

Hiding Place. The strict and regimented lifestyle in the Hiding Place programme gave me the opportunity to focus on seeking God. As I studied the word of God each day, I slowly drew nearer to Him and I found that my perspective of life began to change.

Because of my changed life in the Lord, my relationship with my family has since been restored. I am now able to communicate well with them. Our relationship has in fact grown much closer than before. Currently, by the grace of God, I am serving in the Hiding place ministry and also involved in the music ministry in church. I graduated from Tung Ling Bible School in 2019.

I am thankful to God for His goodness upon my life. Through His mercy, I was brought out of a hopeless situation and now I can live a transformed life in Him. All glory be to God!

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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		
2	Printing cost for Hiding Place book	\$10,000.00	
3	Audit fee for 2022	\$9396.00	
4	Alcohol tester	\$1890.40	
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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

What is your function?

“Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.”

1 Corinthians 12:14

For the body of Christ to work effectively, each of us has to know where we fit or where our gifting align us to. All of us must work in harmony. Every organ, every cell has its own function. Since we have been included in the body of Christ, we must have a function. So the question is - “What is my function?”

Once, a friend of the Hiding Place related his journey with God to a few of our staff. This man loved the Lord and wanted to serve in the church, but he was not sure of his gifting. He tried leading worship but soon realised that he could not. He went on to try leading a cell group, teaching the Bible and doing other Christian activities, but all to no avail.

One day while abroad, he came across many street kids roaming around. His heart was moved to start a home for these street kids. In fact, he started not just one, but a few of these homes! At last, this man found his place in the body of Christ!

I was encouraged by his testimony, and he personally helped one of our ex-resident’s adopted daughter find a home in Batam after the ex-resident’s passing. We thank God for him and are truly grateful for his ministry in giving these street children a hope and a future.

What is your function? Wherever you fit in the body of Christ, be faithful where you are.

House News

A) RESIDENTS' UPDATE

We have 14 residents currently. 2 brothers joined us recently, Edgar and Eddie. Recovery is a lifelong journey for an addict. It takes two to clap. God's hand and the addict's hand. God is able to set a person free from addiction but the individual must be willing to take up responsibility in order for his own life to be changed. Nothing comes free. Yes, we know Jesus is the answer to all addictions but there is a cost, which is to surrender and give up the old lifestyle. Effort is needed if the individual wants to see breakthrough. It is not an easy road but it can be done. Pray for the residents that they will persevere in their journey of surrender and change.

B) THP ANNUAL BOWLING WITH WESLEY FAMILY OF GOD

On 27th May we had a wonderful time of bowling with our Family of God friends from Wesley. It was a good day of fun and fellowship followed by lunch together. We thank God for another year of friendship. Thank you FOG for the acceptance and we look forward to our next gathering.

C) TUNG LING BIBLE SCHOOL

We thank God for the support and partnership with Tung Ling Bible School. Pastor Hock Seng and Elaine will be attending the School of Leadership. Caleb and Grace, and Virginia, the wife of another staff will be attending the School of Ministry. We thank God for this opportunity. It will be a three-month course from July to September. Pray that they will have a fruitful time of learning and resting in the Lord.

D) THP 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The 50th year is mentioned in the Bible as the Year of Jubilee. God says "set My people free." Jesus is our Jubilee! In these 50 years of ministry Jesus has set so many people free from their problems and addictions. We thank God.

Our anniversary theme is Honouring God. "He who offers a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving honours Me; and to Him [who orders his way rightly (who follows the way that I show him), I shall show the salvation of God." (Psalm 50:23 AMP) To commemorate the occasion, we will be producing a book on the HP story. The celebration dinner will be held on 21 Oct 2023 at the Jubilee

Restaurant, SAFRA Toa Payoh. Please save the date and join us on that day. More details will be made available later.

Staff Testimony - Alvin Chow

As a child, I never liked staying at home. There were always arguments happening and I had difficulties in communicating with my family members. I started to hang out with bad company and eventually ended up in prison under the Criminal Law Detention at the aged of 17 for gang-related activities. It was during my time in prison that I first heard about Jesus Christ and I accepted Christ into my life, although I did not really understand His ways.

When I was released from prison, very quickly I went back to my old ways again and eventually got hooked on drugs. Drugs not only brought harm to me, but also brought grief to my family members. Drugs caused them to lose hope in me. They mostly ignored me at home. I felt very withdrawn, very lonely, very bitter.

One of the most heart-warming moments I experienced as an addict was when I hadn't eaten for a few days and my mother came to me in a soft voice telling me that she had cooked porridge for me. I felt so touched, because we seldom talked and I thought she had already given up on me. I felt a sense of guilt within me when I looked at her. At that moment, I made a decision to quit drugs.

I tried quitting. I found myself getting even more hooked, the more I tried to quit. I felt helpless at this point, asking myself if I was going to be like that for the rest of my life. "What am I going to do?" In this time of distress, I cried out to God for help. "Oh God, please help me, for I am unable to help myself!"

Through God's mercy and grace, He led me to a pastor who brought me to church. One day as I was reading the Bible, I came across a verse in Mark 9:23 - "Everything is possible for him who believes." As I pondered on it, I heard a voice in my heart say "You can," and my tears just flowed down. All along I thought I couldn't quit drugs, now I realised that in Christ I can have hope.

On Sep 21, 2011, the pastor whom I met brought me to enrol in the Hiding Place residential programme. He was one of the regular devotional speakers in