

D) HIDING PLACE KITCHEN

We have registered Hiding Place Kitchen as a social enterprise. This gives us the license to continue making pineapple tarts and eventually to do food catering. The income from this social enterprise will help the Hiding Place ministry to be more sustainable. Preparations are underway to start the central kitchen. Please pray for a suitable place to be found in the Bedok area. If you know of any place that is available, please let us know.

Sis Christina's Update

Indeed it has been a challenge for Sis Christina since 2011 when she went through heart-bypass surgery and then suffered a mild stroke that affected her speech and movement of her hand. Although she is bedridden, we thank God she is in good spirit, eating well and her bedsores are getting better. She is thankful to her caregivers and the residents who encourage her. She also expresses her heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to you for your support, prayer and giving to the ministry and her medical needs.

The Board of Directors would like to thank each of you for your prayers and financial giving towards 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. In view of the Covid-19 situation where many have been affected financially, we stand with our brothers and sisters in looking to God for his provision. If you feel led to give, we are thankful.

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| 1 | CENTRAL KITCHEN | | |
| 2 | 1 NEW PASSENGER VEHICLE | | |
| 3 | GENERAL FUND | | |
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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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Letter from Pastor Tan Hock Seng

“Lockdown But Not Knockout”

“Though the fig tree should not blossom,
 And there be no fruit on the vines,
 Though the yield of the olive should fail,
 And the fields produce no food,
 Though the flock should be cut off from the fold,
 And there be no cattle in the stalls,
 Yet I will exult in the LORD,
 I will rejoice in the God of my salvation.”

Habakkuk 3:17-18

Life under Lockdown

The most-used word this year will undoubtedly be “COVID-19”. The World Health Organization coined this name for the novel coronavirus, and since then, COVID-19 has gone on to become a worldwide pandemic, causing much economic and social hardship. Due to its outbreak, the authorities have had to introduce preventive measures to curb its spread. Seeing the populace come together, united with one purpose during this circuit breaker period, is heart-warming. We wear a mask at all times, go out alone, observe safe distancing, and keep at least one metre away from each other. Let us continue to stay united and remain committed to these safety measures in order to resolve this virus problem.

We at the Hiding Place are in lockdown mode too, and all is still well over here. We thank God for your sincere prayers and generosity towards the Hiding Place. As a Hiding Place family, we would like to say a big “Thank You” to all our supporters who have been contributing and supporting us all this while, including the friends and anonymous contributors who have provided us with meal donations during this period. Thank you so much.

Not a Knockout

How may we continue to live our lives full of peace, even in the midst of a pandemic?

Throughout this stay-home duration, I have been applying one lesson I learnt when I was a younger Christian. In fact, it is one of Sister Christina's constant teachings - when it is boring, you make it interesting! Another relevant takeaway that comes to mind is one I heard while driving a missionary back home after he had visited us. I had asked him how he managed to support himself and his work. He then shared a story from one of the classes he taught about mission work. During that class, he told everyone who came that he had a company which provided for his every mission endeavour and all his personal needs. "They are looking for people to franchise," he said, "Is anyone interested?" Everybody raised their hands. Then the missionary replied, "Take out your paper and pencils, and copy this website... www.fasting&prayer.com". The class went silent for a while, before everyone burst out in laughter.

I also looked at the missionary and laughed. I told him, "You are funny!" This missionary is none other than Rev. Irvin E. Rutherford. His story remains relevant to our current circumstances today. In situations like this, I have learnt to be still and pray.

There is also much we can learn from people of the past whose attitudes can help inform the way we approach the things happening in our world right now. Those people had to respond to challenges very similar to COVID-19. Pastor Edmund Chua, one of our directors, shared such an example with us from Martin Luther. When Martin Luther was dealing with The Black Death plague, he wrote these wise words:

"I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance inflict and pollute others and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, he will surely find me and I have done what he has expected of me and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others. If my neighbour needs me however I shall not avoid place or person but will go freely as stated above. See this is such a God-fearing faith

because it is neither brash nor foolhardy and does not tempt God." (Taken from Luther's Works, Volume 43, Page 132, the letter "Whether one may flee from a Deadly Plague" written to Rev. Dr. John Hess)

Lord, set us free from panic. Let Your peace rule our hearts and minds; and as we surrender and submit in worship, may we be found doing Your will, in Your Victory, in this troubled world. Amen.

We may be in a lockdown, but this is by no means a knockout – not while we live in Christ.

House News

A) RESIDENTS' UPDATE

Presently we have a total of 13 residents in the programme. Bro Jeremy L and Bro Lester joined us just before the start of the circuit breaker and they are fitting in well. Praise the Lord that Bro Jeremy L has come to accept Jesus as his Lord and Saviour. Bro Matthew is adjusting to online learning and will be taking his second term SUSS exams soon. Brother Ronnie completed his programme and has gone home to his family. Pray that he will resist all temptations and to walk close with God.

B) RENOVATION OF BEDOK PREMISES

Due to Covid-19, the renovation work at Jalan Haji Salam has stopped. Please pray for good coordination with putting in the finishing touches when the work starts again, a smooth process of moving in and favour with our new neighbours. We continue to look to the Lord for the provision of funds for the renovation expenses and repayment of loans.

C) DEMOLITION WORK AT 50 JALAN LEKAR

With the delay of the move to Bedok, work to demolish structures at Jalan Lekar so as to return the place in its original condition has slowed down. The tentage which has housed countless Hiding Place celebrations has been taken down. The other structures will be taken down as the move to Bedok begins. The demolition work involves both physical labour and the use of machinery. Please pray for wisdom, team work, safety and protection for the staff and residents as they do the work.