

when a long time later he spoke through David, as in the passage already quoted: “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.” God reminded me not to be disobedient and harden my heart again when I hear his voice. Please pray for me to persevere and complete my one-year and for my relationship with my family to be restored.

“God of Second Chances” is a book written with inspiring stories, testimonies upon testimonies of God’s saving grace and power working in the lives of drug addicts, breaking bondages and strongholds, miracles, household salvation and many more interesting stories.

To request for a copy, call 64835348 or email to admin@hidingplace.sg. There is no charge for the book and postage. If you want to give a love offering, we are thankful.

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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	CNY reunion and Alumni celebration	\$4500.00
3	Stamps for newsletters	\$4340.00
4	Staff Gospel rehab training at KL	\$904.00
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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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Samson

A Calling Eroded by Compromise (Judges 13–16)

Samson was a Nazirite from birth: he was divinely appointed and consecrated for a sacred purpose. His life was marked by vows of separation – no wine or strong drink, nothing unclean, and no cutting of his hair. His extraordinary strength was not natural ability but the empowerment of the Spirit of the Lord. He was strong because God was present with him.

Over time however, a troubling gap developed between his calling and his conduct. Though he was set apart, Samson repeatedly pursued what was right in his own eyes, reflecting the moral decline described throughout the book of Judges. His failures were not isolated incidents but a steady pattern of compromise. He lacked restraint, formed relationships without discernment, and pushed against holy boundaries. What began as small concessions grew into a lifestyle of spiritual carelessness.

By the time Delilah entered his life, Samson was already accustomed to living near the edge of obedience. Delilah did not create his disobedience, she exposed it. When his hair was cut, Scripture records the sobering words: “He did not know that the Lord had left him.” In truth, Samson’s strength did not vanish suddenly. It faded through prolonged neglect of God’s presence.

Samson’s downfall was not ultimately because of Delilah, but due to a divided heart. Yet in the end, in blindness and humiliation, stripped of pride and self-reliance, he finally cried out in humble dependence. And God, in mercy, answered his prayer.

House News

A) RESIDENTS' UPDATE

We have 6 residents currently. We thank the Lord, Ah Hai has completed his one-year programme and has decided to stay on to continue in his journey of transformation and to grow in the Lord. We have seen how he has progressed in his change and have become more confident in his speech and action. He is even attending baptism classes.

B) CNY COOKIES/TARTS PRODUCTION

Praise the Lord! After a month of hard work, we thank the staff, residents and friends who have helped to complete the CNY cookies production. We thank God for the unity and the good sales. We appreciate you, dear supporters, for purchasing the cookies and for spreading the word to your friends to come buy from us. God is good.

C) CNY REUNION DINNER

We rejoice in the Lord for this big family at The Hiding Place. After a hectic month of CNY cookies production, we could finally celebrate our traditional reunion with 'loh hei' plus steamboat dinner with the residents, staff and their families, along with close friends of our ministry.

D) ALUMNI CUM VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION

Every year, we celebrate this joyous event on 'Chap Ngo Meh' at The Hiding Place. It was great to have the alumni, volunteers and friends coming for this Homecoming dinner celebration. It's a joy for The Hiding Place to see the former residents doing well and coming with their families to celebrate this night. We had a wonderful time of fellowship over dinner, followed by a time of worship and His word. We thank the good Lord for His redemptive work through the Brothers' Keeper Ministry reaching out to former residents.

Resident's Testimony: Calvin Tan

My name is Calvin Tan. I'm 53. Growing up, I was fat and timid and my nickname was 'Pui Kia'. I didn't feel accepted. After my 'N' levels, I started working and got to know a group of friends who belonged to a gang. I joined the gang and started taking pills along with my friends. The pills made me slim. After NS, I

met a friend who introduced me to heroin. I thought I could control my heroin consumption but it ended up controlling me. I have been in and out of prison six times for rioting, robbery, selling pirated VCD and drug-related offences.

In 2012, I accepted Christ while I was in prison because it seemed like a cool thing to do, like joining the gang when I was younger. I had no understanding of what it was all about. My last prison sentence was more than 10 years ago. I have encountered God and enjoyed his blessings through the years but I kept going back to my old lifestyle.

I was staying in a halfway house in 2022 when my mother had a fall at home. I left the halfway house to care for my mother, together with my sister. My mother passed away after a month but I continued staying with my sister and brother-in-law. Things went well at first. I was working and attending church. After a few months, I went looking for my old friends. I told myself that I would be fine as long as I didn't touch drugs. I was just a Sunday Christian living a double life. Eventually in 2024, I went back to drugs again and deceived myself that I could stop anytime I wanted.

I told my sister all sorts of lies to get money. In Nov 2025, we had a big quarrel and I moved out of her house. I became homeless. By the grace of God, a pastor connected me to a Malaysian halfway house where I went for detox. It was there that I read the book, "God of Second Chances", about the story of The Hiding Place. The thing that struck me from the book was what the late Ps Philip, the founder, would tell people during interviews, "This is a no-nonsense place. If you want to change, be serious about it." After reading it, I did some reflection that night and asked myself how many times I had relapsed, even though I was not caught by the police. In my heart that night, I told myself this was my last chance. I had stayed in four halfway houses previously but my life remained the same. I wanted to be serious this time. I called out to God to help me cherish my relationship with him and the new life he would give me.

I came to Hiding Place after my detox in Dec 2025. I am thankful for the chance to press the restart button and to wake up every morning in a safe environment, away from temptations.

One morning, after I had finished writing my testimony, God gave me a verse from Hebrews 4:7 - "God again set a certain day, calling it 'Today.' This he did

