

I accepted Christ as my Lord and Saviour in my second week. Why so fast, you might ask. Why not? I have found peace. Through the daily devotion, worship and classes, the time to read and reflect, the interaction with staff and residents and the blessing from my family, there was nothing to stop me from coming to Christ. I saw clearly the hand of God and his timing working in my life.

*Pray for Jeremy L's spiritual growth and healing of his torn ligament.*

***Sis Christina's Update***

Indeed it has been a challenge for Sis Christina since 2011 when she went through heart-bypass surgery and then suffered a mild stroke that affected her speech and movement of her hand. Although she is bedridden, we thank God she is in good spirit, eating well and her bedsores are getting better. She has moved to Hiding Place's new home in Bedok. Pray for her adjustment to the new place.

*The Board of Directors would like to thank each of you for your prayers and financial giving towards Sis Christina's needs.*

**~ Samuel Chua, Chairman, The Hiding Place Board of Directors ~**

**EXISTING NEEDS OF THE HIDING PLACE**

We are thankful and appreciate your support in prayers and giving to the ministry through the years. In view of the Covid-19 situation where many have been affected financially, we stand with our brothers and sisters in looking to God for his provision. If you feel led to give, we are thankful.

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2	1 NEW PASSENGER VEHICLE		
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***Letter from Pastor Tan Hock Seng***

**“Embarking on New Journeys”**

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust.”

**Psalm 91: 1-2**

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused severe hardship in the world and at homes. Jobs are disappearing and some shops which closed during the ‘circuit breaker’ period, are never to open again. Even as countries worldwide relax their lockdown restrictions, there is the fear of a second wave of coronavirus infections. The search is on for a vaccine but it may take years. Our only hope at the current moment is to take the necessary precautions, wear a mask, practise safe distancing and maintain good hygiene overall.

I pray for wisdom for the scientists as they work in unity to come up with a vaccine, and that God will shorten the days of the pandemic. Matthew 24:22 “Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.

We at the Hiding Place are thankful for all the support, both monetary and in kind, generously extended to us during this period. We are deeply grateful for your kind contributions.

Looking forward, we are waiting to be relocated to Bedok in due time. The construction work of upgrading the water pipes and electrical cables over at the

Bedok property is still pending. Over in Jalan Lekar, there are some structures to be dismantled and some ground that needs to be turfed.

Additionally, another new development that we are looking forward to is the starting up of a central kitchen. It was the late Pastor Philip's wish to set up this central kitchen, and he had asked his daughter, Joaquim, to contribute funds from his estate as seed money for this purpose. Even in death, he still remembered us. We look forward to updating you on the developments soon.

The Hiding Place is a family and we will look forward and face the challenges that lie ahead as a family. No doubt, we are facing uncharted territories with regards to the Bedok property and the central kitchen. We have not travelled this route before, but we trust that the God Most High will lead us every step of the way. We covet your prayers for us as we embark on our new journey ahead and appreciate each of our supporters for consistently partnering with us in our ministry all these years. Thank you once again!

### ***House News***

#### **A) RESIDENTS' UPDATE**

Presently we have a total of 11 residents in the programme. Alex and Zachary joined us recently. Jeremy L (read his testimony below) and Lester who joined us just before the start of the circuit breaker are fitting in well. Matthew did well for his exams and will be starting his third term at SUSS soon. Praise God Kelvin, who came more than three years ago as a resident, is now a staff. We thank God for the great transformation in his life.

#### **B) RENOVATION OF BEDOK PREMISES**

Renovation work at Jalan Haji Salam has resumed. Please pray that the renovation will be completed well and in good time. Pray also for a smooth process of moving in and favour with our new neighbours. We continue to look to the Lord for the provision of funds for the renovation expenses and repayment of loans.

#### **C) DEMOLITION WORK AT 50 JALAN LEKAR**

More structures will be taken down as the move to Bedok begins. The demolition work involves both physical labour and the use of machinery. Please pray for

wisdom, team work, safety and protection for the staff and residents as they do the work.

#### **D) HIDING PLACE KITCHEN**

Hiding Place Kitchen has been registered as a social enterprise. We have looked at a few locations in the Bedok area but the doors seem to be closed. We are now looking at places beyond Bedok. Please pray for God to lead us to the place He has for us and for wisdom for the team to prepare all the paperwork and to set up the kitchen.

### ***Resident's Testimony - Jeremy L***

My love for gambling started in my school days. It could be any form of game as long as bets could be made. Winning gave me the opportunity to enjoy the things I could not afford and I enjoyed the pleasure from the adrenaline rush. When I started working, having a decent income and access to bank credit facilities enabled me to live the high life. I was chasing after money to support my lifestyle and I was overtaken by an insatiable greed that led me down the path of destruction.

The monthly repayments snowballed and I turned to serious gambling as a source of income. I was gambling online every day and I was always winning initially. I kept up with owning a car, night life and holidays. It did not take long for the situation to get totally out of hand. My solution was to take on more loans, max out my credit cards and gamble even more. I borrowed from family, friends, licensed moneylenders and loansharks to pay my debts.

I have been to three different agencies for counselling to kick my habit but each time, just as I was making progress, I would backslide. I was living the life of a living dead - no peace, no rest. In 2018, I came for an interview at Hiding Place but I was told I was not ready. Early this year, I was so deep in my addiction that I thought of housebreaking to feed my habit. I came to my senses one night that I should not be bringing more pain and sorrow to my family. I approached Hiding Place again and was accepted this time. When they saw me off, my family, who are Buddhists, and knowing that Hiding Place is a Christian home, told me not to worry about religion and just do what was right for me.