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Sis Christina's Update

Praise God Sis Christina is indeed under the care and protection of the Lord. Her condition is stable and she is eating well. Her booster shot is coming up soon. Continue to pray for her well-being and protection against Covid. After the minor surgery, her bedsore is healing. Thank God for the wound-care nurse who comes to tend to her weekly. 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 48 of 300 mths paid (A/C 2)	\$4220.01	
3	Group insurance Mar 2022 to Feb 2023	\$9062.90	
4	Vehicle road tax and insurance	\$1299.63	
5	4 units of UV air purifier	\$2322.00	

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THE HIDING PLACE

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Letter from Pastor Tan Hock Seng

Listen

Ecclesiastes 8:6

*For there is a proper time and procedure for every matter,
though a person may be weighed down by misery.*

When faced with a challenge, sit back and listen to yourself - listen to what you are saying or what you are praying. Listening will offer clues as to why we struggle to move past our problems, or are unable to become a better person. In my line of work, the two responses I often hear are "I am like that lah" or "I cannot pray for that person". In my experience, the people who say these things are not happy people. Indeed, problems in life are endless, especially problems concerning interpersonal relationships. All of these problems have a voice of their own. They can take away our smile, our joy, and our zest for life. But if we can handle our problems well, we can learn from them and help others do the same.

When a resident is about to finish their one-year programme with us at the Hiding Place, they face a particular set of problems. These challenges may be described using the acronym "FOMO", i.e. the fear of missing out. During this period of time, our residents have a desire to restore the years the locusts have eaten. Thus, FOMO sets in and may begin to take on many forms - having the urge to go out, to find work, to take care of one's parents etc. Filial piety and having the keenness to work are good desires, but there is a proper time and procedure for every matter. Impatience is not a good attribute. FOMO has a voice of its own and it is important to always step back and ask yourself if this is the right time. So, listen. Listen to what you say to yourself and replace it with a promise from the Bible.

In the past, I remember facing a particular rough period in my life when I was stressed and trying very hard to fulfill my responsibilities in the Hiding Place by my own strength. Restless, I came across Isaiah 30:15 "...In quietness and trust is your strength...but you were not willing". Even after reading this verse, I still did not understand. I had to pray, "Lord, give me understanding and make me willing". Then, I saw that there was no present, active faith in God's promise in my heart. My faith was a "past faith" in what God had done, and not a faith that was asking "Lord, what are you saying to me now?" When I realised this, I repented before the Lord and started trusting Him straightaway. Peace came back and these words filled my mind, "Stay and Be Still, He is the LORD". Truly, the best remedy is to listen to the promises or warnings in the Bible. May we all learn to listen.

House News

A) RESIDENTS' UPDATE

We have 13 residents currently. Anand and Frederick joined recently. Lester has served his sentence and he is back with us as a working resident. Matthew will be leaving us on 15 June after completing his degree in social work. He will be working as a social worker. We are thankful for his service to HP and wish him the Lord's richest blessings as he embarks on a new season in his life.

B) HP 49TH ANNIVERSARY & SIS CHRISTINA'S 76TH BIRTHDAY

We are excited that we can hold this double celebration in-person again on Sat, Nov 12. Please take note of the date and come join us. Details will be available nearer the date.

C) HIDING PLACE KITCHEN

Praise God we are getting busy in the kitchen. Bento orders have been coming in. With the loosening of Covid measures, we will start serving meals to the congregation at Trinity Christian Centre (Paya Lebar) on Wed, Sat and Sun starting end of May.

D) HIDING PLACE OUTING

On May 9, we had an afternoon of fun and games followed by barbecue at East Coast Park.

Resident's Testimony

My name is Henry Ho, 62 years old. I have 4 boys who are staying in Indonesia with my ex-wife. I came to the Hiding Place in July 2021 and I thank the Lord for his grace and mercy in sustaining me over this time. As part of the programme, I take care of the plants in the home and help out with preparing bento sets in the Hiding Place Kitchen.

My drinking problem started after I came out of the army. Initially it was just a social activity. Alcohol was cheap then. I became dependent on it eventually, following my father's footsteps. I have been through detox 6 times to try and kick the habit.

I became a Christian in 2009 in another halfway house and went on to serve as a project staff for six years. I was doing well until the day I received a phone call from my wife asking for a divorce. I was devastated. I left the halfway house to try and save my marriage and fell back to my old ways when I failed to talk my wife out of leaving me. I took on cleaner/ dishwasher jobs to survive and spent almost all my salary on alcohol and cigarettes to numb my pain.

Life everyday was an endless roller coaster ride, up until one night in May 2021. I was suddenly reminded of the goodness and faithfulness of God. I knelt down, prayed and asked God for forgiveness for wasting my life away. At that moment, I felt His presence and peace so strongly that I got myself admitted to IMH for the detox programme the next day. After 2 months at IMH, I came to the Hiding Place. It was here that I was reconciled with God through spending time with Him. I thank God for his faithfulness when I turned back to Him in repentance. I have peace of heart and mind. The Lord restored me by bringing me to Hiding Place, a big family staying together, helping and encouraging each with the love of Jesus to stay off our addictions.

My desire is to walk close to the Lord and serve him for whatever time left He has given me on this earth. I know my part is just to follow Him and trust Him to restore my relationship with my family, just as He has restored my relationship with Him. I thank God and give Him the glory