



"To preach the gospel in the regions beyond you" II Corinthians 10:16

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

During this 3rd wave of covid cases that began in July, the government implemented stricter regulations in hopes of stopping the rising number of infected people. Schools were once again closed and children were taught at home. **Groups were limited to no more than 2 people, which made it impossible to have church services.** People were once again confined to their homes and discouraged from going out unless absolutely necessary. Schools were not allowed to open until the first week of September and even when they did, children were not allowed to be at the school. This meant the beginning of the school year had to begin online, with many uncertainties and glitches, as we all tried to make it work.



Thankfully, the number of cases has gone down since then, allowing the government to start opening up the schools again. **Ka Fuk Baptist Church Preschool was able to open again the 3rd week of September with just 2 of the 4 grades starting.** We had to have many more policies in place to make sure our young children (ages 2-5) were kept safe. From new hand sanitizer dispensers and air purifiers to protective masks and shields for each child, every detail had to be thought through. Not only did we have this new learning curve to adjust to, the government has only allowed schools to open for half the day, meaning that everything has to be done in 4 hours! **Please continue to pray for our ministries and the families and teachers of our school. There are so many "new normals", it is easy to get discouraged and overwhelmed.**

The National Security Law, which was passed on 1st July, criminalises "secession, subversion, terrorism, and collusion with foreign forces". Although, the law seems to be beneficial for a government to have in place, many people believe it was written in extremely vague terms and allows Beijing to have power over how the law should be interpreted. Some key provisions of the law states that some cases can be tried in mainland China, trials can be held behind closed doors, management of foreign non-government organisations and new agencies will be strengthened (controlled). These changes have caused great concern for many of the locals. With this concern, many of the locals have expressed interest in and are making arrangements to leave Hong Kong. Recently, the British government relaxed measures to allow residents born before 1997 (ie, before Hong Kong's return to China) to have a pathway to British citizenship. **At least 4 faithful families from Ka Fuk Baptist Church are making plans to take advantage of this. Though this will be affect our church family greatly, we understand the concern many have about their future. Please pray for wisdom as we minister to those who find themselves at a crossroad.**

Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you. Prayer requests:

- Health from the virus
- Wisdom to minister
- Church to be back open

Thank you so much for your prayers and support.

In Christ,

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