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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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## Sis Christina's Update

Sis Christina enjoyed the Mother's Day celebration. She is encouraged by the visits from friends and former residents. She is also thankful to supporters who pray and give to her needs.

On doctor's recommendation, Sis Christina is undergoing vacuum therapy dressing for her bed sore. The vacuum draws out the discharge from the sore. Her monthly expenditure is about \$1000 for medical consultations and supplies. The vacuum therapy equipment costs \$2325.

*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 43 of 300 mths paid (A/C 2)	\$4131.79	
3	Shades to prevent hot air from aircon & kitchen blowing into neighbours' homes (A/C 2)	\$10,000.00	
4	Shelving for food truck (A/C 1)	\$2225.00	

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## Letter from Pastor Tan Hock Seng

### Hope in God

“And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”

Romans 5:5

Hope is a very powerful motivator. It is something or someone we look forward to. This verse combines the Love of God and the working of the Holy Spirit within our hearts. Holding on to the promises of the Bible in the midst of despair can give us hope.

“Surely there is a future, and your hope will not be cut off.” - Proverbs 23:18

Abraham, in hope against hope, believed God's promises and being fully assured that what He had promised, He was able to perform what he had to do.

However, in reality, we know that it is not always easy for us to have hope. One thing I notice to be a daily occurrence, is that the mind is good at manufacturing negative thoughts most of the time. I notice the residents that The Hiding Place helps, those that stop growing are the ones whose thought life stops renewing. When we ask them what their goal or purpose is in life, they are not sure. We then know there is an internal war going on in their mind. There are those who desire to change but along the way, they forget why they are here. Either that, or

they lack a strong enough desire to change. Investing in a personal change and a new “you” requires constant effort. We have created a family environment to counter their negative past and help them change. Long term success will depend on the environment they create themselves, and they will have to choose their friends wisely as friends play a huge part in one’s environment.

Currently, The Hiding Place is at this stage in our journey with God where we are still holding on to His promise - “Faithful is He who calls you, and He will bring it to pass.” (1Thessalonians 5:24)

In spite of the challenges we face, you have come alongside us with prayer and support in gifts and in kind. Our hearts are encouraged and grateful for your partnership in this ministry. God Bless!

## ***House News***

### **A) RESIDENTS’ UPDATE**

The number of residents remains at 14. Lester has just completed his one-year programme and is waiting for his police case to be settled. He shares his testimony in this newsletter. Pray for him as his court hearing is coming up soon.

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

Pineapple tarts are now available for sale year round. For enquiries of our bento sets and pineapple tarts, please contact us at 6483 5348 / 9730 0500 or [hidingplacekitchen@hidplace.com.sg](mailto:hidingplacekitchen@hidplace.com.sg)

### **C) POST-PROGRAMME PHASE (PPP)**

Our experience has shown that for some residents, the one-year programme might not be enough for them to re-integrate back into society or be reconciled back with families. The PPP allows them to continue staying on at the Hiding Place to work on their issues. Residents whom we see are ready to find suitable work or take up courses during the day and return to the Home at night become working residents. Others become helpers in the Home doing house removal or working in the central kitchen. Residents in the PPP continue to participate in the spiritual programmes of the Home and will be mentored to facilitate their reintegration. We journey with them.

## ***Resident Testimony - Lester Yeo***

I accepted Jesus’s invitation to follow Him on 7th September 2020. For the past 20 years, I have destroyed a lot of relationships, trust and my career. I have broken many promises. I became a bankrupt. I borrowed money from people with no intention to repay. I scammed and I stole.

Gambling became a way of life. Everything was central to it. I woke up every morning thinking of ways to get funds to feed the addiction. Looking back, I was extremely selfish and as my family used to say, “No one can help you except yourself. You are very selfish, you always come up with excuses but the truth is, you do it for self-gratification. You don’t care about others.” They were right. My life became a total mess and everyone around me parted ways with me. I was disgusted with myself. Hitting rock bottom, I confessed to my boss that I had stolen the company’s hardware. The police came, took statement and I have been out on bail since.

I really regret not coming to my senses earlier. But thank God I have this chance now, here at the Hiding Place. I thank God for showing me that I do have a problem and that I cannot overcome it alone. It is indeed quite miraculous how I come to be at the Hiding Place. I believe that God led me here through His people. My relatives, whom I have not met for over 30 years, brought me here through their church pastor. I had sought them out through social media to attempt to borrow money but instead the door to Jesus was opened for me.

For most of my life, I have stayed alone in rented rooms. But now at Hiding Place, I have a lot of peace and joy in my heart. I am surrounded by loving and caring brothers. There are many positive examples of transformed lives here which deeply encourage me. I am also excited when I hear from God, when He speaks to me through the Bible. Once I was reading the book of Ephesians and this verse called out to me. “Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.” It really hit me in the heart. I know I have to listen to Him and live a righteous life. As I await my judgement for the theft and scam cases, I am learning to walk in His ways. I am reading His words. I am training and preparing myself for the challenges ahead. I have a purpose in life now. I am thankful and grateful for where I am now.