



**TEEN SUMMER  
RETREAT**

TEENS HEAR A DEVOTION AT  
OUR SUMMER RETREAT



**SHUI-LI TRUSTS  
CHRIST**

MY TRANSLATOR, JACKIE,  
LEADING A SOUL TO CHRIST



**CHRISTMAS EVE**

A SHOT OF OUR CHURCH  
SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS EVE

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# THE HUTCHENS FAMILY

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## January 2022 Update

And just like that, four years have elapsed. On January 6th, we marked our fourth anniversary in the city of Christchurch, New Zealand. It's been a remarkable four years in a lot of ways. We were a family of three when we arrived, and in a few short months, we will be a family of six. Our church has been formally organised and established. Many have been saved, baptised, and discipled, and we are thankful for each one.

**HaeRun was one of four new believers to be baptised following the 19 December service.**

I look forward with great anticipation to what lies ahead. If the past two years have taught me anything, it's that no one can completely anticipate what lies around the bend. But knowing Christ means knowing the One who does not anticipate what's around the bend, but knows the end from the beginning. We're thankful for what God has allowed us to be a part of for these past four years, and frankly, feel as though we're just getting started. It's our privilege to be here, and we are thankful for each you who gives and prays to make it possible!

You may remember my asking for prayer for our annual Christmas Community BBQ on the 4th of December. This annual outreach has been well received by our community and given us many good contacts over the years. Unfortunately, on December 3rd, New Zealand moved into a new COVID-19 management system based on vaccine passes. Essentially, businesses and groups (churches included) that require vaccine passes for entry are able to operate without limits. Otherwise, they are limited to 50 people or less. We do not and will not require vaccine passes, which meant our BBQ had to be constantly monitored to stay under that 50 line. I had to make the decision to postpone the BBQ to a later date.

For our church, these restrictions haven't impacted us too harshly. We typically run just over 50 (though our Christmas Eve service saw us hit 71!), so we're carrying on as normal for now. We'd appreciate your prayer that these restrictions won't get any more difficult to follow.

Despite missing the Christmas BBQ, we still had many ministry opportunities within the church in December:

- We took ten teens for a one night summer retreat. Four of these teens are not saved; we have been working with them for many months. I had a really good conversation with one of the boys, Daveesh, about his soul that night. He's not saved yet, but we're continuing to pray for him. Charlie, who was saved at youth camp in October, is doing very well. He wants to be baptised, and brought his father to the Christmas Eve service! Pray we can reach his entire family!
- We hosted a Christmas party for our Chinese ministry, and had nearly 40 Chinese attend! One gentleman attended for the first time, and learned that I love to fish. He too enjoys fishing, and wants to go with me on an overnight trip soon. This will be a great chance for me to present the Gospel!
- On December 19, we baptised four new Chinese believers - HaeRun, Shui-Li, Jin, and Han. All four have been regularly attending services and are growing in the Lord!

After Christmas, our family took some time away, and we are feeling refreshed and excited for the year of ministry ahead. Thank you for your continued prayer & support!

## Prayer Requests

- Pray for our residency application!
- Pray for Juliana's pregnancy!
- Pray for a productive start to 2022!

*The Hutchens Family  
Sam, Juliana, Emma, Alexa, & Samantha*

## Family news & pictures



Juliana and I both had birthdays in December, and celebrated our ninth anniversary on January 11th. We enjoyed a family holiday the week after Christmas up in Auckland, soaking up plenty of sunshine! Emma and Alexa are enjoying the summer break, with school starting back in just two more weeks!