

The Turning Point Newsletter

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Greetings in Jesus, Name!

Good Friday commemorates the death of Jesus Christ and marks the day when our Lord died on the cross for the sins of the world. At Gethsemane, Jesus watched and prayed through the dark hours on his knees in agony, had looked to the Father for strength and was ministered to by Angels. At Calvary, in his darkest hour in bearing the sin of the world on the cross, Jesus cried out to God and suffered abandonment by the Father until death "It is finished" as he drew his last breath. He had denied himself in obedience to his Father's will and became propitiation for our sins, having paid its price in full by the shedding of his blood. On Easter, we celebrate the Risen Christ, Son of the living God. He has conquered death and is now seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty interceding for the saints. Jesus will return again! Hallelujah!

Reflecting on Holy Week, Jesus never stopped watching and praying throughout his ministry on earth. He continues to intercede for us in heaven. Jesus' disciples Peter, James and John reminds us of our lack in watching and praying through the hard times! At the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus' disciples whom he had called to watch and be alert had fallen asleep. They were unprepared when the enemy came for Jesus. What appeared to be a rational act of protecting their master, Jesus demonstrated his unfailing love and mercy when he restored the ear of the guard who came to arrest him. Jesus taught us what it means to be gracious to others when our prayer life is consistent. Watch and pray! *"Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always." 1 Chronicles 16:11.* *Be sober-minded and alert. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." 1 Peter 5:8.*

We are living in unpredictable times with post-covid re-opening. Beginning with ourselves, let us watch and pray to stay alert just as Jesus had demonstrated in His calling! It calls for the Body of Christ to gather in church as community of believers for worship, prayer, fellowship and encouragement as we see the day approaching. We thank God for this season of harvest and rejoice with six ex-residents (Diana, Siew Geok, Leng Leng, Pei Lin, Sumarti and Wee Heok) who have decided to follow the Lord in water baptism and membership into Church communities of faith. It is our prayer that each be integrated into the spiritual life of the church.

We are grateful for the continued support of our donors, church partners and volunteers alongside TTP in this restorative work of rebuilding lives. We are pleased with the good reception to our two mental health talks organized for Volunteers in March and April. With the reopening, if you and/or friend/s are interested to impart a skill such as IT, fitness, music, art & craft, baking etc, do drop us an email at volunteer@theturningpoint.org.sg. We will be arranging more engagement sessions in the months to come. God bless!

Together in His Service,



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Announcements

- **Notification of TTP Annual General Meeting 2022** will be announced in May 2022
- **Newsletter in August 2022** will be available on our Website www.theturningpoint.org.sg. Kindly write in to volunteer@theturningpoint.org.sg if you wish to receive a hardcopy.
- **A note to our donors:** All donors are to provide their full name and tax reference number (NRIC/FIN/UEN) to The Turning Point in order to be given double-tax deduction for their donations. Our staff will submit information on your **donations** to IRAS through a special portal created for this purpose. You may also donate via our website.

Annex A: Activities

Good Friday Worship at New Creation Church



Ex-residents-TingHui & Charlotte share



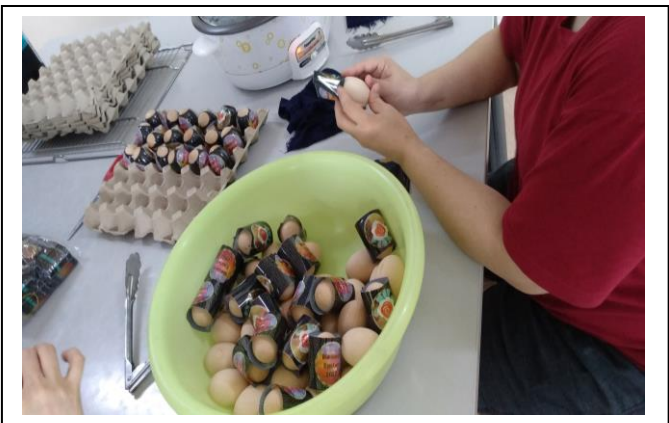
Easter Sunday at Full Gospel Assembly



U Fellowship Sharing



Preparatory work phase : Easter Egg Project



Packing several items -3000 gift boxes



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Testimonies of TTP Ex-residents baptized on Easter Sunday 17 April 2022

