

When I returned, I rededicated my life to God, knowing that without Him, I was nothing. I came up with a motto for myself - Stand Steadfast in His Goodness. I decided to take up the challenge of serving as a staff. I have experienced God’s grace, mercy and love working in, around and before me. I experienced two strokes in 2020 and the Lord healed and saw me through that period. I am so thankful for God’s work in my life.

Praise the Lord, I’m 71 now, pressing on a step at a time, by God’s grace and mercy. One important lesson I’ve learnt is to thank God in all circumstances and not to get ahead of myself. May the grace of the good Lord continue to strengthen and enable me to live up to this testimony for His glory.

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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. If you feel led to give, we are thankful.

NO	Item	Amount	PLS.TICK
1	General operational fund		
2	Staff insurance	\$11,430.00	
3	Funds for alumni activities	\$2000.00	
4	Installation of vehicle speed limiters	\$1635.00	
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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

Building God’s House

The latter glory of this house will be greater than the former,’ says the LORD of hosts, ‘and in this place I will give peace,’ declares the LORD of hosts.” Haggai 2:9

God’s people were disciplined for 70 years because of their disobedience. When those 70 years came to an end, they were permitted to return and rebuild the temple. However, after just 2 years of work, the rebuilding came to a halt — and the temple lay neglected for the next 14 years.

In those difficult years following their return from exile, God spoke to His people through the prophet Haggai. The people had many excuses for abandoning the work. The land was still desolate after 70 years of neglect, and rebuilding was hard. Resources were scarce; money and manpower were limited. They faced crop failures, drought, and opposition from hostile neighbours. And in their hearts, some longed for the easier days they remembered in Babylon.

To justify their inaction, the people made their excuses sound spiritual: “The time has not yet come.” But God’s message through Haggai challenged them to stop and reflect on the direction their lives were heading — and to ask themselves if they truly wanted to continue down that path. When our priorities are misplaced, nothing in this world will satisfy us. Nothing can fill the God-shaped void within us, except by putting Him first.

God’s house has to come first, and we are His temple. Revival begins within the individual, then moves to the home, the church, the city, the nation, and ultimately the world. Self-centred lives bring the curse of heaven upon the land.

There are no shortcuts to this work. Sin is contagious, and holiness cannot be inherited. There are no second-hand saints, and God has no grandchildren.

Let us say to God: “Lord, You have my full attention. What is it You would have me do?”

House News

A) RESIDENTS' UPDATE

We have 9 residents currently. Meng joined the programme recently. Pray they will adapt well and have a desire to love the Lord. The road to recovery is a lifelong process. It's like choosing the narrow path. It's tough and difficult, it takes lots of self-discipline and effort in body and mind to walk through this recovery journey. The teachings of the Bible and the individual effort must pair up together in order for the recovery to be successful. There is no other way. Pray for the Lord to work in the lives of the brothers and transform them. Pray for the brothers to press on in their recovery.

B) STAFF UPDATE

Congratulations to Cary! He has completed his diploma in theology at TCA. His graduation was in May. We thank God for his hard work and perseverance in completing his studies. May the Lord help him to use what he has learnt to be a blessing. Thank you for your support and prayers.

C) HIDING PLACE RETREAT

“Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I with them.” It was truly a blessing to see the spirit of unity at this retreat. The joy of everyone being ministered in worship, the individual sharing and the teaching by Pas Luke on How to be an Overcomer. We had a great time of fellowship too. And the most wonderful thing was that one of our staff's wife received Jesus as her personal Lord and Saviour. All thanks and praise to God! And thank you for your giving and prayers for our retreat.

D) HIDING PLACE 52nd ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

In just another 4 months is another milestone for The Hiding Place as we celebrate the goodness and faithfulness of our God, who has seen us through all

these years. Come rejoice with us. The celebration dinner will be held on 11 Oct 2025 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: Satiyan (Sart)

As a young boy, I was very active in indoor and outdoor games. One of the best times in my life was my schooling days. It kept me fit and active mentally and physically. But everything came to a complete stand still after my involvement with bad company and I got into stealing, smoking, drinking and consumption of drugs. I lost interest in everything I did, including my studies. By the time I was twenty, I have been to prison and drug rehabilitation centre (DRC) numerous times. During my confinement, I was fit physically due to the strenuous exercises inflicted upon us. Every time I was released from the DRC or prison, my health would deteriorate within a matter of weeks, because I would return to my old habits, indulging in alcohol, drugs, occasional gambling and other vices.

In 1991, I came to know of The Hiding Place through my wife and joined the programme with the purpose of curing my drug addiction. But later I realised that it was a spiritual problem that needed to be rectified. When I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ, God restored me physically, mentally and even spiritually.

Physically, He has given me strength to compete in various kinds of sporting events with competitors at least half of my age. I was 41 back then and my fellow competitors' ages range from 18 and above. Despite their youth and agility, I was still able to keep up or even be a step ahead of them at times. I was thankful to God for the strength and good health He had given me.

Mentally, God healed and gave me a stable mind to think clearly in the situations I was put into. Spiritually, I was growing in the Lord, learning and pressing on daily with the Word of God through Bible studies, friends and family members.

But in the year 2000, when things were going well, I was comfortable and living a blessed life, I started to compromise, not realising that my pride and ego was creeping back into me. I left THP and went to Brunei for 3 years, playing music in a club there and eventually things got out of hand. I went back to drugs again. Realising I could not go on like this, I called for help again at THP and was admitted to the programme in Sep 2010.

