



AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2023

Dear Friends of HOLF,

Our hearts were overflowing with gratitude when we celebrated our 58th anniversary on 13 August 2023. We thank God for leading HOLF for 58 years to achieve His plans and purposes. We thank Him for his provision and protection. We trust HIM to continue sustaining us as we enter the next new chapter.



This year we organized a 24-hour prayer day on 12 August 2023. This was a meaningful prayer day for HOLF in preparation for our 58th anniversary. We thank our prayer friends who joined us from around the globe as they remembered us in prayer. We are eager to share with you our upcoming plans.

In addition to our ongoing services, we would also like to extend our service to provide short-term residential care for those students who have reached 18 years of age and who need to move out of their school dormitories because they have not been successful in finding a suitable place of residence after leaving their special needs schools.

We are now in the process of selecting a suitable architect and contractor for the Tai Po Site Project upon which we will need to rebuild. We are praying that we can find someone who has the vision to create a space that is perfectly suited to provide for the needs of those with a diverse range of disabilities.

Because of your support and encouragement and through your prayers and serving we have the encouragement and faith to continue to serve our current and future residents.

*"Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit,"
says the Lord Almighty.*

- Zechariah 4:6

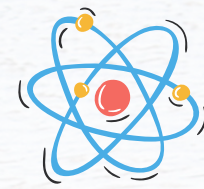


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The Home of Loving Faithfulness holds a valid licence issued by the Social Welfare Department as a Registered Cared Home for Person with Disabilities.



Training



We would like to continue to develop our individual training programme for our residents. The care plan we have developed according to each resident's individual needs will enable us to keep track of their learning and work with them so that they can all reach their potential in several areas, including emotional and physical well-being, cognitive ability and social awareness and independence skills.

We now have an area that is more conducive to providing more of these learning opportunities and the space makes it easy for our residents to get outside into the sensory garden as well, where there are more opportunities for physical and life skills activities.

Sensory activities



Staff practising



Occupational therapy



Occupational therapy assesment





Activities & Volunteering

Role-playing



Interactive activities



Birthday party



Visiting our residents



creativity



Sunday cooking



54th Anniversary celebration





Message from the Trustees



A favourite hymn for many at HOLF is

*“What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins, and griefs to bear,
what a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace, we often forfeit, oh what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.”*

A humbling message as we know we should spend more time in prayer... Hence the need for our recent 24-hour prayer day. What a wonderful blessing to have many of you supporting us in prayer over that 24-hour period in different time zones around the world. Thank you so much for this and your encouraging messages which blessed us in so many ways. We are so humbled by your toiling with us which spurs us on through the ups and downs of our lives.

We are also blessed to say that we have survived the recent Typhoon 10 and the black rain storm which led to the largest amount of rainfall in one day since records began in the 1840s! Thankfully, only minimal flooding and damage were done for HOLF but major traumas for some others in HK. Special thanks to Wenda and the staff who prepared well and handled these situations calmly and well blessed of course by God's amazing grace.

As I write today, we see a beautiful clear blue sky as we approach the mid-autumn festival in just over a week's time. Refreshing to see the sunshine as we transition from summer to autumn and, so it often seems, swiftly to winter. What a blessing to have seasons which also represent the changes in our lives. So whether you feel in the “winter season” there is spring to come. Each season brings its own joys and blessings, even if tinged with other aspects of life. As the hymn goes on to share:

*“We should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer”*
Thank you for your friendship and care for us...joining us in prayer.

It's so special seeing the photographs of the activities of our residents - especially the photos of visitors engaging and connecting with them. Seeing you with them... playing music, singing songs, taking them for walks and outings, ministering to them in different ways! Wow, how special.

What a blessing to be “re-opened” now after several years of being behind closed doors due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All the more special is that we can celebrate our reopening with an open day and re-opening ceremony of Block C on Saturday 14th October 23 at 2 p.m.

We hope many will join us for this special celebration...giving thanks to God for his many blessings and for all those who contributed to this re-engineering of our premises and the maintenance of our facilities (which meant no leaks during the recent storms)!

We now have to prepare for the next big new chapter which is the development of new facilities in Tai Po. We are in the process of selecting architects who will guide us through the process of a Town Planning Board application to increase the height limitation for the site (currently one story to 3 stories). We are grateful to have an excellent project manager who can guide us through this process.

No doubt more to share in our Christmas message.

Meanwhile, as we transition through the seasons, we hope and pray you feel blessed and strengthened by God's love and mercy as he brings hope, grace and peace... in abundance we pray... in Jesus's name.

Blessings from the trustees, Andrew, David, Gretchen, Jen. PK and Rebecca.