

# The Helping Hand

“Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest” Matthew 11:28

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## A Visit from The President of Singapore



On 18 April 2019, we were honoured to have President Halimah Yacob come and visit The Helping Hand. Upon President Halimah's arrival, she was welcomed by our Governing Board members, our CEO and Executive Director. President Halimah was then ushered to a specially designated room, where our CEO presented our programmes and services. After the presentation, President Halimah had a dialogue session with four of The Helping Hand's staff who were ex-addicts themselves. Through the dialogue, she was given insights as to how our guys got involved with drugs and the difficulties they faced trying to get out of their addiction. Although it was difficult getting out of their addiction, it was not impossible with the help of God, as shared by their life-changing testimonies. All they needed was a helping hand from God and His people.



After the dialogue session, President Halimah was given a tour around The Helping Hand's premises. She was shown our dormitories where our residents stayed and our Removal & Furniture Department where we help our guys get back to a normal work routine as well as generate funds to sustain the needs of our ministry. President Halimah also saw our cosy garden where the staff and helpers tend to their plants, birds and fish.



Many of us were touched by President Halimah's willingness to stop, listen and talk to our guys who were once considered social outcasts by society. President Halimah even went a step further when she entertained requests to have photographs taken with her. She really is a down-to-earth person who showed genuine concern for the work we are doing and the people we were helping. We thank God for the visit and it is truly a blessing for The Helping Hand to be included into the President's busy agenda.



All Glory to God!

## EVANGELISTIC-CUM-FAMILY NIGHT DINNER



The Evangelistic-cum-Family Night Dinner took place at The Helping Hand on 29 June 2019 with a good turn-out. The mission of The Helping Hand is to share God's love to people who need the Lord including the family members of

the residents who come into our program. Brother Kelvin Chua and Sister Gina Ang led in the worship that truly magnified His Name, followed by a testimony from Brother John Siva on how God has miraculously transformed his life.



The pulpit was handed over to Rev Kwan Yew Weng, our invited Speaker, who spoke on Acts 9:1-9. The message was clearly delivered, and the speaker managed to captivate his listeners with his humorous delivery. It was so encouraging to see hands raised during the altar call. Indeed, heaven rejoices over any sinner who repents and turns to God.



The meeting ended with residents bringing their family members around the premises and showing them their living quarters where they will be spending the next few months of their program. It is encouraging to see family members of residents come together because family support plays an important role in their recovery. We pray that through this gathering, we could pave the way towards the bonding and mending of broken relationships.



The guests were then treated to a sumptuous spread prepared by our very own kitchen staff. Sweetness is always welcomed by the tongue's taste buds and as such, an ice cream vendor was engaged to provide a sweet dessert for the night.

We thank God for such an occasion and for the many more to come. We pray that those who attended would have experience the love and grace of God and will respond positively according to God's perfect timing.



## MISSION TRIP TO TANJUNG PINANG



3 days were set aside from 23-25 March 2019 for a mission trip to Tanjung Pinang. This was a maiden trip for The Helping Hand and a team of 11 brothers led by our Executive Director, Richard Khalil, met at the Tanah Merah Ferry Terminal and took the 11:30 am ferry to Tanjung Pinang. The journey took 1 hour and 45 minutes and we arrived at the Tanjung Pinang Ferry Terminal (Bintan), tired after a bumpy ride and checked into CK Tanjung Pinang Hotel & Convention Centre.



After freshening ourselves, we headed for the Panti Asuhan (Christian Orphanage). We were surrounded by little ones, abandoned but not forsaken. The sight of these unfortunate ones, momentarily, reminded us of how fortunate we are. 2 groups of children presented song items and truly we are encouraged to see their joyful countenance. One of our brothers,

Kuan Kiong Lik, shared his testimony about God's amazing love and we hope that we were able to encourage the children with this important truth.



The next morning, we worshipped at the Impact Community Ministries and had a good time of fellowshiping and interacting with the Indonesian brothers and sisters in Christ. Brother Richard shared a message from Matthew 11:28, we did a song presentation and another brother, Lam Kheen Mun, shared his testimony about how he has been transformed by God's amazing grace.



On the last day of our stay in Tanjung Pinang, we visited the Tanjung Pinang Prison. As we entered the prison grounds, we were firmly reminded of those days we were incarcerated and how thankful we are for our new-found freedom in Christ. Our prayer is that these prisoners will soon be set free from the bondages of sin. Brother



Jason shared a message to encourage the brothers there.

After the visitation, we made our way to the ferry terminal for another 1 hour and 45 minutes ride back to our homeland. Thank God for allowing us to share His love in this remote part of the world. We are indeed saved to serve.



## ADDITIONAL "FACELIFT" FOR OUR CHAPEL



In 2018, a member of the Mustard Seed Community Church provided finances to re-carpet our Chapel, build a new stage and drum platform. Thank God that this kind-hearted brother once again gave



us a substantial amount to beautify our ceiling, change our light fixtures to provide more conducive lightings and replace four of our old air-conditioners with brand new ones.

The whole process took 2 weeks and we are blessed with a cool and conducive Chapel for our daily devotions and counselling sessions. Thank God for His providence.

