

### Week of Sunday, 5th July 2020

# Helping Covid-19 Patients Warded in Hospitals in Cebu, Philippines

Singaporeans who contract Covid-19 are taken to the hospital by ambulance, warded and if necessary, moved to ICU as a matter of course. In Cebu, Philippines, the hospitals are crowded and overwhelmed; even ICU patients have to wait for an empty bed.



We received an urgent request from brother Chito, asking for help with 3 brethren who are warded in hospitals in Cebu. We have transferred an agape gift of S\$1,000. We reproduce the edited version of his detailed appeal below with photos on page 4.

I am sending to you an appeal I sent out to out to brethren here in the Philippines. The response has not been encouraging. I am forwarding it to you because the need is urgent. I do not like to do this because you have helped us so much already.

We have 3 families here in Cebu province who are positive with Covid-19 and are now under treatment in the hospitals or are isolated under monitoring. Allow me to plead for them at this difficult time:

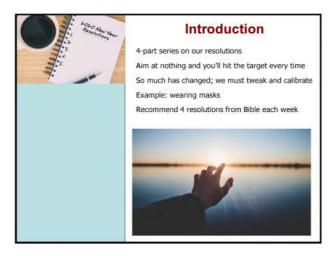
1. Ernesto Baz -89 yo from Oroquieta and has been worshipping at the Downtown congregation because his dialysis treatments are not available in his town and his children are mostly in Cebu. He is now confined at Chong Hua Hospital. He was living with his daughter's family (at least 5 members including children). His caregiver at present is his daughter, Gemma. We ask for your prayers and financial assistance.

- 2. Samuel Rosales in his early 50s is now confined at the Perpetual Succour Hospital. He goes to the Downtown congregation. To make ends meet during lockdown, he was selling puto cheese and puto pao online together with his family who are yet to be tested. Sammy is the breadwinner in their family of 5. I ask for your prayers and financial assistance.
- 3. Ronie Alegre is a member of Lapu-lapu congregation. 2 of his family are in the hospitals already; the 3rd one is in the quarantine facility. The 4th has to stay home to take care of the baby.

I ask for your prayers and financial assistance.

Chito Luis, Cebu, Philippines







# I will resolve to return each day to God

Psalms 118:24 This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it!

Yesterday may not have been so good God has given you another opportunity today Will it be like yesterday?

Seek to give today to God by

- Seeking Him
- Serving your family & friends
- Sharing His love

Today is the beginning of the rest of your life



# Introduction I will resolve to: 1. Return each day to God

# 2. I will resolve to rely on God and be unafraid

Psalms 27:1 The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear? Yahweh is the strength of my life. Of whom shall I be afraid?

So many things in life put fear in our hearts

Health, work, finances, future...

Afraid to lose, depend on others, become senile

To live confidently

- Admit your fears to God
- Acknowledge Him as your Light & Salvation
- Accept Him as the strength of your life

Psalms 20:7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

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Introduction I will resolve to: 1. Return each day to God

2. Rely on God

### 3. I will resolve to cast all my worries on God

1 Peter 5:7-8 Casting all your worries on him, because he cares for you. Be sober and selfcontrolled. Be watchful. Your adversary the devil, walks around like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

What have you been carrying around?

You can unload your cares on God

- Be sober
- Be self-controlled
- Be watchful

The devil wants you to stay worried, until he finally devours you, if your worries don't do you in



- Introduction
  I will resolve to:

- Return each day to God
   Rely on God
   Cast my worries on God

### 4. I will resolve to live as an ambassador of Christ

2 Corinthians 5:20-21 We are therefore ambassadors on behalf of Christ, as though God were entreating by us. We beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For him who knew no sin he made to be sin on our behalf; so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

An ambassador is a representative of another

"Call yourself a Christian!"

- Be reconciled with God
- Become the righteousness of God
- Be aware of your privileges

Example: Social distancing ambassadors



### Introduction

- will resolve to:
- Return each day to God
   Rely on God
- Cast my worries on God
   Live as an ambassador

### 5. I will resolve to forget all that is behind

Philippians 3:13-14 Brothers, I don't regard myself as yet having taken hold, but one thing I do. Forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Looking back:

so many mistakes

so many people done you wrong

Time to ponder, learn

and forget!



