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2	Repair of 2 toilets and roof top	\$3,200.00
3	Taiwan mission trip expenses	\$2000.00
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Letter from Pastor Tan Hock Seng

Self-Deception

*“The heart is deceitful above all things, and beyond cure.
Who can understand it?” - Jeremiah 17:9*

People often believe they know what they do not know - that is the essence of self-deception. I noticed this while helping people with addiction problems at The Hiding Place. This is a harmful form of ignorance because it prevents learning, growth and moral improvement. Self-deception acts like a survival instinct. Our minds hide uncomfortable truths to protect us from seeing them because of the pain they bring.

Through reflection, feedback, evidence, and humility, we can prevent self-deception. Engage in ruthless self-reflection and examine every thought you have. Why do you think the way you do? Self-reflection is uncomfortable, but discomfort is data.

Seek honest external feedback and treat criticism as information, not an attack. As Proverbs 27:6a says, “Faithful are the wounds of a friend.”

Always separate facts from stories. Our brains love turning feelings into truth. One of our residents loves food (and who doesn’t?). He “feels” his diet is “ok”, yet his blood sugar level is 15.8. So in this case - is his feeling right, or is the blood sugar level right? Whenever you strongly want something to be true, that is exactly when you should question it.

If we lie to others, we eventually lie to ourselves. Integrity creates internal clarity. Self-deception often solves a short-term emotional problem at the cost

of long-term consequences. Long-term thinking exposes short-term illusions.

At its core, self-deception is often a coping mechanism. The mind hides the truth because it is painful and we are not ready to face it. In order to prevent self-deception, we have to build enough strength and clarity to face reality without fear.

House News

A) RESIDENTS' UPDATE

We have 7 residents currently. Two brothers, Marcus and Eric joined the residential programme recently. Victor Ng joined our programme in 2019 and completed the one-year course. He subsequently stayed on as a helper and later as kitchen staff. Now 71, Victor is transitioning to retirement and has concluded his service with our ministry with the blessings of the home. Pray that as he enters a new chapter, he will continue to love the Lord and walk in His ways.

B) ACTS LEADERSHIP CAMP IN TAIWAN

In April, four staff went for the leadership camp in Taiwan, joining forty over leaders and staff from various halfway houses in Singapore and Malaysia. We stayed at House of Grace, a local halfway house. The leaders and staff of the home were very kind and welcoming. We saw how they showed hospitality to us, how they lived their lives and their culture. We see Christ in them. We were encouraged by how they ran the home, helping the residents in their recovery. There were things that we learnt that we can practise in our home. We praise the Lord for the experience.

C) TAIWAN MISSION TRIP

Caleb and Jonathan will be going with a team to Taiwan from 22 July to 6 Aug. 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.

Alumni Testimony: Richard Tan

After my mother passed away when I was twelve, I stopped going to church and started skipping school. I failed my primary school leaving exam thrice and was asked to leave school at the age of fourteen.

I started to mix around with some bad company and frequented video arcades, drinking bars and took up smoking. Though I never joined a gang, I would follow my friends who were in the gang and party with them, getting “high” on drugs and alcohol. I started with heroin, then to MX pills and other addictive drug and eventually got addicted to heroin. I sank deeper and deeper, the drugs and pills were no longer an enjoyment but a bondage.

Many times, I wanted to quit but was unable to help myself. I was sent to prison thrice for drug-consumption and car theft. I knew I was destroying my future. I had no hope, no future to look forward to.

The transformation began in prison where I heard the Gospel from a pastor during chapel service. I started to learn about God’s love and His peace that surpasses all understanding and this hope that God brings through Christ. However, upon my release, I went back to my old ways until the pastor asked me to go to the Hiding Place, a halfway house for drug-addicts.

In 1982, at 27 years old, I was admitted to the Hiding Place and after 3 months, God touched me when I read Psalm 119:114 “Thou art my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Thy word” I decided to accept Christ as my Lord. At that moment, my longing for drugs stopped, I felt that God had set me free and given me a new beginning. Like the psalmist says in Psalm 40:2-3, “God had lifted me out of the slimy pit..... He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God”.

I have great passion for prison ministry because I heard the Gospel in prison. Since my life was changed, I have been going in and out of prison, not as a prisoner but a counsellor. To be a friend and a living testimony to the prisoners. God can change me, He can change them too.

Looking back, God has always been in control of my life. He moulded me so that I could be a better man. I thank the Lord I’m married to a good wife with two wonderful grown-up boys.

Today at 71, I’m still actively serving the Lord at Faith Methodist Church where I have been the facility officer for 32 years. I continue to share the Gospel to the brothers at the Hiding Place and sisters at Turning Point as a