## A TRAINING VISIT FOR OUR VISITORS FROM MYANMAR



From 8–18 May 2019, The Helping Hand was given the opportunity to host 10 personnel on a training visit from Myanmar, a country with a population of 54 million and having a serious drug problem. They were leaders, respectively from Pat Jasan Rebirth Rehab Centre, Nam Kyin Rehab Centre, Mina Rehab Centre and New Life in Christ Centre. The delegation arrived on the night of 8 May 2019 and the following morning, our Executive Director and HODs from the various departments warmly welcome them and conducted a Programme Briefing and introduction to the organizational structure of The Helping Hand.



An itinerary was mapped out over the next 10 days. To build a rapport, a leisure outing to the Universal Studios Singapore with a range of movie-themed attractions was organized, followed by training visits to the National Addictions

Management Services, WeCare Community Services and HCSA Community Services. A two-day Counselling/Forum was conducted by the Department of Psychology Medicine (Changi General Hospital) to create awareness of the effects of drug abuse.

It was indeed a privilege for The Helping Hand to work hand-in-hand with co-workers from Myanmar, a predominantly Buddhist country and the world's second-largest producer of opium. The delegation left with ample inputs to continue the battle against the menacing drug situation in their home country.





## 新加坡总统莅临援手之家



我们莫大的荣幸能有我国哈莉玛总统于今年 4 月 18 日莅临援手之家。她在我们的总干事，理事成员和执行同工的热情欢迎陪同下走访机构。



紧接着她的抵达，我们邀请她到一间早已预备，舒适的地方，开始她到访的会谈。由我们的执行总裁开始介绍中心的运作与康复疗程服务。随后，哈莉玛总统也和我们的四位前瘾者，现任同工对话。他们与总统分享自己是如何的染上毒瘾，以及他们觉悟后又如何面对，无法摆脱毒瘾捆绑的困惑和挣扎的经历。透过交谈，总统不单对瘾君子有更多在知识上的了解，更看见，虽然戒毒是件非常艰难之事，就因着上帝恩手的帮助下，那不是一件不可能的事。同工们活生生的生命见证，就诉说了，他们需要上帝大能的双手和他子民的援助。



对话会谈后，我们也一起陪同哈莉玛总统，参观学员们宿舍和我们的家具及搬家部门。这些部门也为该中心提供部分资金收入，并帮助学员操练回归正常的工作生活。工作不忘娱乐，总统也参观了由同工和助手们所设置的温馨小角，里面可是，鸟语花香，还有鱼儿水中游的美丽小花园。



哈莉玛总统的真诚感动了，我们中心的许多人。她的愿意停下脚步，来与曾被社会弃绝和遗忘的一群交谈，聆听他们的心声，甚至和她一起拍照留念。她是一位亲民又实在的领导。她的亲临更告诉我们，她诚恳关怀我们手所做的工作，并给予肯定和勉励。



满心感谢上帝，走访援手之家能够纳入总统繁忙的议程，使我们蒙福。

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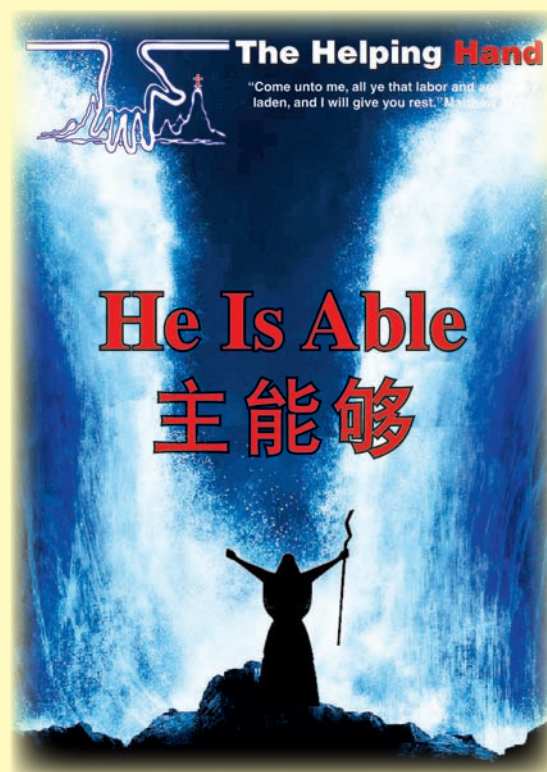
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# Pray With Us

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## The Helping Hand's prayer requests and needs

1. Pray for the staff to continue serving the Lord with zeal and diligence. That together in unity and harmony, they will live exemplary lives that will encourage the residents and bring glory to God's name.
2. Pray that the residents who walk through the gates of The Helping Hand will come to know Jesus as their personal Lord and Saviour.
3. Pray that the Lord will bless our Furniture and Moving businesses so that we can generate the necessary funds to sustain our ministry.

S/No	Items	Amount
1	One Chainsaw	\$350
2	One Grasscutter Machine	\$450

We are grateful to all the people who are being used by the Lord to provide for our needs. Your every act of generosity is deeply appreciated and is a great encouragement to us as we continue to labour for the Lord.

**All Cash donations to The Helping Hand are tax-exempt**