# at the Household of Faith

On the right is the reply to our request to resume rental from MYMCA explaining that the 50-person limit for church worship applies only to churches with their own buildings and not to rented facilities. We will continue live streaming until this restriction is lifted.

We are looking forward to our third anniversary in July. We welcome any suggestions from members to celebrate this milestone or combine it with our Missions Sunday in December.

July birthday celebrants:

12th - Goh Chee keong

15th - Goh Ah Moey

21st - Philemon Poon

27th - Tik Goh

Clockwise: Samuel Rosales waiting for ICU; Ernesto Baz is 89; the crowded, overloaded hospitals in Cebu, Philippines.

### Resumption of worship

With reference to my discussion with MCCY, we are informed that the rules and regulations applicable for MYMCA is the one provided to hotels, while the advisory of CPRO last 18 June 2020 is applicable to religious organizations that have their own premises.

Currently, for Phase 2, events allowed in hotels are social gatherings of 5 persons or less, or a solemnization with attendance up to 20 persons only.

In the meantime, we are still not allowed to open our conference facilities for any other religious gatherings.

Should there be any clarification, please feel free to let me know.

Thank you and best regards,

Joshua



### **Emmanuel Joshua Formeloza**

Conference Sales Manager I Hospitality Services





Week of Sunday, 12th July 2020

# Third Anniversary Message

The Household of Faith will celebrate her third anniversary on 16th July. After serving the Pasir Panjang congregation for over 50 years, I had planned to focus on overseas missions.



However, with the current health situation in my family, travel is difficult and God led me to start a new congregation with brother Alfred Poon. At a time and age when large congregations are declining, it would be quite a challenge to begin a new work.

However with the help of brethren at home and abroad, the work started off well and was able to become self supporting after two years.

The Household of Faith has a regular attendance of over 30 and may take another year or two to average around 50. At that time, we can register the congregation with the Registrar of Societies and begin to organize the church. I will hand over some responsibilities to the congregation.

Until that time, I will work with brother Alfred to build the congregation and stabilize the membership, based on my past experience so the church will be on a firm footing.

Right from the beginning, I started the Facebook Household of Faith supporters and friends group to keep supporters and friends informed of the new work. I did not single out anyone to be a member of the new church but announced that anyone who wants to join are welcome.

Thanks to these volunteers, the Household of Faith started well and continues to grow because of the freewill participation of many. On our third anniversary, we welcome an ever increasing number of dedicated and sacrificial partners in our work.

As a small congregation, every member is precious and needed. We do not have the luxury to pick and choose, and truly appreciate the contribution of one and all who has made us what we are today.

Thank God for the past three years and people who have supported the work right from the beginning.

With your prayers, attendance and gifts, we are motivated to give of our very best in building the congregation and reaching out to our family and friends.

Henry Kong, Minister









at the Household of Faith



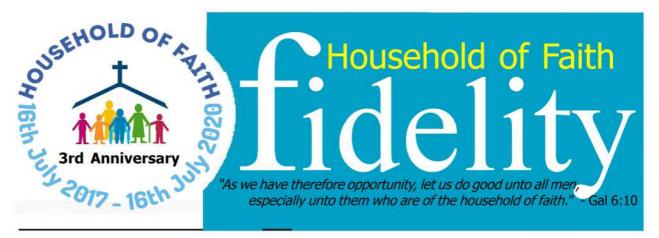
To commemorate our 3rd Anniversary, we are sending a 68-page pdf softcopy of all the weekly Fidelity bulletins from April-June 2020. Just text (+65 93260669) your whatsapp number with country code to get 13 weeks of powerpoint, article, photos and news.

In this issue, we highlight the key events of the Household of Faith and look forward to celebrating our 3rd anniversary together with our Missions Sunday in December.









### Week of Sunday, 19th July 2020

# Give Us 3 Weeks Choose the resolutions you want

The month of July is devoted to sermons on Mid-year Resolutions. I am sharing 5 every week; 20 altogether. Every one is a gem, some may appeal to you more than others. Just choose what you want, and put them into action.



