

It is my prayer that as a staff team, we will stand firm and be united, bearing with one another as we live out our calling to be instruments for the Lord's use.

### *Newsletter Through Email*

Starting from March, our newsletter will also be available via email. If you prefer to receive emails rather than hardcopies, please send us an email with the subject, Email Newsletter, along with your name and address as stated on the newsletter address label to [admin@hidplace.com.sg](mailto:admin@hidplace.com.sg)

### *Sis Christina's Update*

Sis Christina is in good spirit and doing well physically. She enjoys friends coming by to sing and pray with her. She appreciates your support over the years and wishes you a blessed Lunar New Year.

*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. Many have been affected financially by the Covid pandemic. If you feel led to give, we are thankful.

NO	Item	Amount	PLS.TICK
1	General Funds (A/C 1)		
2	Hong Leong Loan 40 of 300 mths paid (A/C 2)		
3	Cover for the lorry (A/C 1)	\$2996	
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# THE HIDING PLACE

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

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### *Letter from Pastor Tan Hock Seng*

## New Things need New Mindsets

See, I am doing a new thing!  
 Now it springs up;  
 do you not perceive it?  
 I am making a way in the wilderness,  
 And streams in the wasteland.

Isaiah 43:19

A Blessed New Year 2021 to all prayer partners and supporters. May God fill your hearts with wisdom and peace - the wisdom to face challenges as they come, and the peace which guides our hearts through uncertain times. 2020 came and went, with a bad memory of COVID-19; but here we are looking forward to 2021 and a jab on the arm now that the vaccines have arrived.

This new year, we are once again overwhelmed by the goodness from all our well-wishers. Thank you for all the donations, food, prayers and support you have extended to us. We also thank God that since January this year, we have been issued the licence to operate Hiding Place Kitchen. It is truly the Lord's doing, bringing all His people together to see this kitchen project to fruition. What a wonderful sight it is!

At the Hiding Place, we have recently been receiving residents that have been through our programme before. This group of residents are brothers-in-Christ, but they seem to be trapped in a “time loop” like the Israelites wandering in the desert. They went back to their old ways and were unfortunately their own worst enemy.

I told them during their admission interview that change is hard work and good intentions do not guarantee results. They have to work at themselves. They need to be merciless with themselves. Their problem is their attitude, weak character and lifestyle. The other problem I observe is presumptuous sin. After so many years in different halfway houses and hearing tens of thousands of hours of Christian teachings, their head is full of knowledge but they do not practise what they have heard. They may be street-wise, but biblical knowledge without practice is unhelpful and becomes deception. On the contrary, the person who reads the Bible and practises it will have a better future.

Please join us in praying for a breakthrough in this group of residents! Indeed, new things need new mindsets. A blessed life is a changed life.

### ***House News***

#### **A) RESIDENTS’ UPDATE**

Presently we have a total of 13 residents in the programme. Ronnie and Rama, a new believer, joined us recently. Pray for their adjustment and growth in the Lord.

#### **B) HIDING PLACE KITCHEN**

Praise and thank God that the central kitchen is up and running. The staff and residents are attending a mandatory hygiene course in batches so they can work in the kitchen. This is a completely new venture for the Hiding Place and we continue to trust God to grant us wisdom and favour to run the kitchen well.

#### **C) HIDING PLACE HOUSE & CENTRAL KITCHEN DEDICATION**

On Dec 31, we had our house and central kitchen dedication conducted by Ps Edmund Chua. It was a time of thanksgiving and reflection on the goodness

of God in providing us with more than what we can think or imagine and the legacy of Sis Christina and the late Ps Philip.

#### **D) CHINESE NEW YEAR COOKIE PRODUCTION (18 JAN - 11 FEB)**

Due to Covid-19, the demolition work at Jalan Lekar, the move to Bedok last year, we were not able to prepare the pineapple jam needed for pineapple tarts. As such, we won’t be making our popular pineapple tarts this year. However, we will keep the tradition going by making the other cookies - almond, pistachio and sugée - in our central kitchen. The other change this year is that we won’t be asking for volunteers to help out due to SFA regulations. You can continue to support us by getting your Chinese New Year goodies from us. The order form is attached. We appreciate and look forward to your support.

#### **E) CHINESE NEW YEAR & CHAP GOR MEH CELEBRATIONS**

We will not be having our usual Chinese New Year celebrations this year because of Covid restrictions. Nevertheless, we would like to wish you a blessed Lunar New Year in advance. May the Lord grant you peace, joy and fruitfulness.

### ***Staff Testimony - Richard Neo***

I am thankful to God for giving me this opportunity to share how my faith in Him has changed my life. My life before coming to the Hiding Place four years ago has been like that of any drug addict - going in circles. When circumstances allowed, I would be intoxicated with drugs, living like a zombie. When circumstances were ‘against’ me, I had no choice but to try and quit drugs. But the resolve would not last long and I would be back to my old habits. Drugs then consumed my whole being. They sapped the life out of me and brought me into a pit of hopelessness and despair until a sister in Christ brought me to the Hiding Place.

Since coming to know the Lord at the Hiding Place, I have peace that comes from having my sins forgiven. I have accepted Jesus as my Saviour, trusting Him and submitting to Him. My life was changed little by little, becoming the person I am today. Through His guidance and deliverance, I have been free from drugs for four years. Jesus enabled me to overcome my weaknesses. If we look to Him, He will fill our lives with His grace.