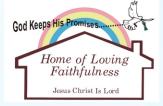
## Spring Wewsletter 2025





"Not to us, Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness."

- Psalm 115:1

Our hearts are overflowing with joy and gratitude as we enter the year 2025. This will be a memorable year for HOLF as we celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We are so grateful to God for sustaining HOLF's work to serve the vulnerable for so many years. We are indeed blessed to have you walk alongside us supporting our ministry.

On 2 January 2025, the Government handed over the land of the Tai Po site to us. We now embark upon a new era for HOLF. Our contractor has started construction of the new premises. As the government is developing Kwu Tung North, we need to be able to move to the new Tao Po site by the end of 2026.



The exterior of the HOLF new building at Tai Po site



We are grateful for the efforts of the architect and consultant team, and we hope that the entire project can be completed smoothly. The new buildings will be able to accommodate 60 residents will also be designed to work as a platform and space for work training. May our work glorify God's name.

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## Vegetable and Herb Garden



So far, spring has been mild, and our garden has had a good harvest. There are tomatoes, ginger, lettuce, bananas, etc. This is very exciting for us and our residents. We have never had so many wonderful things to see and taste. Residents have watched the gradual growth of the plants, and then they got to see the harvest and perhaps taste the food.

Our garden provides a platform for our residents to learn where our food comes from and how it is grown. They can experience what it is like to nurture living things. These are valuable life lessons for them, and we love that they have the opportunity to take part in a

wider range of life skills and experiences.







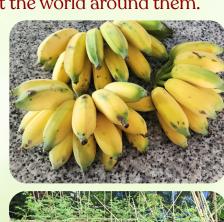


The vegetable and herb garden holds great benefits for our residents. Not only does it allow them a natural place to be in with lots of fresh smells, tastes and textures, but it is also a place of learning and experiences. Ka Lok, Pui Ling and Hephzibah help to take care of the crops by watering them.

It benefits our residents to keep as mobile as possible and keeps their minds active as they do different jobs around the home and garden. By taking part, they are learning more about the world around them.











## Activities and Volunteering







Residents enjoying the parachute game.





Volunteers and residents decorating Easter eggs together.





Volunteers singing for our residents.



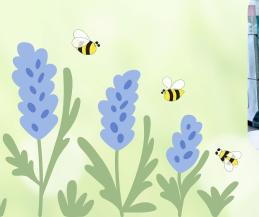




Volunteers singing for our residents.



Delicious food to share.





Thank you Sunday Cooks for making so much delicious food for us.



## Message From The Trustees

Dearest HOLF family friends near and far,

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ" - 1 Peter 1:3

Happy Easter! New beginnings, endless hope, and the beauty of life - is all captured in the celebration of Easter.

We enter Easter season with overflowing gratitude and increased energy as we see and experience the needs of the big family of HOLF being met daily. Each precious one who calls HOLF their home, from the youngest to the eldest, is a recipient of so much love pouring over their lives and we trust that they are living to their fullest potential. We are so grateful for your generosity shown through all of our volunteer supporters, your financial gifts and the many donations from food items to gifts in kind. Every single gesture of support is exceedingly appreciated.

The future relocation of HOLF to Tai Po is approaching in less than two years time with construction now under way. We have set up task force committees to ensure we are well prepared. We are so thankful for those serving on our Building and Interior design Committee (led by trustees Jen, Rebecca and Gretchen), Investment Committee (led by trustees David and Jen), HR & Admin Committee (led by Trustees Gretchen and Rebecca), Government Relations (led by Trustee PK) and our 60th Anniversary Committee (led by Trustees Gretchen and Andrew). Each task-force is supported by our Superintendent Matthew and others whether from the HOLF team or external volunteers. Gretchen now co-chairs the Trustee Board with Andrew which is much welcome support for Andrew and the Board! Thank you Gretchen for stepping into this role.

Please mark your calendars for September 27 afternoon (HK time 16:00) to join our HOLF 60th anniversary celebration as we give thanks to God for His loving faithfulness to the HOLF family over these last 60 years. We also hope there will be a special gathering in the UK at the same time so we can all join together through a live stream with our friends there and elsewhere! More details will be coming soon!

May this Easter season bring you abundant blessings and new hope!