



# LIGHTHOUSE HOPE

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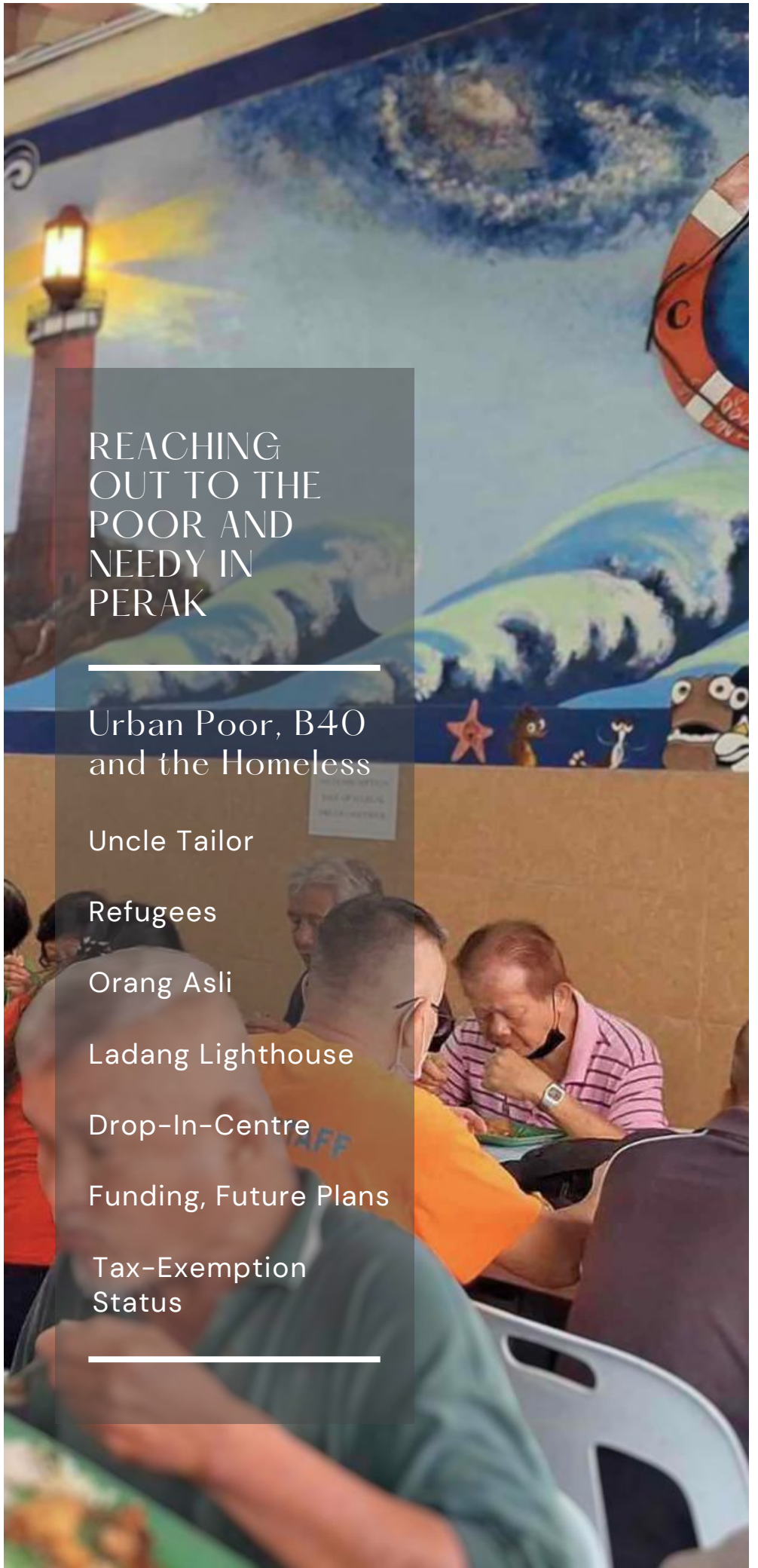
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# REACHING OUT TO THE POOR AND NEEDY IN PERAK



In 2023, the Lighthouse Hope Society celebrated 17 years of dedicated service to the needy and underprivileged, including individuals from the urban poor, homeless, Orang Asli communities, and migrant poor. Your support, collaboration, encouragement, and prayers have been instrumental in making this mission possible.



