



# 2020 CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

**GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST HEAVEN, AND ON EARTH PEACE TO  
THOSE ON WHOM HIS FAVOR RESTS**

**Luke 2:14**

Dear Friends of HOLF,

Although the year of 2020 has been a challenging one for many of us, we thank God that He has maintained and sustained us faithfully, particularly through the ongoing season of Coronavirus. We praise God for His protection of all residents and staff who continue to remain resilient and healthy.

The impact of the pandemic has brought unexpected challenges to us at HOLF, however we can truthfully say that it has offered us the opportunity to reflect upon how we continue to provide our gold standard of care through seasons of uncertainty. We see this as a way to emerge stronger as we seek new ways to provide meaningful life experiences for our family members. As the end of 2020 draws closer, we would like to share more about the family....



We are so excited that our new website ([www.holf.org.hk](http://www.holf.org.hk)) was launched in Sep 2020. This is an ideal platform for you to be able to keep up-to-date with our news and information. We will also be able to use this as a channel to introduce our ministry and vision to the community. We would like to extend our gratitude to our volunteers Jeff Cheung and Jennifer Fong for helping us to restructure the new website



We thank God for leading our service for over 55 years. Our hearts are overflowing with thankfulness

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

**Psalms 115:1**

# The Lower Ark-Big Unit

## Wing Sze

Although this has been a difficult year for Wing Sze who has been battling some health issues, we are thankful that her health has improved and she is out of the hospital, and regaining strength.



Fa Fa

Fa Fa has enjoyed the different activities that staff have prepared in place of schools and centres this summer and she has thrived on the stimulation and company that these have provided.



## Tak Tak

His mobility strengthening is ongoing and Tak Tak always enjoys his food.



## Tsz Yin

Tsz Yin benefited greatly from 1-1 activities this summer and lit up when he spent time creating different sounds on the keyboard.



## Fu Fu

This October was a special month for Fu Fu and also for HOLF staff who got to celebrate with him for his 61st birthday.



## Dibs

Dibs really enjoys garden walks. She is a tactile person and has benefited from special daily activities along with wheelchair exercises.



## Fung Tai

Fung Tai remains strong, healthy, sociable and fashionable and she has been looking very smart these last few months in her favourite accessory of the year, her straw hat.



## Che Kin

It has been encouraging to observe Che Kin's responses while on walks around the garden over the past few months. He often stretches his arms wide to feel the breeze.



## Siu Ping

Siu Ping remains well and has responded positively to music activities and has been showing an appreciation of classical music.



## Yushen

Yushen enjoys story time, music and wheelchair exercises, but nothing excites him as much as a trip out in the bus!



## Shaan Shaan

This has been a good year for Shaan Shaan as she has remained in stable health. She keeps alert with her daily interactions with staff and keeps them on their toes! She has enjoyed the summer activities programme.



Residents enjoying the daily activities during school/training center closures following the outbreak of Corona virus





# The Upper Ark

## Kunyao

We are so happy to have Kunyao back with us after some months at home with his mum and brother.



## Ka Lok

This summer Ka Lok enjoyed taking part in our special activities programme, and he regularly helps out in the garden.



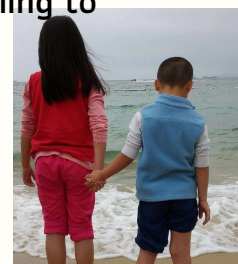
## Hephzibah

She has a new pair of pink glasses which she is very happy with. She has enjoyed the summer activities while school has been on hold.



## Andy

Andy went back to China and was unable to come back to HK due to COVID-19. We look forward to Andy returning to HOLF soon.



## Siu Yan

Siu Yan enjoys the daily music and movement activities. She enjoys her daily chores of folding tea towels and does it with diligence and care.



## Staff Update

We are so grateful to our wonderful team of staff for their faithful service who enable us to provide good quality services to our residents.

Miranda, our Care worker retired in Nov 2020. We thank her for her 9 years of service at HOLF.

Yu Kam Leung, our driver left us in February.

William Mak, the Senior Manager left in Sep. We thank him for his volunteer service at HOLF.

Pinky Chau, our Care Worker left in Oct. Un Seak Kai, our Programme Officer left in Oct 2020.

We thank them for their contribution.



**We had a celebration for Aunty Valerie's 90th birthday**

## **We welcome our new team**

- Bill who joined as a driver in March
- Willie Chui, who joined as Nurse-in-charge in June
- Lee Chi Lam, who joined as registered nurse in July,
- Alan Fok, who joined as Social Worker and Keung who joined as a driver in Oct

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

**We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers, praying friends, donors, supporters and friends for their continued support. Such a blessing for our ministry.**

## MESSAGE FROM THE TRUSTEES

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction and faithful in prayer” – Romans 12:12.

This is such a special verse. It has greatly encouraged us throughout the year. We are super proud of how the staff and family have persevered throughout the trials of the last 18 months...from protests to Covid 19 but always living in hope and in the joy of knowing that God is with us, in front of us, behind us, carrying us and leading us... and despite ourselves. Every month brings a miracle whether it is in meeting a staff need, an extra financial blessing, healing of a resident in hospital, a special smile that radiates and shares the joy of God's love to others... We are so humbled that even with all the ups and downs and bumps and bruises, mistakes and sins, we have been so blessed by God's grace and mercy. We can reflect again this season on the birth of Jesus, His sacrificial life of love...even to death upon the cross which brings us an eternal hope, a renewed strength and inner joy as the joy of the Lord can really be our strength through these hard times.

In Nov 2020 we celebrated our first anniversary of being regulated by the Social Welfare Department [rather than the Department of Health]. As you may recall this switch was largely driven by a change of direction in Government regulations that would require us to become more like a hospital if we stayed under the Department of Health. This would have required more nurses and doctors and compliance with strict medical rules and regulations.

While regulation under the Social Welfare Department brings a different set of rules, it enables us to be more like a home and to provide that family environment which we believe is more suited to the Home of Loving Faithfulness.

So as we look forward to 2021 with hope in Him, we now intend to continue our plans to re-engineer our premises... Next up is Block C. Hopefully we can learn from what we have done in Block D and recreate a more suitably homely environment both upstairs and downstairs in Block C which will give us more space to spread out and grow. With all residents in Block D at the moment, the environment is particularly cosy [to say the least].

We also hope and pray we can find more staff and senior leadership from houseparents to a senior manager or superintendent to take us through the next 5 to 10 years. We also hope to recruit new Trustees to bless the Board of Trustees. We know that these are significant issues which require much prayer and discernment as we move forward. Please do join us in this way and let us see how God leads us in the coming weeks and months ahead. Meanwhile, may the special season of advent be a time to reflect on the humble birth of Jesus in a manger, yet to die as “King of the Jews” on the cross but bringing us a special joy as we rejoice in his victorious resurrection and an eternal hope to be with God forever.

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift [2 Corinthians 9:15]....and thanks to each of you for your continued support and prayers.

Take care, stay strong and we will be in touch again in the New Year.

Andrew MacGeoch, David Chui, Gretchen Ryan, Pui Yee Yeung, PK Tang

*We wish you all a joyful and peaceful Christmas and every blessing for the New Year.*