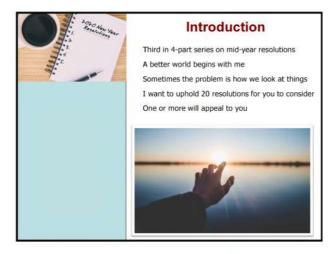
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- by seeking Him, serving family and friends, and sharing His love. Psalms 118:24 This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it!
- 2. I will resolve to rely on God and be unafraid - Focus on what God wants us to do and not on our fear of the consequences. Psalms 27:1 The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear? Yahweh is the strength of my life. Of whom shall I be afraid?
- 3. I will resolve to cast all my worries on God - worries like suitcases are best left with the Lord. What have you been carrying around? You can unload your cares on the Lord. Peter 5:7-8 Casting all your worries on him, because he cares for you.
- 4. I will resolve to live as an ambassador of Christ - so let others may see Christ living in me. 2 Corinthians 5:20-21 We are therefore ambassadors on behalf of Christ, as though God were entreating by us.

- 5. I will resolve to forget all that is behind - and move on, learning from my mistakes and forgiving all who may have wronged me. Philippians 3:13-14 Brothers, I don't regard myself as yet having taken hold, but one thing I do. Forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.
- 6. I will resolve to rely on God in all things - as He will do better than I can ever plan or scheme. Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me.
- 7. I will resolve to triumph over every obstacle - by leaning on the Lord, and not on my own understanding. 2 Corinthians 2:14 Now thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and reveals through us the sweet aroma of his knowledge in every place.

In the next two weeks, I will be sharing another 13 more resolutions from my current sermon series on Mid-year Resolutions. Stay tuned.



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# 11. I will resolve to rely on God to meet my needs

Philippians 4:19 My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Have you ever thought how rich God is?

Psalms 50:10 For every animal of the forest is mine, And the cattle on a thousand hills.

Often, we fall short especially in matters of health

Let go and let God... He can do much better

Ephesians 3:20 Now to him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us



Introduction
I will resolve to:
Rely on God

# 12. I will resolve to be wise in God's wisdom

James 1:5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach; and it will be given to him.

Every day we make so many decisions

We wish we had the wisdom of hindsight

Although some are trivial, our decisions in combination represent who we are and determine our outcomes

No way to reverse the past, but we all can do better from now on - Don't act on impulse. Do take time ponder. Do pray about it

1 Corinthians 3:19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.



Introduction
I will resolve to:
Rely on God
Be Wise

### 13. I will resolve to be contented

Philippians 4:11 Not that I speak in respect to lack, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content in it.

We live in a consumer world

We have so much, that we spend a lot of time just packing and organising our stuff

Still, most of us are not content

Example: cassette tapes, now useless

James 5:3 Your gold and your silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be for a testimony against you, and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up your treasure in the last days.



Introduction
I will resolve to:
Rely on God

Be Contented

Be Wise

### 14. I will resolve to be clear-headed

1 Corinthians 14:33 for God is not a God of confusion, but of peace.

So many people are unsure about the Bible but do nothing about it

They either google it or ask the preacher

2 Timothy 1:7 For God gave us not a spirit of fearfulness; but of power and love and discipline.

We can resolve to do something about it

- Find peace of mind
- Fit in love
- Follow discipline



I will resolve to:
Rely on God
Be Wise
Be Contented
Be Clear-headed

### 15. I will resolve enjoy the Journey

Luke 24:32 They said one to another, "Weren't our hearts burning within us, while he spoke to us along the way, and while he opened the Scriptures to us?"

When I grow up...

We endure the week's work for TGIF

We go on vacations just to capture a few snapshots

Much is lost, if we only live for the event or destination



# at the Household of Faith

The Household of Faith is now 3 years old. It has been a good learning experience for all of us since 16th July 2017.

To mark our 3rd Anniversary, the Household of Faith launched a new mobile website at www.hofsg.com, our own newly acquired domain. See screenshot on the right.

We appreciate so much the support, goodwill and prayers of members and supporters all over the world.

As a token of our appreciation, we are offering all issues of April-June 2020 Fidelity to anyone who requests for it on the whatsapp number 93260669.



Household of Faith, Singapore

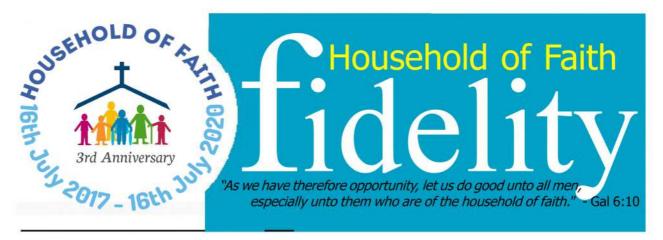
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### Week of Sunday, 26th July 2020

# **OUR NEW MOBILE-**FRIENDLY WEBSITE

www.hofsq.com

When I started the Household of Faith congregation, I was going to rely heavily on the internet for the administration of the church. While not everyone has an email account, almost everybody has a mobile phone.

