

Sis Christina's Update

Sis Christina just celebrated her 74th birthday on Nov 13. We thank the Lord for her life and ministry. Without her courage and resolve as a student in Singapore Bible College, The Hiding Place, Singapore's first halfway house, would not have been started and many lives touched and transformed as a result.

She is now under the care of St Luke's Eldercare Homecare. We are glad that she now has access to more professional care with regular visits from doctors and nurses.

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.

Continue to 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	General Funds		
2	Hong Leong Loan - 38 of 300 months paid		
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Letter from Pastor Tan Hock Seng

The Blessing of Unity

¹ Behold, how good and how pleasant it is

For brothers to live together in unity!

² It is like the precious oil on the head,

Running down upon the beard,

As on Aaron's beard,

The oil which ran down upon the edge of his robes.

³ It is like the dew of Hermon

Coming down upon the mountains of Zion;

For the Lord commanded the blessing there - life forever.

Psalm 133

Unity in a family is like heaven on earth and disunity is like a battlefield, hell on earth. The same can be said for any organization, community or nation. Ever since COVID-19 rampaged through the world, it has left many countries struggling. However, we know that the countries that are united stand a better chance of weathering through this pandemic and emerging well from it.

This same unity may be applied to us on a personal level as well. As reality sets in and we come to realize that this pandemic is not going away any time soon, matters like facing pay cuts and job losses are all too real. In the face of such difficulties, we have to stand united by helping each other out as we are able. As we stay united, we would be able to see the benefits that unity brings. Most importantly, the Lord will command His blessing, as His word mentions in Psalm 133.

In this season especially, we would like to thank you, our supporters, for uniting with us. On 31 October 2020, we received news that we were awarded the use of the kitchen space at Trinity Christian Centre. We are grateful and humbled to have the privilege to serve in this kitchen ministry. Our deepest thanks to the Chairman and Board of Directors at Trinity Christian Centre. We also received a 3-year grant of \$210,000 from RAISE Singapore. At present, the kitchen is not yet operational as there is renovation work to be done.

Another good news is that the Hiding Place has shifted to our new abode in Bedok as of 6 November 2020. There will be some snapshots and videos of our move to Bedok uploaded onto the Hiding Place website soon. Thank you for the partnering with us on this journey. When the late Pastor Philip communicated his vision of a home for Hiding Place, you came alongside us to support us. Your faithful commitment is exemplary.

The Bedok property was paid for through funds from generous donations, our pineapple tarts sales, as well as two loans. We are in the midst of repaying these two outstanding loans.

Looking ahead, we will not be baking our pineapple tarts for sale this coming Chinese New Year due to the COVID-19 disruption. Additionally, in view of the ongoing pandemic, our Hiding Place anniversary this year will be carried forward to 2021. Though we may not be able to celebrate as per usual this year, we look forward to gathering and meeting with you then!

Thank you once again for your continued support of the Hiding Place ministry all these years. We thank the Lord for you.

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” - Galatians 6:9

House News

A) STAFF AND RESIDENTS' UPDATE

With the setting up of Hiding Place Kitchen, which is registered as a social enterprise, 4 staff - Timothy, Kelvin, Edwin & Caleb - will be in charge of running the kitchen. The remaining staff - Sart, Cary, Alvin, Richard, Jeremy

& Sally will remain as Hiding Place Ministry staff with Ps Hock Seng being overall in charge of both sides.

Presently we have a total of 8 residents in the programme. Rony just joined us. In addition, we have one project helper - Ryan, one working resident - Joshua and one student resident - Matthew.

B) DEMOLITION WORK AT 50 JALAN LEKAR

We were eventually granted an extension to Nov 6 and we were able to complete the demolition work and move out on that day. We thank the Lord for favour with the authorities as well as wisdom, good team work, safety and protection for everyone involved.

C) RENOVATION OF BEDOK PREMISES

There is still some minor renovation work to be done. We are thankful the major work has been completed and we are able to move in.

D) HIDING PLACE KITCHEN

We are thankful to God for the provision of a kitchen at Trinity Christian Centre and the grant from RAISE Singapore. We are in the midst of applying for SFA restaurant permit to do catering as well as drawing up the floor plan, doing renovation and buying kitchen equipment.

With the new developments and challenges, we appreciate your continual prayers for the journey ahead:

- Adjustment to the new living environment, schedules, routines and responsibilities with the move to Bedok
- Programmes and activities to suit the new situation
- Remaining renovation to be completed
- Favour with the neighbours
- Wisdom for the setting up and running of the central kitchen
- Staff team to remain united, faithful to their calling and focused on God