surely can say EBENEZER, thus far the Lord has helped us! "God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply". In 1973, Christina was called to start the 1st Halfway House in Singapore called the House of Grace. It was eventually renamed the Hiding Place in 1978. It began with our faith's conviction in believing that THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST IS ABLE TO TRANSFORM THE HOPELESS DRUG ADDICTS! Our mission purpose, Col. 1:28. "We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ." Since its beginning many have come through our door and been successfully re-inter-

grated back home and to society as trophies of God's transforming grace. We have had proud moments when successful residents tutored through our Rehabilitation Programme excelled in studies scoring 7 A1s' for 'O' levels in 1995 and similarly 6 A1s' in 1999. Both these brothers were featured in the front page of the Straits Times. Praise the Lord! The Hiding Place Rehabilitation Programme emphasised 4 components in Rehabilitation, A.) SPIRITUAL B.) EDUCATIONAL C.) VOCATIONAL D.) RECREATIONAL. Of these we give top priority to the SPIRITUAL aspect. Therefore before a resident is placed in the study programme life-change must come about first. Residents are told that given a chance to study is a privilege and not "an ought to have." We emphasised, REHABILITATION PRECEDES EDUCATION! It is because of these strict rules that the Home has churned out 3 NUS graduates, about 20 Polytechnic diploma graduates. We have also many who achieved their degrees local and overseas because our study programme had earlier helped them obtained their 'O' level certificates. The challenge in our rehabilitation task is to motivate those addicted to drugs, alcohol, glue, gambling, gangs, wayward teens etc. to become addicted in their newly changed life to seriously carve out a bright future for themselves through opportunities in education. The same also goes for those not inclined towards study. Rehabilitation and a transform life must precede a resident being allowed to be gainfully employed after 9 months. Firmly Rooted, Built up and Established in the faith and Overflowing with gratitude is vital to a resident's success for re-intergration. Colossian 2:6-7. We thank God that through the Rehabilitation Programme's emphasis in the faith many brothers who invested time in cultivating their Spiritual life are able to withstand the storms of life upon re-intergration back home and in society. Praise God, many have made it successfully! We believe that when a person is reconciled to God, he is not what people say, "Heavenly minded and of no earthly use!" But rather when transformation takes effect God would restore all orders in his life - to Government, a law abiding citizen, to Family, a filial son, loving husband and a responsible father...who feeds the family and no longer a threat to society. Therefore with many living testimonies of residents being transformed by the power of the Almighty God, we believe that Christianity has much to offer and is vital in the rehabilitation of Drug Addicts. "I HAVE FOUND THE ANSWER! IT WORKS!" What a profound statement. Praise God!

Brethren, we cherish and urge your continued prayers for the future of the Hiding Place in securing a premise. We have just renewed a 6 months contract with the SLA ending February 2012. We now have to pay rent and instead of \$11,652.30 monthly we have decided to surrender the soccer field to SLA and

pay a monthly rent of \$6,965.70. We further requested an extension after February 2012 and was informed that LTA has no objection to extend till end April 2012. As from 1st September 2011 we have exactly 8 months to pray and act.

Recently SCORE has informed us that without IPC it would not be possible for us to even rent from SLA as we would need the support of a parent ministry. We enquired about open tender of Government premises and realised that there are no open tender designated for halfway house use. All doors seems closed!

Imagine after over 38 years of ministry, having reached and seen many lives touched and transformed through the Power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we are at this point of time encountering a dead end! Its either you bend or you are broken! Our faith conviction speaks to us that in no way should we compromise and dishonour the Almighty God. Reason being that God has been Faithful these past 38 years. We cannot in our right frame of mind on one hand deny Him and yet with the other proclaim freedom and liberty to the drug addicts about a God whom we actually deny. Pastor Philip & Christina joked, maybe its time to close shop and retire! NO! We believe in the Almighty God for a breakthrough!

We therefore have deliberated and unanimously choose to hold on to our faith conviction. Our prayer is that the Lord would connect us with someone in the Government whom we can seek an audience with. We believe that with all that we have to share any listening ears would feel our heart-beat of love and compassion towards those caught in the bondage of addictions. We have in our home drug addicts, glue-sniffers, alcoholics, gamblers, sex-offenders, gang members, young offenders, homeless orphans. These brethren are sincere, teachable, humble, happy, liberated, caring etc. but are troubled by the uncertainty of a bleak future as to what would happen to them ifs. We pray that our faith position could be understood, accepted and granted favour so that we could once again be reinstated with our IPC status. Otherwise we pray that in view of our work over the last 38 years having helped many in need, the Government would upon compassionate and welfare status relocate us to an alternative premise but we pay rent. Brethren, pray for us as our hearts cry is to unlock the prison of those caught with addiction problems!

A.) RESIDENTS UPDATE: We thank God that though without IPC and not in the prison service model prison releasees are still opting to be admitted into our programme to be helped. We have 4 brothers admitted for the months of