I choose WhatsApp to communicate because it is free and has many features, including the capacity to forward up to 100mb files whereas emails are limited to attachments of 5mb. This has worked well for us, as everyone who visits us has an account.

As for social media, we had a basic website, www.hofsg.wordpress.com with occasional updates. The real action took place on Facebook where we posted our monthly accounts and interacted with many on the Household of Faith, Supporters and Friends group which now has over 800 members.

For our 3rd Anniversary, I purchased a domain for the congregation and replaced the WordPress website with a fresh, new mobile-friendly one with links to the Facebook group, live streaming and enables visitors to email us easily from the website.





# Household of Faith, Singapore

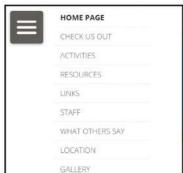
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All the vital information about the Household of Faith is on the website with a good number of graphics and good selection of photos. For good measure, I added some unsolicited comments from people who have visited the Household of Faith or are using the services provided.

In this issue of Fidelity, I have reproduced screenshots from our new website. Just type hofsg.com on the phone and it will take you to the Household of Faith, Singapore. If you have not visited our website, take a minute to do so and bookmark the page. I will be happy to hear your comments and suggestions.



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# CHECK OUT OUR ACTIVE FACEBOOK GROUP

Updated several times each week







# Currently live streaming every Sunday at 6pm

Watch this space for updates as to when we can assemble again

Tap Here to view Live Stream

The home page shows the most important information at a glance with direct links. You can use this web to go to our live streaming.

### WE SHARE:

Tap on above icon to go to Household of Faith, Supporters & Friends Group

### WE LISTEN:

Tap on the above icon to eMail the Household of Faith, Singapore

### WE CARE:

Tap on the above icon to eMail us your prayer request

Next on our menu are 3 interactive links.

Since very few people will come to any website regularly, we are directing visitors to the Facebook, Household of Faith Supporters and Friends group.

The next button will allow visitors to email us a question, request or feedback.

Brother Richard Chia suggested a prayer section. Tapping on the praying hands allows us to follow up on your email in regards to your prayer request.

We share, We listen, We care.



# **ACTIVITIES**

All Are Welcome



# SUNDAY SESSIONS

5:30pm - Children's Bible Class Care Team Sessions

6:00pm - Worship Service

7:00pm - Potluck Fellowship



### **PUBLICATIONS**

The congregation publishes a weekly WEEKLY SCHEDULE bulletin, Fidelity; monthly devotional guide, Power for Today; and a selection of Christian literature



Please feel free to request or enquire about any of our services - all are free and without obligation

# RESOURCES



Joy of Christianity How to be a Christian and the joys ahead

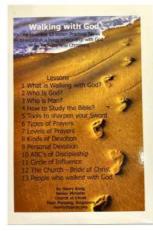
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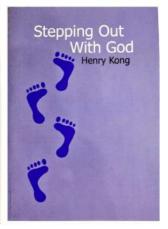
### Good News of Christianity

What the Gospel is all about

WHEN YOU SUFFER....



Walking with God



Stepping out with God

Visitors to our website are rewarded with access to a resource section where tracts, books and teaching materials by our minister can be viewed and downloaded.



# HELPFUL LINKS

Tap on the screenshots

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Most websites offer links to related sites. At the HoF website, we not only narrow these links to 7 of the best, but post screenshots and descriptions. Here you can get the directory of churches of Christ in Singapore, latest news of the brotherhood, do your daily devotional, learn the Bible and explore a goldmine of Bible materials and videos.

