

## Newsletter Through Email

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### Sis Christina's Update

Sister Christina's 75th birthday on Nov 13 is also the day HP celebrates its 48th anniversary. It is a double celebration of God's goodness and faithfulness to her and HP. She is thankful for the life of service that God has given her to see many lives transformed through the ministry of HP. It's a testimony to God's glory.

The vacuum therapy dressing for her bedsore has been effective. She is now back to normal wound dressing by the wound-care nurse. 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 operational fund (A/C 1)                 |            |          |
| 2  | Hong Leong Loan 42 of 300 mths paid (A/C 2)      | \$4220.01  |          |
| 3  | Colour printer (A/C 1)                           | \$508.00   |          |
| 4  | Printing of lifecard / cookie order form (A/C 1) | 1498.00    |          |
| 5  | Audit fee (A/C 1)                                | \$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

#### God of all Comfort

*"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort"*

**2 Corinthians 1:3**

Helping people who have been hurt in the past during their growing up years is very challenging. They feel the pain even though their hurts happened a long time ago.

Carroll Thompson wrote, "We are a product of our life experience. Our reactions to present situations are determined by past experiences. Our perception of the present time can be distorted by past hurts, to the extent that we react violently to a simple problem. We must conclude that we are bound to the past and cannot respond normally to present situations."

I have a friend whom I have known for over twenty years and he is still hurting from his past. Time alone did not heal all wounds. I, too, have had my own share of despair. When I was a young believer, I did not know how to come out from the lowest point in my life, from my past hurts. One night as I prayed, I told the Lord all the struggles that were on my mind. That encounter with the Lord was different. For reasons I could not understand, I could vividly recall all the hurts that had occurred in my life. I prayed and cried as I remembered incident after incident and asked the Lord to heal all my pain. That night, there was a presence that I could not fathom. Now, as I look back, I know for certain that it was the presence of the Lord. Every night after that, I would look forward to telling the Lord what was happening in my life. For months on end I would cry to the Lord and spend hours doing it. Those were the easiest moments in my life to pray.

After experiencing that encounter, I was a happier man. Looking back, I still wonder what happened that night - truly, the power of the Lord was present and had granted me healing. God had healed my pain, and through this, I had also come to discover that the remedy for my bitterness was to remain in the spirit of forgiveness.

“To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you”  
-Lewis B. Smedes

## *House News*

### A) RESIDENTS' UPDATE

We have 18 residents currently. Sebastian and Ah Kok joined us recently and they are adjusting well to the programme. Praise God Jack has completed his one year programme and he has committed to stay another 6 months as he waits upon the Lord's leading. He is now a staff helper.

### B) HIDING PLACE 48TH ANNIVERSARY

We will be celebrating our 48th anniversary on Nov 13, 7-9 pm via Zoom. To sign up, please scan the QR code on the right or call Sally at 6483 5348.



### C) CNY COOKIES PRODUCTION & ORDER

The HP tarts and cookies are back! CNY cookies production starts in January 2022. As the production will be done in the HP central kitchen, only those with food hygiene cert can help out. If you have food safety cert and would like to volunteer, please contact Cary at 8429 1172 or volunteers@hidplace.com.sg



The usual CNY goodies are available for order. To place your order, please scan the QR code on the left or call Sally at 6483 5348.

Do place your order early to avoid disappointment.

## *Resident's Testimony*

My name is Joshua Cheong and I am 39 years old. I came to The Hiding Place in Mar 2017 because of my gambling addiction. It all started with what was seemingly harmless and occasional - betting 20 cents per game playing cards during CNY. As I grew older, the need to satisfy the excitement and an insatiable desire to overcome the odds overtook my sense of responsibility to my family and work. Even though I was drawing a good salary back then in the financial industry, I eventually landed myself in huge debt and even resorted to stealing money at home.

It was in my third month at The Hiding Place when I truly experienced the presence of God. On the night that I received news that my wife was intending to serve divorce notice the following day, I was devastated and could not sleep. I was drawn into the empty worship hall as I walked past it and knelt down before the cross. At that moment, tears just started to flow down my cheeks and I poured out everything to God - all my questions, my struggles and my surrender. I did not hear anything from God that night, but I remember very distinctly I felt as if someone had embraced me from behind. I experienced a sense of peace I had never felt before in my life. It was then that I realised that God is real. He had been with me all this while and would always be.

After completing my programme, I stayed on to serve as a project helper for 6 months. After that, I was allowed to be a working resident, working outside to clear my debts and fulfil my alimony duties. I am really grateful that I was granted this chance to work and yet stay close to God and His community of people. By God's grace, I was able to clear most of my gambling debts in the two years I was with Mediacorp. I am now working as a volunteer executive in Care Community Services Society.

All I can say is - God is good. There are still struggles and temptations. My divorce was finalised in Nov 2017. However, I know that as long as I have Jesus in my life, I have all that I need. I am able to spend every weekend with my children, guiding them on this journey of faith with our Lord; serving in the community to create a city of good and getting paid for doing what I enjoy; living in harmony with my band of brothers at The Hiding Place, encouraging and spurring each other on. Praise the Lord!