

again and again. She was generous, a great host who loved to cook.

Philip went to be with the Lord on 3 Feb 2020. Now Christina has gone to be with the Lord as well. Both of them have left us a huge legacy in the form of lives transformed through their ministry. The ministry has raised pastors and leaders, as well as people successfully reintegrated into society. This couple has been an inspiration to many. They have left us with a testimony of what God can do with lives totally committed to Jesus.

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Giving to Ps Philip & Sis Christina

The Board of Directors would like to thank each of you for all your years of prayers and financial giving towards Ps Philip and Sis Christina's needs.

~ Samuel Chua, Chairman, The Hiding Place Board of Directors ~

EXISTING NEEDS OF THE HIDING PLACE

We are thankful and appreciate your support in prayers and giving to the ministry through the years. Many have been affected financially by the Covid pandemic. If you feel led to give, we are thankful.

NO	Item	Amount	PLS.TICK
1	General operational fund (A/C 1)		
2	Hong Leong loan 50 of 300 mths paid (A/C 2)	\$4220.01	
3	Group insurance Mar 2022 to Feb 2023	\$9062.90	
4	Audit Fee	\$8774.00	
5	4 units of UV air purifier	\$2322.00	

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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) PayNow to UEN 198301684WAC2 (Building Fund).



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

What if...?

Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass. (1 Thes 5:24)

Since the passing of the late Christina Chan, our founder and beloved mother of The Hiding Place, I have often found myself reflecting on her life and journey with God. When God called her to start this ministry 49 years ago, she did not know what was in store for her or where this journey would lead her. But now, as I look back at what Christina has gone through, I can see the faithfulness of God in her life, through every challenge she faced.

The Hiding Place Christian Home Mission was established as a result of the late Rev Henry Khoo regularly bringing students from Singapore Bible College to reach out to drug addicts incarcerated on St. John's Island in the 1970s. Rev Khoo was the the prison chaplain then. His heart for drug addicts influenced Christina, and resulted in her starting a home in 1973 called the House of Grace, which was later renamed The Hiding Place. Christina was a school teacher, who in her prime of life at age 27, responded to God's call.

The late Ps Philip came into the scene in 1976 and the both of them got married in 1980, continuing the ministry of The Hiding Place together. This is the testimony and history that we are all familiar with. But -

What if... the late Rev Khoo had not brought Christina along to reach out to the drug addicts incarcerated on St. John's Island?

What if... Christina had not responded to God's call to ministry? If Christina did not respond to God's call, there would be no Hiding Place, no me. In fact, I would most probably have been dead.

Because of Christina's obedience to the Lord's call, many lives have changed for the better. The lessons that I have learnt from her journey are many. God uses vessels that are available to Him despite their weaknesses – Christina is one such example. She was not only 'standing in the gap' but 'living in the gap'. She literally lived among the residents. The next generation is blessed because of her surrendered life.

As for us, we ourselves must be responsible for the next generation. Our world needs people who will 'stand in the gap' and 'live in the gap'. If you have heard God's call, respond to it, because "Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass." (1 Thess 5:24)

House News

A) RESIDENTS' UPDATE

We have 10 residents currently. Somus joined us in June and accepted Jesus as his Lord and Saviour recently.

B) HP 49TH ANNIVERSARY

We are excited that we can hold this celebration in-person again on Sat, Nov 12. Please take note of the date and come join us. Details will be available nearer the date.

C) HIDING PLACE KITCHEN

We are getting busy in the kitchen. Other than bento orders, we have also started doing family catering. Praise God we are adjusting well to the work in the kitchen and we can see the positive attitudes and unity of all involved. We thank God for the support from churches, organisations and individuals.

D) HIDING PLACE OUTING

On Jul 16, we had a time of fun and fellowship with bowling followed by lunch with our Family of God friends from Wesley.

Tribute to Our Co-Founding Director Christina Chan by Rev Dr Patrick Stephen, Director, Hiding Place Board

On 16 Jun 2022, our beloved Sister Christina was called home to be with the Lord. Her health began to deteriorate after a heart bypass in 2011 and a stroke in

2014. She eventually became bedridden.

It was a miracle that her home-call came just as COVID restrictions were lifted, and relatives and friends were able to gather to pay their last respects. The 3 nights of services for her funeral wake were filled with testimonies of how she had impacted so many lives.

What makes Christina so special? Whilst in her second year at the Singapore Bible College (SBC), in 1973, Rev Henry Khoo, the then chaplain of the Singapore Prisons, approached SBC to send a team of students to visit St John's Island to minister to drug addicts. Christina was one of those who volunteered to make the fortnightly visits by bumboat.

As she visited the island with the team, her heart was torn seeing men who were desiring to break free from addiction return to the mainland and go back to their old friends and old ways, because they had nowhere else to go. She realised they needed a place where they could stay and deal with the past, embrace the present by the power of the Holy Spirit, be fed the Word of God and ministered to by prayer. Or the world would snatch them back.

With much prayer and the support of fellow Christians, she started Singapore's first halfway house, which was called the House of Grace. God gave her courage and tenacity to help these men. In 1976, a young man named Philip Chan, who was struggling with addiction, came to the House of Grace, where he accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. His life was transformed and he began to be actively involved in the work. Love soon blossomed and they were married in 1980. The name of the ministry was eventually changed to The Hiding Place.

Together, Christina and Philip served faithfully to reach many drug addicts, ex-offenders and even others with various personal issues. They had little privacy as they lived in the same premises with residents and staff. It was a 24-hour ministry. Needs and crises could arise at any time. Over the years, they have touched hundreds of lives with their sacrificial love. It took great courage to do this with no experience or resources, and no training. Just love and a call. It was not about a place or a method. It was about a Person - Jesus. Both Christina and Philip had that as a foundation to run the ministry.

Christina was a very talented woman. She is remembered as a bubbly person with a huge heart. It was not easy to accept and love people who bite, who fail