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## The Turning Point Newsletter - August 2015

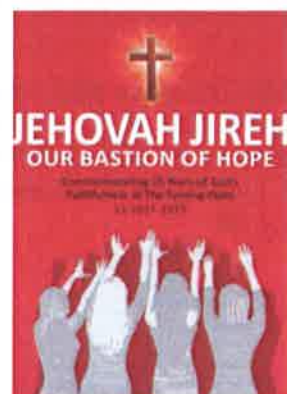
**"Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the LORD Almighty" Zech 4:6  
Commemorating 25 years of God's Faithfulness at the Turning Point**

Dear Friends of The Turning Point,

Greetings in the Precious Name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ!

In the August Newsletter 2010, our Founder, Ms Florence Ng thanked the Lord "for the miracle that The Turning Point is still around after 20 years". This statement echoes the sentiments of our Executive Committee, Staff and Volunteers today as we recall the difficult and arduous journey in this Ministry of women caught in the web of substance abuse, its related vices and other criminal offences.

I quote, " On this joyous day of thanksgiving we are grateful to Jehovah Jireh, our Provider for 25 years of God's Faithfulness in The Turning Point" well said by our long-standing Chairman, Mrs Thumboo-Yeo Swee Ching on 11 July 2015. It was really heartwarming to see the presence of three hundred well-wishers (including 55 of our ex-residents) rejoicing with us and encouraging us on that day. The gathering felt like a big family reunion as some of our guests were Volunteers with us way back in 1990 when the halfway house was initiated.



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We were privileged to have the presence of our Guest-of-Honour, Ms Low Yen Ling, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Social and Family Development and Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Mayor, South West District. In her speech, she drew the audience's attention to the commemorative book produced by The Turning Point to mark our 25th Anniversary. She said that this book 'is a record of our amazing journey. It chronicles not just the good work of The Turning Point but the inspiring testimonies of God's goodness in the lives of many over-comers. The road to transformed lives has never been easy. Yet, these women braved the odds to build a brighter future for themselves. We applaud all of them for their courage and strength'.

During the ceremony, Rev. Steven Tay shared the Word of God from the Book of Hosea. He reminded us that our God is One who would go through extreme measures to wait for the return of His prodigal children for He longs for them to take cover under His canopy of love and forgiveness. He also reminded us of the long and painful journey that our Holy God undertake to redeem us, His wayward people, culminating in the sacrifice of His One and Only Son at the cross at Calvary. Herein lies the essence of The Turning Point ministry: to reflect the amazing and stubborn love of God to women offenders and their families in Singapore.

The video screening on the life of an ex-resident, Serene, was well received. It gave us a rare glimpse into the excruciating ordeals that Serene suffered as a child, growing up in a dysfunctional family. Many a time, she tried to run away from home and from those painful memories. Eventually, she escaped by numbing herself with drugs and it led her into a tumultuous journey of heroin addiction for 20 years of her life. Many tears were shed when Serene appeared on stage to testify that in managing to move on by God's strength she has found peace in her walk with Him.

A week before our 25th Anniversary, a resident requested for a time slot as she felt compelled to give glory to God. Ms X shared how she has experienced the wonderful, unbelievable grace of God since coming into our rehabilitated programme. God has given her the hunger for His Word and has enabled the Staff and Volunteers to feed that hunger in her soul.

Throughout the event, the mood was a relaxed and casual one. The air was filled with the joyful laughter of reunion as most of them stayed back for fellowship over dinner. It was also a catch-up time for many past and present Clients and Volunteers. A past Volunteer wrote us a text message : "Thank you for the invitation. It really was an inspiring gathering, especially Serene's testimony... so touching". A Director from a Rehabilitation Centre wrote to say that he was deeply touched and inspired by what The Turning Point has been doing for the residents over the years. Guests also appreciate TTP Aftercare financial assistance for needy Ex-Clients.

As The Turning Point crosses this significant milestone in our journey, we are reminded of the faithfulness and grace of God in our uphill tasks. This Ministry has survived many storms and heartbreaking issues because of the unceasing dedication and hard work of our Executive Committee, Staff and Volunteers. Since 1995, we had co-ventured with Changi Women Prison / Drugs Rehab Centre to take in mandated inmates under their various schemes which includes Penal Code offenders in 2006. Walk-in cases are welcomed too after their detox stint in IMH.

In her Message, Mrs Thumboo also noted that more than 750 women have been touched by our programme based on The Word of God. A good number of ladies have abandoned darkness for The Light and are sharing God's Love with their loved ones and friends. The Lord also answered our prayer for three over-comers to serve Him in TTP. Indeed we stand amazed at God's wondrous grace and, by the Holy Spirit enabling us to do His Will, we will not fail.

We say a big " Thank You" to our generous Donors, supporting Churches n Volunteers for your partnership and co-labouring with us to enable our women to enjoy the Joy of Jesus Christ in their lives.

In closing, we covet your prayers for us to press on with hearts of thanksgiving, humility and hope. May we take comfort in Paul's letter to the Galatians "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart" Gal: 6:9

All Glory to God in the Highest for Great is His Faithfulness!

Together in His Service,

**Joyce Neo**

Executive Director, The Turning Point

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