When the global COVID-19 pandemic struck, Lighthouse had to increase its support to our needy clients, many of whom are daily-wage earners, part-time workers and freelancers who lost their jobs.

At that time, we had lines of people queuing up to receive food parcels and rations everyday.



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When the COVID lockdowns finally ended, the Lighthouse Soup Kitchen resumed its operations on Malaysia Day 2022.



Since then, there has been a revitalizing change, providing our clients with the opportunity to enjoy sit-down meals in a restaurant-style setting.

We were able to recommence the operation of medical clinics, offer complimentary haircuts, and provide access to shower facilities on our premises.

The introduction of sit-down meals has not only allowed us to reestablish connections but also provided a platform for counseling individuals struggling with substance abuse, guiding them towards the path of drug rehabilitation.



# URBAN POOR, B40 AND THE HOMELESS



Meet "**Uncle Tailor**" now in his 70s, who has spent most of his life running a thriving tailoring business in town. Today he barely earns enough for his daily expenses. Competition from inexpensive imported clothing and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have resulted in a gradual decline in the number of his customers.

Widowed not so long ago and with a daughter who has mental health illness, he is very grateful for the monthly food basket we send him, and for having someone to share his concerns with.

"Uncle Tailor" is just one example of the many families and individuals Lighthouse Hope reaches out to.



**Refugees** are among the most vulnerable groups we visit. Because Malaysia is not party to the 1951 Refugee Convention or its Protocol, there is currently no legislative or administrative framework for dealing with refugees. Refugees have to pay for their own healthcare and education, relying on their own resources or working with NGOs to provide schooling for their children.

Lighthouse Hope provides aid to this Chin refugee school and home, which cares for 15 children and 4 families. Other refugee families we assist are from the Rohingya and Sri Lankan diaspora.

# ORANG ASLI



In 2023, we started making regular visits to an Orang Asli community of about 30 households in Sungai Siput, Perak. The village is in the interior, about 2.5 hours drive from Ipoh.



Logging companies encroach on customary land, muddying rivers and taking away the land used to cultivate crops, rear livestock, beekeeping and fishing. This in turn impacts their source of income. Villagers are continually being cheated of their livelihoods, never adequately compensated for loss of income.

Their families need access to healthcare and education. There is much work to to extend assistance and government support to those in need.



# LADANG LIGHTHOUSE



In January 2022, a 10-acre plot of land in Ulu Kinta, Perak, was leased to Lighthouse Hope for a period of 25 years, for a token sum. Despite its great potential, the land had remained landlocked in the middle of an estate for the past 26 years since its purchase by the Perak District. By the grace of God, after prayerful exploration of various avenues and endless negotiations, we discovered an access route. We express our gratitude to faithful supporters who witnessed the positive impact of our outreach efforts. At last, we can 'see the light shining brightly at the end of the tunnel'!



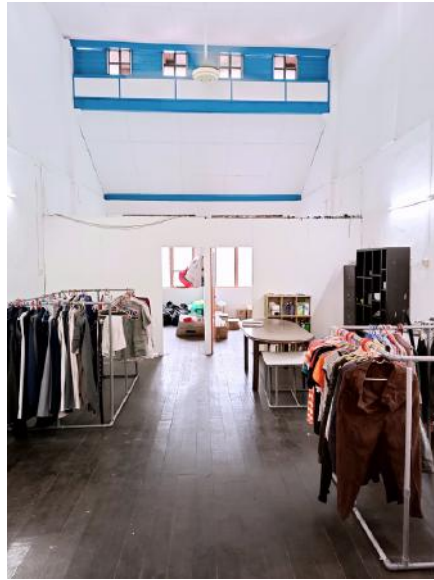
Plans are underway to develop what we now refer to as Ladang Lighthouse and to educate and equip the Orang Asli community through agricultural and skills training. This will help alleviate their dependence on monthly monetary assistance and offer them a reliable income to cope with the financial burden of rising costs. Generous support is crucial for our upcoming initiatives.

We earnestly seek contributions, whether in cash or kind, to fuel the development of Ladang Lighthouse. Together, in unity, we can create a meaningful impact in the lives of those in need and initiate positive change!





CONNECTING  
WITH HIS ERHU



FREE CLOTHING



HOT MEALS  
MON-FRI

# SOUP KITCHEN

In operation since 2008 at No 4, Jalan Koo Chong Kong, the centre has been recently repaired and refurbished, enabling us to expand our services.

