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***Book - God of Second Chances***

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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	Hiding Place retreat at Malaysia expenses	\$6000.00
3	Staff 2nd term theological study fees	\$1243.69
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***Letter from Pastor Tan Hock Seng***

***Mind Warfare  
 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 NIV***

“The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”

Over the past 45 years, I have seen people we helped here at The Hiding Place revert back to their old ways. They have had some success for a few years, some even more than five years, but eventually, they backslide. Their common negative words are ‘I am like that lah!’, ‘I cannot change’, ‘My problem is more difficult that yours’, ‘You don’t understand’ etc. By speaking these negative words, they cut themselves off from being helped. They believe they cannot be helped and that becomes their reality. Some of them have been to most or all of the other halfway houses that they hold what I call a “multi-membership card”, to put it in a tongue-in-cheek manner.

Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” (Matthew 19:26) Christian speaker and author Jessie Penn-Lewis once said, “The authority of Christ... is not inherent in a believer, but is laid hold of by him through the power of the Holy Spirit in response to faith.” The degree of authority we walk in is determined by the degree of personal victory, as well as by the knowledge and discernment of what the Spirit of God would have the believer do.

“The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.” (Proverbs 18:21) Without firm faith in God’s promises, one lacks the

strength to endure or “last” in times of adversity. As the scripture warns - “If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all.” (Isaiah 7:9)

May we all stand strong in our faith and against any negative thoughts.

## ***House News***

### **A) RESIDENTS' UPDATE**

We have 8 residents currently. Eddy and Leon joined the residential programme recently. We thank the Lord, Meng has completed his one-year programme in April. We have seen progress in him in this one year but he is still not ready to transit back to society. Please pray for him, as he stays on to know more of the Bible and work towards his change and maturity in the Lord.

### **B) STAFF STUDY UPDATE**

Cary will start his 2nd term of theological studies at TCA in the beginning of May. Praise the Lord who makes all things possible for Cary as he perseveres on in his studies. Please keep him in prayer and thank you for your support.

### **C) STAFF GOSPEL REHAB TRAINING IN KL**

This training was taught by Ps Simon Lau and his staff. Ps Simon is the founder of Taiwan Operation Dawn halfway house. The teachings were enriching and strongly Gospel-related. It gave us better perspective and understanding of what it is like to run a Gospel-based drug rehab home. We visited a few homes at KL. Hearing the struggles and challenges they face brought us mutual encouragement to press on towards the work at Hiding Place. Thank God for the experience.

### **D) HIDING PLACE RETREAT IN MALAYSIA**

16 of us had a blessed time in Kukup for our home retreat from 13-16 April. The theme was “*Consecrate your heart and the Lord will do amazing things in your life.*” We enjoyed the good facilities and food there. But the highlight was the good bonding sessions and the classes. Praise the Lord each of us brought something back that the Lord had put into our hearts.

## ***Alumni Testimony: Matthew Chew***

Joel 2:25 — “So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten.”

I came to Hiding Place in 2017 because of my gambling addiction, and I am deeply thankful to the late Pastor Philip for accepting me into the residential programme. During that one-year programme, I rebuilt my relationship with God. Before coming to Hiding Place, I knew who God was, but it was during my stay that I truly encountered Him. My time there taught me to return to the basics — reading His Word, praying, and trusting that God would deliver me from my bondage.

After completing the programme, I was given the opportunity to continue serving in Hiding Place as a Staff Helper until 2022. During that period, I managed to obtain my driving license, which allowed me to serve the ministry more effectively. I was also blessed with the chance to pursue a part-time Social Work degree at SUSS, from which I graduated in 2022. After completing my studies, I left Hiding Place and returned home to live with my parents. God is truly faithful — one of my constant prayers was for Him to keep my parents safe and healthy while I was away, and to allow me one day to return home to spend time with them. Today, He has fulfilled that prayer, and I am back home enjoying precious moments with them.

God has also been my provider, opening doors for me to work as a Social Worker at Montfort Care Family Service. And His blessings didn't stop there — last September (2025), I married my wife, Jolyn. She is truly a gift from God, a wonderful helper who looks beyond my past and accepts me for who I am. She has been my cheerleader, always believing in me.

Currently, I am part of the Hiding Place Alumni Brothers' Keeper Ministry. I am thankful for all the brothers — many of whom are ex-residents who were once helped through Hiding Place. We meet once a month to openly share our struggles and encourage one another in our walk with God. This ministry has allowed me to stay connected to Hiding Place. I am thankful for the staff of Hiding Place for their sacrificial love. Through them, I have experienced God's love. They have been my pillar of support, always offering advice and encouragement even after I left. Thank you, my dear brothers.

As I look back, if you had asked me back in 2017 whether all these were possible, I would have stared at you blankly and said you must be crazy. Who am I to deserve all these blessings? In the eyes of man, it is impossible, but with God all things are possible. I want to encourage everyone to continue