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Sis Christina's Update

Sister Christina is keeping well. She is encouraged by the visits from friends and former residents. She is also thankful to supporters who pray and give to her needs.

The vacuum therapy dressing for her bedsore is working well. The doctor has recommended that she continues with it. The vacuum therapy costs \$2325 for 10 weeks of treatment. Her monthly expenditure is about \$1000 for medical consultations and supplies.

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 Fund (A/C 1)		
2	Hong Leong Loan 40 of 300 mths paid (A/C 2)	\$4131.79	
3	Shades for air-con compressors (A/C 2)	\$10,000.00	
4	Passenger & goods van (A/C 1)	\$57,800.00	
5	Audit fee	\$8,774.00	

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Kindly make cheque payable to "THE HIDING PLACE (CHRISTIAN HOME MISSION) LTD and mail to 5A Jalan Haji Salam Singapore 468746 or PayNow to UEN 198301684WAC1 (General Fund) PayNow to UEN 198301684WAC2 (Building Fund).



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

Christian Character Development

"For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, mutual affection and love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." "For as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble."

2 Peter 1:5-8, 10b

Peter was one of the fervent disciples of Christ, an apostle, and a man of great faith. He was the first to recognise Jesus' divinity, calling Him "the Son of the living God". Jesus commended him then, saying that God the Father was the one who had revealed this to him. Throughout his time alongside Jesus, Peter witnessed the many wondrous miracles that Jesus did. Not only that, Peter was also at the Mount of Transfiguration to witness the Glory of Jesus' Divinity. However, all these divine encounters did not prepare Peter for what was to come - when Peter was tested, he stumbled and denied that he knew the Lord three times.

But thankfully, the story did not end there - the Lord later restored Peter back to Himself, and Peter continued his work as an apostle, travelling to many lands preaching the gospel.

Just like Peter, we too face our own trials, testings and failures. For Peter, he learnt that having faith in Christ and seeing God's works were not enough to prevent him from stumbling. Charisma is no assurance of victory over failure - our character is what is important. It is through hardship, difficulty and adversity in life that we are forced to grow up and mature in our walk with God. The

Father God uses our circumstances, good or bad, to teach us to have total dependence on Him.

Back in 1991, the Hiding Place faced a season of hardship too. We had just shifted into our Jalan Kayu premises then, so there was much renovation work to be done. To cut costs, we did the work ourselves. It was hard work, literally pure construction work. During this time, the residents struggled to maintain their spiritual life. In fact, quite a number of them chose to leave Hiding Place as they were unable to cope. It dawned on me that being able to take hardship, and to have self-control and perseverance (2 Peter 1:6), will help us a long way. I frequently tell the Hiding Place residents this - "Learn your lesson well, because if you cannot function properly while here at the Hiding Place, you will have to learn it all over again at some point."

May we all learn our individual lessons well when they come, so that after this testing, we will come forth as gold.

House News

A) RESIDENTS' UPDATE

We have 15 residents currently. Marc joined us recently and he is adjusting well to the programme. Pray for his heart to be open and his mind to be renewed as he reads the Bible. Lester is serving his 14-month sentence and he will be released on 17 May 2022. Pray for his relationship with God to be strengthened and his faith to grow during this time.

B) HIDING PLACE 48TH ANNIVERSARY

Hiding Place will be celebrating its 48th anniversary on Nov 13 via Zoom. Please take note of the date. More information will be provided in the next newsletter.

C) HIDING PLACE KITCHEN (HPK)

Our new bento menu is up on the HPK website. Our chicken rice and briyani are highly recommended. Pineapple tarts, almond, pistachio and sugree cookies are also available for order. Please check out www.hidplacekitchen.com and support us.

D) PROPERTY UPDATE

Total purchase price - \$7,700,000 (Fully paid)
Stamp duty - \$1,380,600 (Fully paid)
Hong Leong loan - \$1,441,273.78 (Outstanding)
Personal loan - \$150,000 (Outstanding)
Property tax - \$6,240 (Yearly)
Renovation - \$1,362,653.39 (Fully paid)

Resident's Testimony

My name is Victor. I am 65 years old. I come from a poor Buddhist family with 8 children. I quitted school in 1969 without completing my first term of secondary 1 at New Town Secondary School. I started taking drugs even before I left school and was caught by the drug squad and sent to drug rehabilitation centre in 1977. Ever since then, my life has been a misery – one that was being in and out of drug centres and prison for 40 years.

I came to know God in prison from the Christian counselors at the Sunday chapel services. I heard and saw many drug addicts and prisoners being saved and transformed by God who were living testimonies outside the prison doors. I wanted the hope that they had. To find out more about the Christian faith, I read the books that were available in the prison library.

My last release from the prison was in November 2017 when I was 62 years old. My sister, a Buddhist, brought me to The Hiding Place to seek God for help for my drug addiction. My family was so weary of my life of addiction that they were willing for me, to believe in any God that could save me from it. I thank God for opening a door for me through His faithful servant Pastor Philip. Through the Hiding Place programme, I experienced God's love and care through the concern of all the brothers and sisters had for me. As a believer, I know that this is the goodness of God's blessing on me as my faith in God has grown through my stay at The Hiding Place over these two years.

Now, God has graciously opened another door for me through The Hiding Place Kitchen to serve as a kitchen staff. I am thankful and grateful for God's goodness to me and I seek to walk faithfully in this journey of faith.