

## The Turning Point Newsletter – January 2019

Dear Friends,

Greetings from The Turning Point (TTP) in the Mighty Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Times flies and we have moved into a new year, laden with much anticipation that God will once again do His mighty work of grace through this ministry that He called into being in 1990.

2018 was an eventful year for TTP. We had 21 new residents, age 24 – 67 and 4 walk-ins. Fifty percent were admitted with serious medical problems and Staff worked tirelessly, escorting them to clinics and hospitals for treatment. Volunteers also showed kindness, encouragement and prayed for the residents' recovery.

We thank God for the many dedicated and loving volunteers who interact regularly with our residents, helping them to develop a better sense of self-esteem and hope in their lessons of self-awareness and in the uphill journey of transformation.

Praise God that some of them have served this ministry for more than 20 years, demonstrating love in numerous ways.

We joyfully share with you the recent water baptism of seven ex-residents who accepted Christ in 2017. Praise the Lord indeed.



Our 2018 Christmas celebrations was jointly organized by Providence Presbyterian Church and The Turning Point. Besides ice-breaking, bonding games and tasty food, they were privileged to hear the moving testimony of a Mediacorp artiste, Ms Felicia Chin who shared God's mercies on the saving grace of her mother's life and her own.

There was also sad news in 2018 of ex-residents who relapse soon after completing the recovery program at TTP. As such, we covet your prayer support that God will enable them to repent and make a comeback to TTP to follow the Lord and to work on their recovery.

We are grateful to God for showing us favour with the Singapore Prison Service, SCORE, NCSS and MCYS with whom we have established a good working relationship. He had also blessed our ministry abundantly through the generous giving of individual donors, churches and government grants for the effective execution of our rehabilitation program.

Though many of our residents sent to us by the Prisons have medical challenges and 80% of our staff are in their fifties, we thank the Lord for His hand of protection over their minds and health in this 24-7 residential setting. Indeed, they have much emotional baggage and hurts from the past to contend with. As such, we covet your prayer support that God will continue to watch over our ministry. Without His divine wisdom and discernment, we would not be able to lead our residents out of the labyrinth of

a messed-up mind and life into one of sanity, stability and holiness. For “our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the powers of this dark world.” Ephesians 6:12.

We want to praise the Lord that TTP has been selected as one of the 13 beneficiaries of the fundraising photo exhibition featuring works by our Speaker of Parliament Mr Tan Chuan-Jin. The publicity write-up for the event together with the order form has been attached.

We hope that you can support us through your participation in this fundraising project. The exhibition is open for public viewing from 1<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 at the Far East Plaza Level 2 Concourse. You can also log in to [www.hia.sg/ourplaceintheworld](http://www.hia.sg/ourplaceintheworld) to view the exhibition catalogue.

Personally, I give grateful thanks to God for blessing me four and a half years, serving as Executive Director. It is time for me to move on so that a younger person, Talia Lee, can take over the helm. Talia is passionate in serving the rejected as she had started a ministry for young female dropouts nine years ago. My prayer is that she will take this ministry to higher level of professional service with your prayer and support. As for me, I am reminded of the words of John the Baptist: “He must increase and I must decrease” (John 3:30). This is a time for me to prayerfully move on to new pastures which the Lord will show to me when I have rested and refreshed myself in His Word.

As I take my leave from The Turning Point, I wish to give my deepest gratitude to our Executive Committee for giving me the opportunity to serve in this amazing ministry and been so supportive of me personally over the years.

As we are at the threshold of the Lunar New Year, we would like to wish you a Blessed 2019, bubbling with the joy and strength of the Lord.

*Together in His Service,*

*Joyce Neo*

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