I've been at the Hiding Place for six months. Every day I do my quiet time and I learn many things from the Bible. As I see changes in myself, I am encouraged to put in even more effort. I have inner peace even though I still struggle. The Bible tells me to stand firm and that God loves me forever and ever.

I will continue to remain at Hiding Place until my father and brother are willing to accept me and allow me to go home. I am working in the Hiding Place Kitchen and learning to cook. My goal is to become a better person, not taking drugs anymore and having my own family. I am grateful to Hiding Place for providing me a place to stay and to know God and the chance to be a newborn person.

Pray for Meng to continue to grow and be transformed by the Lord and for his desire to be reconciled with his family and to have a family of his own.

Newsletter by Email

If you prefer to receive our newsletter through email, please send us an email with the subject "Email Newsletter" along with your full name and address as shown on the newsletter address label to admin@hidingplace.sg

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 | |
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| 1 | General operational fund | | |
| 2 | Fire insurance | \$710.00 | |
| 3 | ACTS student camp expenses | \$3500.00 | |
| 4 | Staff bonus | \$26882.00 | |
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Kindly make cheque payable to "THE HIDING PLACE (CHRISTIAN HOME MISSION) LTD and mail to 5A Jalan Haji Salam Singapore 468746 or PayNow to **UEN 198301684WAC1** (General Fund).



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Letter from Pastor Tan Hock Seng

Rule in the midst of your difficulties

"He fulfils the desire of those who fear Him; He also hears their cry and saves them."

Psalm 145:19

The writing on the wall (Daniel 5:1-30) signifies impending judgement and accountability. King Belshazzar of Babylon, in his revelry, had disregarded the sacred items, which led to a mysterious hand inscribing a warning: "Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin". This warning tells of God's judgement against the king and the subsequent fall of his kingdom. The story of King Belshazzar serves as a powerful reminder that our actions have consequences, and urges us to reflect on our lives.

In this day and age, we face countless problems around the world, from financial crises to civil wars to environmental pollution. And similar "writings on the wall" are all around us, warning us of what is to come. But, for those of us who fear the Lord and seek to fulfil His will, His presence goes before us. As we navigate life's difficulties and problems, we illuminate our surroundings with hope and integrity. Ultimately, it is God's unwavering presence that offers solace and guidance, encouraging us to embrace our purpose in every moment.

Ask God for guidance: "What is next?" Embrace growth by taking action in faith, trusting that He will reveal the next steps along our journey.

House News

A) RESIDENTS' UPDATE

We have 6 residents currently. Three just left the ministry in the last two months. It takes lots of effort and the dying to self to complete the one year residential programme. Many left because of pride, they still wanted their own ways or thought they were already okay. They quickly forgot that their purpose of coming here was to change. On a positive note, though they might not complete the programme but the seed of the Gospel has been planted in their hearts. They may continue to wander but the hope is there that they will return back to the Lord.

B) TAIWAN MISSION TRIP

Praise the Lord! Cary and Victor have returned from their Taiwan mission trip with wonderful news. It was tiring but it was a joyous and fruitful time. They witnessed the Spirit of God working through their sharing of God's Word and testimonies. The brothers they ministered to in prison and halfway houses were encouraged and about 50 received Christ into their hearts. All glory to God!

C) ACTS STUDENTS CAMP

We will be gathering together with the various halfway houses from Malaysia in Port Dickson Malaysia from 10-13 Nov. This camp is an occasion where halfway houses leaders and residents from Malaysia and Singapore come together for a retreat with worship, classes, games and fellowship. 12 of us from Hiding Place will be going. It is an opportunity not to be missed to meet and interact with fellow brothers and sisters, sharing our recovery journey and faith in God. Pray with us that it will be a blessed and fruitful time.

D) HIDING PLACE 52nd ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Praise the Lord for His glorious presence at our 52nd Anniversary Celebration. It was really a night of His goodness declared in the worship, testimonies and fellowship. It was such a blessed time. We would like to express our thanks to all of our supporters for your attendance, generous giving and prayers for the ministry.

E) APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We give thanks to the Lord that during the 52nd anniversary celebration, Jeremy Tan was appointed as Deputy Executive Director. Jeremy joined the one-year residential programme in 2010. After completing the programme, he responded

to God's call to serve. Over the years, we have seen him grow spiritually and mature in his walk with the Lord and in ministry. We praise God for Jeremy's heart to serve and his obedience to God's call which led to this dedication.

Resident's Testimony: Loh Hang Meng

My name is Loh Hang Meng, most people call me Meng. I started my rebellious ways at the age of 14. I did not do well in school and I 'pongteng' school to go roller skating at Serangoon Garden Circus nearby. I began drinking beer, taking tablets, smoking cigarettes and marijuana. I also got into fights in my neighbourhood in Ang Mo Kio. Whenever I helped out at my parents' drink stall at Satay Club, I would steal from them to fund my habits.

At 19, friends introduced me to heroin and I quickly got hooked. In 1993, I went to the NPP to surrender myself after my mother urged me to quit. The officer brought me to AMK police station where I was detained by CNB. I underwent cold turkey at Sembawang DRC. I was locked up as I went through withdrawal and the only thing I could do to try and get some relief from the agony was to take cold baths. After a week, I was released and I had to report for urine tests. After two months, I stopped going for the urine tests and went back to taking heroin.

That was the start of my 20-year struggle with drugs and getting into trouble with the law. Although I tried many times to stay clean, I kept relapsing and each time seemed worse because of the effects of the drugs. I have been to DRC three times and prison five times, with cases including assault, drug consumption and robbery. My last imprisonment was for threatening my father with a knife when I was on ice. My father was so scared, he ran to my brother's house and called the police. I was arrested in my own house. My father took out a PPO against me. I deeply regret what I have done and hope my father will forgive me and lift the PPO so I can return home.

The last time I took ice, I tripped badly and started seeing CNB officers surrounding me. I contacted my counsellor and he suggested that I go to IMH for the detox programme. At IMH, I came to know about Hiding Place. I was tired of the kind of life I was living and I wanted a normal life so I decided to go to Hiding Place to try and change my life.