

impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him”. This verse really speaks to me because God says that I must trust him by faith and also believe that he exists and then that he will reward me. He has given me a second chance in this earthly life and most importantly that he will give me eternal life.

The key thing that I learn coming back to Hiding Place for the second time is to cherish my family and to have a new mind-set to go after things that last and not things that are temporary. I need God, I cannot walk alone. Lastly, I am very thankful to God that The Hiding Place took me in again. I also want to thank my earthly father for not giving up on me although I have disappointed him so much.

Pray for JJ to press on and persevere in his walk with Jesus and his desire to change.

Newsletter by Email

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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
1	General operational fund	
2	Alumni gathering expenses	\$1744.00
3	Envelopes for newsletters	\$1882.50
4	Taiwan mission trip expenses	\$2000.00
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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

Mirror, Mirror on the Wall...

Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

James 1:23-24

In a spiritual context, God’s word is a mirror. There is another functionally similar parallel: People can also mirror or reflect back our inner selves, forcing us to confront aspects of ourselves that we may not be fully aware of or willing to acknowledge, including our strengths, weaknesses, past traumas, and vulnerabilities.

Amos 5:19 (NIV) states, “It will be as though a man fled from a lion only to meet a bear, as though he entered his house and rested his hand on the wall only to have a snake bite him.” We are just like that house described – our “inner world” or “lands of the mind” – and there are enemies in the land of the mind we have not conquered. Seeing our own reflection in others through their actions, words, and even their presence can reveal or trigger parts of our own inner landscape, both positive and negative. When such moments occur, they are often highly intense and charged as they force us to confront our own issues and vulnerabilities.

These reflections in the mirror may bring up painful emotions or unresolved issues. However, they can also facilitate personal growth and healing if we respond correctly. If we do not learn to consciously surrender these enemies of our mind to the Lord, we will come up against them continuously and keep experiencing defeat in those areas. Let us learn to trust God to use these mirror struggles to mould our character in His mercy and love.

House News

A) RESIDENTS' UPDATE

We have 9 residents currently. Fabian and Jeremiah joined the programme recently. Hallelujah! Brother Meng has received Jesus as his personal Lord and Saviour. The heavenly host rejoices and we too rejoice with him. Jesus is Someone not to be missed here at the Hiding Place. The Gospel of Jesus is preached here. We tell the brothers going through the programme that if they don't know Jesus, it means you are missing out on something great in life. Pray for the residents to grow to love the Lord and for their lives to be transformed.

B) TAIWAN MISSION TRIP

Cary and Victor will be going with a team to Taiwan from 12-26 Oct. It will be an outreach mission to minister to the drug addicts and ex-offenders from various prisons and halfway houses. They will be conducting Alpha courses and sharing their testimonies. Please do pray that our Lord will provide their mission needs and that the Gospel seed of Jesus will fall on good soil. Thank you.

C) ALUMNI CUM VOLUNTEERS GATHERING

We thank God for his faithfulness! We had a wonderful time of catching up on Aug 15 with the alumni, friends and volunteers coming together to worship, fellowship and to hear the message of what it means to be a brothers' keeper. The Hiding Place alumni community are doing a good work in reaching out and following up with the brothers who have completed their programme and also to those who have not completed. So long as they are willing, the alumni brothers are there to journey with them and be their brothers' keeper.

D) HIDING PLACE 52nd ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

We welcome you to join us as we celebrate this joyous day. Our theme is 'The Goodness Of God' and the speaker will be our leader, Pas Tan Hock Seng, who has been serving faithfully the past 44 years, since his time as a resident.

Date: 11 Oct 2025, 7pm

Place: Jubilee Restaurant, SAFRA Toa Payoh.

Please call Mrs Sally Tan at 64835348 or scan the QR code to confirm your attendance.

We look forward to seeing you.



Resident's Testimony: Ang Jun Jie (JJ)

I am 23 years old this year. I started gambling when I was 14, whenever I had the money. Two years ago, I got hooked on drinking and vaping at KTVs, at least 3 to 4 times a week. Back then, I only worked part-time so my money was limited. I started gambling in the hope of getting more money to feed my addiction. I borrowed and stole from my parents and when it was not enough, I borrowed from loan sharks. When I couldn't pay my debts, I had no choice but to tell my parents and they helped me clear my debts. The cycle repeated more than 7 times within the two years.

Everyone gave up on me except my father. He suggested that I come to The Hiding Place for the one-year programme. I had no choice but to come unwillingly. I made up my mind to stay only for one to two months. Unexpectedly, a Bible teacher led me to receive Christ in the first month of my stay. But sadly, the 'old man' was still very much alive in me, I still only thought about myself and wanting to leave this place. So I left, thinking I was okay already.

I backslided less than two months after leaving and owed about \$19,000. This was when I knew I could not continue with this lifestyle. It was affecting my relationship with my family and causing a lot of pain and suffering. Because of my selfishness and addictions, I really disappointed my family especially my father. He is normally a hot-tempered person but my waywardness caused him to go numb. He stopped scolding me but he still cared for me. For this one reason, I realised that I really need to change and also give myself a chance to live a proper life.

I immediately called one of the HP staff and asked if I could come back for the programme. I am thankful I was given a second chance. I told myself that this time round, I must really change for the better. No matter how tough the stay, I must pray and press on.

I have been at The Hiding Place for about three months now and I have learnt that Jesus is always with me, no matter how bad a person I am, as long as I am willing to change and follow him. My father's love for me helps me to understand Jesus' love. No matter how many times I have disappointed him, he still loves and cares about me. Hebrews 11: 6 says, "And without faith it is