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The Turning Point Newsletter – Sept 2013

***And my God will supply every need of yours
according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ~ Philippians 4:19***

Greetings to all our readers in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. When we least expected it, God saw to our needs. A few days after we had discussed the need to look around for some cupboards for our staff and residents, 30 new cabinets arrived from a generous donor. It was truly heaven sent. A miracle !

We are certain and grateful to the many people in our community who pray fervently for us. Through God's grace, we have literally witnessed HIS hand in providing for us in such a miraculous way. This makes me recall how the Israelites must have felt when God, after parting the Red Sea and making it possible for them to leave the land of bondage, proved HIS reality in a myriad of miracles as recorded in the book of Exodus.

The Almighty is very real to us who are serving in this ministry. Our residents are also experiencing God in one way or another, exploring and discovering more about who God is, and how HE has and will touch their lives. Below is a testimony of how one of our residents who relates how she found the Lord and has been delivered from bondage and found liberty in Christ. Praise the Lord!

Below is a testimony of one of our ex-residents who experienced the transforming power of the Lord Jesus in her life.

"My name is A. and I am a single mother of a lovely boy of 14. In 2006, I was sent to The Turning Point for 12 months of heroin rehabilitation by Chanqi Womens' DRC after more than a decade of life as a drug addict. During the programme, I learned how to connect to God through His Son Jesus Christ. I left in 2007 with the habit of praying to God day and night, through ups and downs, good or bad times. When I face any temptation, I learned to stop and say "No" to temptation through prayer; that God will deliver me from these urges and thoughts.

I know that a relapse can happen anytime. And so, when I bump into my old friends, I will just say "Hi and Bye" in the same breath. I will also not ask or give my contact number so as not to set myself up for a relapse in the future. Whenever I think of my 90-year-old grandma, my son, and his nanny who has looked after him since his birth, I tell myself that I must change. I want my son to be able to lift his head high whenever he thinks of his mother. Another reason is my paternal aunt. She refused to speak to me for many years when I was a drug addict. But when she saw the drastic changes in me after my programme at The Turning Point, we reconciled.

Another thing that I learned at The Turning Point was to bake and bake... cookies and cakes! This aunt bought me an oven so that I could bake after work to earn more pocket money. Now I am running a food stall selling things that I create – durian crepes, cookies, rojak, English pies, desserts, etc. It is a decent living and the air outside the prison walls still smells fresher than the air inside. God also led me back to my sewing and craftwork. Today, I make handicrafts to earn a little more income and also to decorate my stall. It is so fun!

I love my son. He is so sensible and thrifty. As a single mother, I have to be strict with him. I always tell him: "Mum is working hard to support you and so you must work hard to have a good future". I tell him that no one can take his education from him, unlike money which can be stolen. When I see my sister who is still lost in the maze of drugs, I know that it is by God's grace that I am who I am today.

Most nights I only sleep 3 hours as I need to do the food preparation but I realised that I have already wasted so many years of my life in the slumber of drugs. I always remember Proverbs 13:4 as it tells me that a sluggard's appetite is never filled but the desires of the diligent are fully satisfied. And so I keep myself busy in my food business for my family's security. One of my motivations is this: I have refused to cut my hair since The Turning Point days and so my hair is now seven years long. It is my way of celebrating my recovery. If you have time, do come and visit me at the second level of Simpang Bedok Food Centre. I am at Happy Bake, unit 02-04. You must come and try my delicacies. My food is all handmade, even the pastry for my pies. I believe that you will love it!"

As you can see from the above testimony, Turning Point is still in the business of helping the lost and the wayward to direct them back on the right track with the guidance of our Lord who continues to use us as His instrument.

Together in His Service,

Mei Ling

Executive Director, The Turning Point

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