



December 2025 Update

Merry Christmas from Hong Kong!

November 12th marked our family's one year anniversary of living and serving in Hong Kong! We've said it so many times, but God's faithfulness and goodness should be repeated. God has provided where He was called. We're so thankful we get the chance to walk by faith with our omnipotent and all-knowing God.

The ministry of Lighthouse Baptist continues to grow with several new families joining the church this Fall, including two adult men who joined through baptism. One of the men, Derek, was a first-time guest at our Christmas outreach last year and since then has been saved, gone through discipleship, and now officially joined the church. God continues to build His church and we're thankful to have a small part in this great work.

Our family welcomed the elder Baucums (Ben's parents) back to Hong Kong in November for a nearly month long stay. While they no longer are able to live full time on this side of the world, they continue to be active in the ministries God allowed them to start both here in Hong Kong and several other nearby places. I (Ben) had the special opportunity to travel and participate in the ordination of two men who are leading churches in one of those "nearby" places. One of the men, who was one of my first childhood Mandarin teachers, is now a preacher of the gospel. God raised him up, along with his family to lead a ministry of their own. It was humbling to reconnect with old friends and meet many new brothers and sisters in Christ. The faith and perseverance of these believers under difficult and challenging circumstances is sobering and reminder that God is always working no matter the location or climate. Pray with us for these two new pastors and their families as they face challenges now and in the future. These people are humble, bold, and focused on Jesus. A true challenge and example for all of us Western Christians.

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Through the month of November, we along with the kids were able to spend many wonderful hours together with our parents, enjoying thanksgiving together, having Dad speak several times at our midweek prayer meetings, and preaching for the kickoff of our December outreach Sundays.

Our church family has been hard at work preparing decorations, treats, games, and gospel presentation tools to share with guests during this Christmas. The first two Sundays of this special outreach saw many first-time guests and salvation decisions both weeks! We're currently preparing for our annual Christmas caroling where we will hand out nearly 1,800 gift bags with gospel presentations and invitations to our local community.

In some ways, the Christmas season in Hong Kong is like Easter in the US in that there's an openness in people to receive and be invited to church. Pray with us that we will see fruit that remains through this season.

As we come to the end of 2025, we want to again say thank you to each of you who pray with pray for us and financially support this work. We're reminded often of the impossibility of doing this alone. We're thankful for the many faithful partners that stand with us. We're confident God will richly reward you for your faithfulness. May God give us all a renewed and urgent boldness for the gospel and see much fruit in 2026!

With Love from Hong Kong,

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