# **WHAT OTHERS** SAY

About the Household of Faith





Christian, Malaysia

"Good for the church. Its not called Household of Faith for nothing. Households stick together no matter



Arthur Tatara

Teacher, PNG

"Lam teaching spiritual discipline in a Bible school, so the lessons from the Household of Faith really



Max Zhu

Christian, Africa

"Sir, from the Facebook Household of Faith group, I got to know that you send your sermons to people via WhatsApp. I



Luis

Chito

President, MARCH

"Please put me in your weekly sermon delivery broadcast list. Really appreciate

Richard Chia Leader, Household of Faith "Lwould like

Ihun Ma Evangelist, **Philippines** "It was an awesome experience to

It is always good for visitors to hear what others have to say about us. Without putting too many views, we have included a sampling from people all over the world.

# STAFF

Here to serve You



### Henry Kong

Minister

Our founding minister, brother Kong brings to the Household of Faith over 50 years ministry with the Queenstown/Pasir Panjang Church of Christ.
He has spearheaded



# OUR LOCATION

Centrally located - just 1 bus stop from the Stevens MRT



Sunday at the Household of Faith:

5:30pm - small group session 6:00pm - worship service 7:00pm - pot luck



Walk towards the MYMCA's exit gate, lobby B will be on your left. Take the elevator there.



# **GALLERY**

Before You leave...

















Our 3 other sections are Staff, Location and Gallery. There you will find photos on our activitiies: Care teams, children's Bible classes, potluck fellowship, Missions Sundays, anniversaries, baptisms and funerals.





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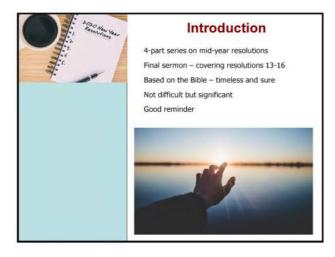
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Above: Resources can be viewed or downloaded to your device.

Above is a QR code that you can use to go to our new website. Why not take a minute to check it out?





### I will resolve to stabilize my faith

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to be well-pleasing unto him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that seek after him.

Faith is the key to our relationship with God

- Believe God exists
- He is a rewarder

Not easily shaken

Hebrews 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.



# Introduction I will resolve to: Stabilize my faith

### 17. I will resolve to be humble

1 Peter 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time

No need to insist on your way all the time

It is okay to be slandered or mistreated

Matthew 5:11 Blessed are ye when men shall reproach you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

God will have the final say

Hebrews 10:30 For we know him that said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.



Introduction
I will resolve to:
Stabilize my faith
Be humble

# 18. I will resolve not to be anxious

Matthew 6:25 Therefore I say unto you, be not anxious for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than the food, and the body than the raiment?

I feel like we all worry too much

Worry does not do anything

Every minute we worry, we lose 60 seconds of happiness

1 Peter 5:7 casting all your worries on him, because he cares for you.



Introduction
I will resolve to:
Stabilize my faith
Be humble
Not to be Anxious

# 19. I will resolve to bring souls to heaven

Matthew 6:20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consume, and where thieves don't break through and steal

Hebrews 2:10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many children to glory, to make the author of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Nothing more important

Cannot force – show love of God

1 Corinthians 7:16 For how do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife?



Introduction
I will resolve to:
Stabilize my faith
Be humble
Not to be Anxious
Bring souls to heaven

# 20. I will resolve not to be rushed

So much demands on our time

Even retirees - take time to smell the flowers

Carpe Diem

Proverbs 16:9 In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, And a time to pluck up that which is planted;

Colossians 4:5 Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time.



# at the Household of Faith

Thanks to technology, we are able to track the number of people viewing our live streaming (left). We are averaging 75 at 6pm on Sunday and another 150 during the week.

This issue of the Fidelity includes a 5-page illustrated write up on our new mobile-friendly website. Bookmark www.hofsg.com on your web browser and tell your friends about it.

The new website has these special features:

- Own unique domain
- Mobile phone friendly
- Resources to our publications
- We Care prayer request.

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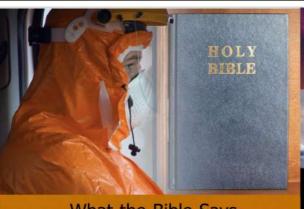
Elaine Lai is watching with you.



**Lim Chi Hong Rudy** is watching.



Stan Praveen Watching from India



What the Bible Says about Current Issues



# **National Day Sermon**

# Manna from Heaven

### **Upcoming Sermons in August:**

2nd: What does the Bible says on

current issues;

9th: National day sermon; 16th: Manna from Heaven;

23rd: Psalm 23; 30th: The God Factor

