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Dear Prayer Supporters and Church Leaders,

Prayer Concerns of The Hiding Place:

Greeting to all in the Blessed Name of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We thank God for your prayers and support rendered towards the Hiding Place and would like to wish you a Blessed New Year 2012. The Lord is indeed Good in blessing the home these past many years. Praise the Lord!

Our relocation is indeed imminent. Starting 1st February 2012 we have exactly 90 days to vacate Jalan Kayu. The Singapore Land Office has informed us that the final date is 30th April 2012 with no further extension. The journey of a faith ministry is indeed one not void of trials, but often proves the faithfulness of the Lord. We have exhausted almost all avenues of appeals. Seen a few Member of Parliaments, the Ministry of Communication Youth and Sports, Charities Unit and even in emailing directly to the Prime Minister of Singapore, all of which failed. The position of the Charities Unit is that IPCs' must benefit all races and religion. We explained that the reason we hold on to our constitution objective is because of our belief and conviction in the faith and more so that this is the reason for our being called into the ministry some 38 years ago. Remembering that the Hiding Place was the first halfway house started in Singapore by Mrs Christina Chan in 1973. It was then named The House of Grace. Our last appeal to the Prime Minister's office was a plea appealing that we understand the position taken by the Charities Unit but we plead their understanding towards our conviction and that based on our conviction in the faith we be allowed a premises that we can obtain from the government paying commercial rent. Sadly, even such a request is being denied and turned down. Pray for us!

Also another concerns of the Hiding Place is that regarding the health of my dear wife and founder, Mrs Christina Chan. She has been suffering back aches for a few months not realizing that it was related to her heart. She actually suffered a heart attack and by the mercies of God went to her nephew, Dr Gwee Kok Ann at the Gleneagles Hospital on Thursday 26th January 2012 just at the right time regarding her aches and pains. He ordered some blood test and discovered that her complains relates to her heart condition and got her to be admitted immediately. Her angiogram examination showed she suffered blockages in 4 blood arteries ranging from 70 to 99 percent block. Then on

Sunday 29th January she underwent an 8 hours major open heart bypass operation. Her condition especially being diabetic caused her to remain in the intensive care unit much longer with some complications. Pray that she would recover well and soon be restored back into the ministry when we move to The New Hiding Place. Pray that she gets well!

It is my prayer that as my wife, myself, the Board of Directors and the Hiding Place family of residents and staff are led to hold on to our Conviction in the faith, you would stand together with us in giving to us your prayerful support. We, (my wife and myself) together with the board of directors believe that this is the right thing to do. Our conviction and faith position may seemingly cause us to suffer lack in receiving government support and may also be deemed to be silly in the eyes of men, but as the Lord has always been faithful we know for certain that He never fails. The Lord is triumphant as we see lives continue to be touched and transformed by the power of God in the Hiding Place even right now. It is alright to be made poor so that others can be enriched, "WE LIVE TO TOUCH LIVES!" In the Lord we do not suffer lack, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I have all I need!" Psa. 23:1. We believe that at the right time the Lord would intervene and provide us with a place for us to call The New Hiding Place.

As I have mentioned earlier, a 'faith ministry' is never without trials. I can see that at the present moment we are going through the furnace. Remember Daniel's three friends experience. Not scorched though the furnace heated 7 times more! We ask that you prayerfully stand together with us and support our mission in seriously wanting to touch lives in providing a home for those in need. Remembering that the Hiding Place is not only a halfway house for drug addicts but open its door to all categories of needs, eg. We house a low I.Q. Sexual offender who committed rape. Charged and remanded in Changi for 10 over months in 2009. When asked if we would consider admitting such a case when no one and no place in our society are willing to admit him. We considered and agreed and after a short interview at Changi Prison admitted him. He is today already past 2 year with us, very hard working and responsible though sometimes stubborn which stems from his condition. He has found a home in The Hiding Place. Pray for us cause if we are not Serious and not Convicted in what we believe we wouldn't have lasted 38 years.

In conclusion I would like to ask for your prayerful support in upholding the Hiding Place and her relocation in your daily prayers and also for my wife, Christina Chan as she recovers from this major open heart operation. Thank you!

Yours In His Service,

Pastor Philip Chan.  
The Hiding Place.