Our **Soup Kitchen** serves hot meals, Mondays through Fridays, to an average of 70 to 80 people from the homeless, urban poor and Orang Asli populations in Ipoh.

There are **free haircuts, clothing and medical clinics**. The centre is a refuge, a place to rest or reflect, enjoy a hot meal and connect with others.

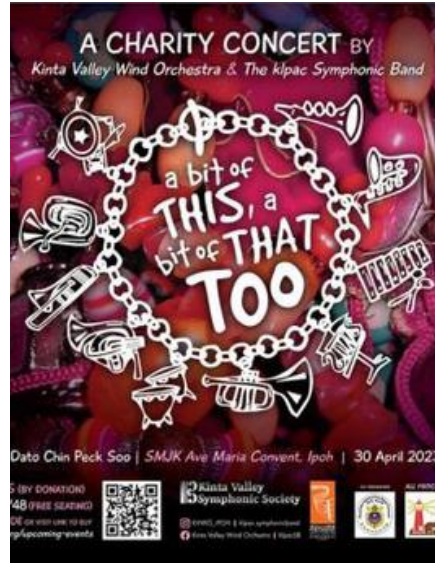
One of our regulars delighted us with a few tunes on his "Erhu," a traditional Chinese violin. Major festivals are celebrated with special meals and giveaways. At our recent Christmas celebration, dedicated volunteers sang carols in Mandarin bringing joy and blessings to all.



## LIGHTHOUSE HOPE SOCIETY IPOH

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**SUPPORT  
LIONS CLUB IPOH**

# FUNDING & future plans

with **MS CHERYL MAH**  
klpac Symphonic  
**MR AARON CHIN**  
Kinta Valley Wind Orchestra

We are grateful for individuals and groups who actively support our cause. A charity fundraiser arranged by the Kinta Valley Wind Orchestra led by Mr Aaron Chin, and the klpac Symphonic led by Ms Cheryl Mah, presented a wonderful performance that thrilled music-lovers.

Lighthouse is also grateful to Mr Jeffrey Cheong, KVSS President and Dr Tony Lee who were instrumental in arranging the fundraising event for Lighthouse Hope Society. We are also grateful to the Lions Club of Ipoh which sponsored a meal and volunteered to serve the needy at our centre.



**Mr Jeffrey Cheong**  
KVSS President



**Dr Tony Lee**

Lighthouse Hope Society's outreach to the needy for the last 18 years has been fully funded by the donations that it receives. We are ever so grateful to **all our supporters from near and far** who have contributed in some way or the other towards the Lighthouse. We thank our **Perak State Welfare Department** for its encouragement in giving us an annual grant. Our thanks to **Vineyard Keepers and Renewal Centre** who continue to co-labour with Lighthouse. Together with **all our partners**, it has made a difference in the lives of needy.

Malaysians, especially in Perak have faced much hardship in the last few years. We thank God for **all of you who have generously supported Lighthouse** over the past 18 years of our journey.

*A Big Thank You!*



## TAX EXEMPTION STATUS

Companies who support us under their CSR projects, are waiting for the day their donations qualify for tax deduction. A fresh application for tax exemption status has been submitted to the Inland Revenue Board (LHDN) in Cyberjaya (our previous application submitted on our behalf by the Putrajaya Welfare Department had gone missing). We pray the approval will come through quickly as more funding support will certainly be required for our expanding scope of outreach work.





# BACKGROUND

RAJA  
ELEENA  
SULTAN  
AZLAN  
SHAH

personally blessing our clients with a special meal.  
9-Nov-2016



## Empowering Orang Asli Villages by:

- Supplying rubber / durian saplings for cultivation and chicks for poultry rearing.
- Delivering rations to those affected by the monsoon.
- Installing solar lighting in villages with no electricity under our Lighthouse 'LightUP Our Kampung' Solar Project.



2017 Perak Government  
**Excellence Award** for  
reaching out to the needy.



- Medical treatment
- A decent meal in clean and sheltered environment

PERSATUAN  
LIGHTHOUSE HOPE  
IPOH PERAK



**Persatuan Lighthouse Hope  
Ipoh, Perak**

Cheques & transfers  
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<https://lighthousehope2019.wixsite.com/website>

Free meals,  
medical care, haircuts,  
clothing, shower facilities,  
drug rehabilitation assistance,  
legal assistance, and  
other humanitarian help

**Soup Kitchen Hours**  
Mon 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM  
Tue 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
Wed 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
Thu 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM  
Fri 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

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