

into my life. As I reflected, I realised that all along drugs wasn't my problem but rather the lack of God in my life that was causing chaos from within.

This year when I was offered the opportunity to serve as a staff, I felt thankful I can now have this chance to step up to share the love that I have received to the newer brothers here. Thank God for delivering me out of my darkness and giving me hope and strength to move forward each day. He is my comfort and fortress, my very help in times of need.

Sis Christina's Update

Sis Christina is adjusting well to the new place in Bedok. She is thankful for all the prayers and support given to her and the Hiding Place through the years. She has been having fever and phlegm on and off. Pray for her health and the joy of the Lord to be with her.

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.

NO	ITEM:	AMOUNT	PLS.TICK
1	CENTRAL KITCHEN		
2	Hong Leong Loan - 38 out of 300 months paid		
3	GENERAL FUND		
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Letter from Pastor Tan Hock Seng

YOU ARE A BLESSING

‘Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will have welfare.’

Jeremiah 29:7

During this epoch in Jeremiah's life, there was much hardship and suffering - domination by their enemies, then being forced to leave their homeland and settle in a foreign country for 70 years. However, despite these circumstances, Jeremiah encouraged the exiles to settle down, build and pray for peace as well as the welfare of the city in which they currently lived.

As we face difficult times, we can take comfort that God has a plan for our lives. Regardless of our current situation, He can work through it to prosper us and give us a hope and a future (Jeremiah 29:11).

Just like the exiles, we as a country have continued to face our own difficult times. COVID-19 has disrupted many events and gatherings, such as our recent National Day celebrations as well as our church meetings.

Even closer to home, we at the Hiding Place have also faced our own set of challenges. In view of the current circumstances we are in, we will unfortunately not be able to proceed with our pineapple tart making at the end of this year for the upcoming Chinese New Year. This is because we are in the midst of relocating to our Bedok premises. The building itself is 95% ready, however the incoming water pipe from PUB's contractors can only start construction from

mid-September onwards. As for the incoming cable by Singapore Power, their construction work can only begin from end-October, provided there are workers available. Currently, all the ovens and cooking utensils used for the pineapple tarts are in storage. We are also in the process of clearing unwanted structures in 50 Jalan Lekar, and at the same time, looking for a suitable central kitchen near Bedok. With all this happening simultaneously, we would unfortunately have to forgo the pineapple tart making this time round.

Do remember us in your prayers. You are a blessing to us and have made a difference in our lives. Thank you! One lesson that I have learnt from this pandemic is that a unified community can accomplish much. "When we all help one another, everybody wins." - Jim Stovall

House News

A) RESIDENTS' UPDATE

Presently we have a total of 13 residents in the programme. Alex and Zachary are adjusting well. Praise the Lord Lester has come to receive Jesus into his life. Gordon has completed his programme and has decided to stay for another six months. Praise God, Richard Neo, who came more than three years ago, is now a staff.

B) RENOVATION OF BEDOK PREMISES

Renovation work at Jalan Haji Salam is resuming slowly. Please pray that it 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

Our request for extension has been rejected. Please pray for the appeal to be successful so we can stay till we get approval to move into Bedok. The demolition work involves both physical labour and the use of machinery. Please pray for wisdom, team work, safety and protection for all involved.

D) HIDING PLACE KITCHEN

Please pray for God to lead us to the place He has for us in His perfect time.

Staff Testimony - Kelvin Choo

If not for God's grace and divine intervention that led me to The Hiding Place three and a half years ago, my life would have long been over by now. I was hopeless and helpless and didn't know how to break out of my addiction cycle.

As early as my teenage years I had already started experimenting with various substances. Despite my occasional bingeing I was still able to complete my education, so I thought I was safe. My perception towards drug addicts back then was they were weak-minded, allowing drugs to take control of their lives. Never in my wildest dreams did I think I would become one.

As a fresh graduate, I was filled with optimism to take on the world, but when reality struck, I became disillusioned with life and started relying on tablets to help me cope. Although outwardly I was recognised by my superiors for my good performance, but inwardly I found myself alone and trapped in a state where I was no longer able to function without getting my daily fix.

During the 2008 financial crisis when many feared losing their jobs, I chose to leave my desk bound job and ventured into the black market seeking for opportunities on the streets. This led me deeper into more vices and unwholesome lifestyle. With every high came a greater low and things got out of hand when I started using 'Meth', which made a monster out of me. I became a terror towards everyone around especially my family, causing them much grief and heartache. The more I wallowed in the anguish I was causing others, the more I abused drugs to numb my emotions. Apart from death, prison would be the only other solution I felt could save me from myself.

At my lowest point, I saw a video testimony of Cary, a Hiding Place staff. I was inspired by the joy and conviction in his sharing, especially how Jesus had changed his life. I had nothing to lose so I mustered the courage to commit myself to the Hiding Place programme. Looking back, that was the best decision I had ever made in my life.

Initially, I struggled with believing in God. Gradually I started to experience His love for me through the love from the Hiding Place community. Experiencing this life-changing love enabled me to slowly open my heart to accept Jesus