Tan Siew Geok

“I am glad and feel blessed to be baptized on this special day, the day of our Lord Jesus’s resurrection. I accepted Christ as my Saviour some 50 years ago but never have the desire to be baptized. Why? I was a very self-centred person, prideful and arrogant, and also have difficulty with anger management. I loved myself and the world **more than I love the Lord.**



Again and again, I failed God, backslided and many things went wrong throughout my life. In Dec 2019, I was blessed with a six months programme with The Turning Point. During the programme, the volunteers and staff not only shared God’s Word with me, they guided and encouraged me. Gradually, I learned to let go of my past, learned to be humble and submissive not only to God, but to people

He have authorised over me. Truly, I am grateful and appreciated all the staff and volunteers at TP. Indeed God had blessed me with a place where He wanted me to be. I learned to be contented with the blessings from God. The Turning Point is truly my turning point. I continued to join FGA after my programme where I continued to learn from Elder Woon, sis Batching, sis Lee Leng and others in my cell group. The sermons shared here have truly enriched me. Thank you everyone who helped me throughout these my two years of my journey with God. Above all, I thank God for His love, grace and mercy. Glory and praise to our Almighty God!

Soh Leng Leng

我小的时候，没有一个很好的成长环境。我是外婆带大的，因为没有人管教我，我读完小学就没有读书了，然后我就认识到一些损友，跟着他们喝酒，用毒品，过着很乱糟糟的生活。

我很年轻就结婚，有三个孩子，可是因为自己不学好，结果婚姻破裂。但我没有醒悟，还是过得很潦倒，直到我四十岁被捕。我在监狱的时候，便要求我的妹妹给我带一本圣经。我开始学读圣经，参加聚会。其实，我年轻的时候就有听说过耶稣。在我的心里，我知道祂是神，可是没有人带我去教会。

后来，我来到了转捩点，来到了 FGA，参加小组。我很开心。我很想好好改变，从新做人，可是我没有办法改掉喝酒的习惯。每天都喝，我也曾去过 IMH 戒酒，可是出狱后，我又去喝酒。

感谢主，Lee Leng 姐妹一直鼓励我要坚持祷告，耶稣一定会教我的。我心里知道，靠自己改不了的。我挣扎了很久。有一天，我就决定我要坚持祷告！我把自己关起来，求耶稣救我，一直祷告，不停的祷告。当时非常辛苦。。。到了第四天，我感觉自己完全好了，一点都不想喝酒了！

今天，我要接受洗礼，向世界宣告我是属于耶稣的！虽然以后还是会遇到问题，但是我相信，耶稣一定会帮助我的。感谢主，荣耀归于祂！



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Poh Pei Lin



我从小就没有温暖的家，虽然爸爸疼我，但是妈妈常常打我，打得很厉害。我 12-13 岁便离家出走，后来就认识到一些不好的朋友，开始了吸毒。

我第一次被捕是 17 岁。前后进出了监狱三次。

信主的过程：

大概在 12 岁，我跟朋友去教会，妈妈知道后便打我，打到非常严重！后来我在也敢去教会了。

感谢主，那一次我去教会时，我便接受了耶稣为救主。

我进了监狱后，就要求了接受基督教的辅导，上圣经学，学习读圣经，更认识主耶稣。

信主后的改变：

这些年，我已经和家人失去了联络，但我现在有自己的阿爸天父。

我无家可归，祂派人来收留我，帮助我。特别要感谢 Siew Kuan 姐妹，现在我就住在她的家，感谢主！

我在监狱的时候，感谢主，祂鼓励我，坚持努力读书，让我考到了 N 水准文凭。

在转捩点时，我遇到一些很难相处的人，在我濒临放弃时，感谢主，Lee Leng 姐妹一直鼓励我，叫我不不要被影响，要向前看！

以前的我，脾气很坏，很容易跟别人起冲突。感谢主，现在我已经能轻易的原谅别人，不跟他人计较。因为我记得有一首诗歌的其中一段是：耶稣被骂不还口。我心里想，我也要跟耶稣一样，被骂不还口。