

At the Hiding Place, I came to understand the true meaning of life as a result of an accident which nearly cost me my life. But in the process, I found new spiritual parents. Whilst at the hospital after the accident, Pastor Philip visited me and told me no matter what happened, he would take care of me. Since then, Pastor Philip and Mama Choo Neo (Christina) became my spiritual father and mother. They treated me like their own son and I loved them as if they were my own parents. I stayed on as I felt God calling me to continue to serve him after my programme ended.

I am happily serving in the Hiding Place, using the gifts God has given me to manage the Hiding Place Kitchen. I am married to Grace and have two stepsons. I know I am not rich but I have more than enough. I am blessed by His love, joy, peace and grace; all of which money cannot buy. I am overwhelmed by all that God is teaching and showing as I attend Tung Ling Bible School.

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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	\$6000.00	
3	Staff TCA Theological School Fees 3rd Term	\$1525.00	
4	Printing of Anniversary invitation card	\$626.40	
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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

Positioned For Such A Time As This

“And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?” Esther 4:14b

Sometimes God waits for us to be ready to move to the next stage of our growth. We find ourselves in a particular place or in a peculiar set of circumstances in order to carry out a distinct task to fulfil a certain challenge.

However, if we are unwilling to take up the responsibility, God will find someone else. From my personal experience, unwillingness brings restlessness within me. If I remain too long in the unwillingness stage, slowly I would not be able to discern God’s leading. It is definitely not a good place to be in.

Live your calling. This is our time. God has planted us in a place of God’s choosing. Let us be a blessing where we are.

And who knows but that you have come to your position for such a time as this?

House News

A) RESIDENTS' UPDATE

We have 15 residents currently. Yong Peng joined us recently. We praise and thank God for unity of mind in the body of Christ, which is very vital as we live in an enclosed environment where we are bound to rub one another. It takes courage to practice love and forgiveness and to be patient and forbearing towards one another. Romans 12:2 says, "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind" We can only do this if we want to keep to God's standard. By a constant renewing of our minds, we are transformed to be more like our Saviour Jesus as we live together, loving and forgiving one another. Pray for the staff and residents that God will continue to do that renewing work in our minds.

B) TUNG LING BIBLE SCHOOL

Time passes quickly. The five Tung Ling students, Pastor Hock Seng, Elaine, Caleb, Grace, and Virginia are coming to the end of their course. Their graduation is on 28th Sept. Pray that they will be able to apply what they have learnt in their everyday life.

C) THP 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The 50th year is known in the Bible as the Year of Jubilee. It is the year of rest, restoration and freedom. We have experienced Jesus as 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, 7pm, at the Jubilee Restaurant, SAFRA Toa Payoh. Please scan the QR code above to register your attendance.



Staff Testimony - Caleb Tan

I come from a broken family. My grandmother brought me up and I didn't know who my parents were until the time I needed to register my identity card at the age of 12. My grandmother then put an advertisement in the newspaper to look for my mother. That was how I connected with her.

When I was young, I was bullied at school. I told myself that when I grew up, I wanted to be a bully and to earn money and gain power. I joined gangs and did all sorts of illegal things. At the age of 17, I started going to night clubs, to sell and take drugs. People called me 7/11, because I was a drug pusher who was available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week as if I were a 7/11 store. My mother and my grandmother couldn't control me. I was caught and went in and out of DRC and prison nine times, and spent over ten years in prison. I did try many ways to change on my own, but life only got worse. I sold the house that my mum left for me, and left for the Philippines with my then Filipino wife. I had decided not to come back to Singapore anymore.

I thought I could start all over again in the Philippines but that never happened. Eventually, my ex-wife and her family members couldn't stand me and kicked me out of their house. Due to being on the wanted list in Singapore, I couldn't come back. I had hit rock bottom and I couldn't take it anymore. To end it all, I attempted suicide by taking a lot of sleeping pills and a big box of rat poison. But God was not finished with me yet. When I woke up the next day, I clearly heard God speak to me, "Go back to Singapore, because I did not create you for your life to be like this." My heart was thinking that I had overstayed in the Philippines and I had no money. How could I go back? God sent someone to give my wife money so I could come back.

As if in a dream, I found myself back in Singapore in January 2010. I was then sent to prison for a year. When I was in prison, God spoke to me again through Matt 6:24, "No one can serve two masters, either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other, you cannot serve both God and money". I spent eight months pondering over this verse and reflecting on my life. For 36 years, I had been trying to control people with money and power, and in the end, I lost everything. When the day of release finally came, God opened a way for me to go into The Hiding Place. A prison counsellor, Sister Ange Seow, had recommended me to go there.