

C.) COMING EVENTS:

a) CHINESE NEW YEAR REUNION DINNER: The Hiding Place family (residents, staff, their family members and friends) will be celebrating their Chinese New Year with a steamboat reunion dinner on 22nd January 2012 at 6.00 p.m. We would like to welcome you and especially missionaries and overseas students to join us. Please join us!

b) CHAP GO MEI EX-RESIDENTS & VOLUNTEERS HOME-COMING: The Hiding Place 'Chap Go Mei Dinner' has been traditionally known as a time to catch up with old friends and volunteers through the years. It has been a joy to see wives and children of graduates coming together. This dinner will be held at the Hiding Place on 6th February 2012 at 6.30 p.m. You are also welcome to join us for the night's dinner.

D.) OTHER ALTERNATIVE - PRIVATE BUNGALOWS: As a no choice alternative we would appreciate if you are aware of private bungalows that are available for rental to kindly let us know.

E.) BE IN PRAYER FOR US: The price for our CONVICTION in the faith is really costing us alot! It is easy to give in and compromise our conviction, but it sure is very painful and costly to hold our ground. Like Esther 4:16 we say, "And If I perish, I perish," Earth's Lost Is Heaven's Gain! Praise God!

GOD HEARS AND HELPS!

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.	VEHICLE ROAD TAX YJ6693	\$ 492.00	
2.	3 DBL/DECK BEDS & MATTRESSES	\$ 1,700.00	
3.	CHINESE NEW YEAR DINNER	\$ 2,000.00	
4.	THE HIDING PLACE STAFF BONUS	\$26,697.00	
5.	GENERAL NEEDS OF THE HOME		

NAME:..... TEL:

ADDRESS: POSTCODE:

Kindly make cheque payable to "THE HIDING PLACE (CHRISTIAN HOME MISSION) LTD. 3 Jalan Kayu Singapore 799434 TEL:64835348.



THE HIDING PLACE

...as long as we live we will open our door to anyone who knocks.

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A HIGHER APPEAL

“Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night and day. I and my maids will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish.’ So Mordecai went away and carried out all of Esther’s instructions.”

Esther 4:16-17.

GREETINGS of the NEW YEAR 2012 to you in the Blessed Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The Lord has again proved His faithfulness! We thank God and especially you for your prayers, service of helps and financial givings that we have been blessed with this past year. Thank you and may the Lord bless you richly. As of 1st January 2012 we have exactly 4 months to vacate our



THE HIDING PLACE FAMILY...RESIDENTS, PROJECT HELPERS, STAFF AND LEADERS.

WE WISH ALL SUPPORTERS BLESSINGS OF GOOD HEALTH & PROSPERITY FOR THE NEW YEAR 2012.

premise in Jalan Kayu. Our meeting with the Charities Unit of the MCYS in November for the possibility to reinstate our IPC without having to change our constitution objective was not successful. We have throughout sought help from different individuals and government ministries and were unsuccessful too. It seems that without IPC no help could be given. We do understand the position taken by the Charities Unit that IPC should benefit all races and religions and as a home for the past 38 years we have never deprived anyone, race nor religion from being helped by us. It is with this that we hope the government would understand our faith's conviction as we have been led these many years. All our attempts in securing a government disused premise from the Singapore Land Office have been unsuccessful even though we are willing to pay monthly rent. We have seen a few SLA's sites put out for tender but were not able to submit reason being these sites are not specified for halfway house use.

In short, all our attempts have failed and it seems like we have no choice but only to give in and compromise. Where then is faith if we compromise in the face of adversity? Pastor Philip and Christina holds firmly to their faith's approach position in saying, "Throughout these 38 years of serving God in the Hiding Place we have helped people of all races and religions, none were ever deprived. In 1989 we helped a 17 years old Malay boy, tutored him and he passed his 'O' level examinations, if committed to the Drug Rehabilitation Centre he would not be able to sit for his 'O' level examinations. He is today happily married and blessed with two children. This was before Pertapis started the Malay halfway house. We do not force conversion to the faith, rather we operate as a family on a 'Christian Home Setup' acting as house-parents on a live-in 24/7 commitment to those who come to be helped. We believe that operating on this basis it does payout and many have benefitted and been successfully reintegrated back home and into society today." It is so easy to just give in and compromise and have everything restored back to normal, but because of our conviction in the faith we believe in we are convicted that we ought to be consistent and cannot deny what we preach. Even in the face of being not able to secure a premise to relocate to or having to eventually close down the Hiding Place we choose to honor Him. Pastor Philip says, 'When all else fail, our conviction in the faith remains!'

Our relocation of having to move out of Jalan Kayu is imminent. As of 1st January 2012 we have a very short time to seek a solution for our need. We are desperate, we have exactly 4 months till 30 April to vacate. It is easy to move from flat to flat or house to house but to think of having to move the Hiding Place

and especially encountering the problem of no alternative site to move to it is definitely something to worry about.

Like Esther 4:16-17, Esther when persuaded by Mordecai to present their problem to the king regarding the annihilation of the Jews called for the Jews living in Susa to gather for a 3 day fast. She mentioned, 'When this is done then, I will go to the king.' The Lord intervened and the king granted favor to Esther and Mordecai which led to eventually Haman being hung on the 75 feet gallows he set up for Mordecai. We have 4 months to know what our final outcome will be. We are definitely in a tight spot of having no answer and don't know what to do. With all that we are encountering we are convinced that its time we call for a National fast from the Christian body in our City to rally together and support us in prayer and fasting. We urge you to consider joining us for a 3 day fast starting 1st till 3rd January 2012 as you are led individually. The reason we are calling for your support in prayer and fasting is that we have written to our Prime Minister of Singapore and requested for an audience with him. We actually plead with him to meet with us and hear our plight. We have tried many other appeals but failed and it only led us to pray about moving towards, 'a higher appeal.' We have thought of our Prime Minister and also the possibility of the President of Singapore. Brethren, be in prayer upholding us before God's throne of Grace!

A.) THE HIDING PLACE ANNUAL MINI CHARITY BAZAAR 2012: This year again we are all geared up with the home-made pineapple tarts sales. The residents have started producing and will continue from 9am till 12 midnight daily till 21st January. We have a small flowers, orchids and kumquats sale from the garden. Also for goodies we have love letters, pistagees, suges, pineapple tarts, soft drinks and others. Orders are now open and you can call Mrs Sally Tan at Tel: 64835348 to place your orders. We appreciate your support and kindly remember to have your orders for the pineapple tarts placed early in order not to be disappointed.

B.) THE RESIDENTS STATUS: We thank God that we are still having enquiries for admission and our residents total has increased. In all we have 52 living in at the Hiding Place. This year we have a number who expressed interest in studying for the 'O' level examination. We also have Bro Vincent who will complete his Diploma in Social Services in mid of this year and Bro Peter doing theological studies at the Singapore Bible College. Our removal services have also increased in having more calls to engage our services. Praise the Lord!