



Dear Friends,

The past couple of months have been full here in Hong Kong with both family and ministry life. Just before Easter, our church hosted a children's camp for elementary students. We were thankful to have over 20 campers attend, along with several parents who participated as sponsors. About half of the children were invited by church families and do not regularly attend, making it a great opportunity to connect with new families.

Our incredible team of volunteers did a fantastic job coordinating and leading the camp, which allowed our family to take a short trip back to the U.S. for Ashli's sister's wedding. Although we hadn't planned on returning to the States so soon after arriving in Hong Kong, after prayer and counsel from our sending pastors—and with confidence in our team to lead the camp and other Easter events—we took a short but eventful 10-day trip to Southern California.

While there, we enjoyed sweet time with family and fellowship with one of our sending churches – Liberty Baptist. We also got to connect with a young man (Joshua) from our Hong Kong church who is currently attending college in the Los Angeles area. Since arriving in the U.S. this spring, he has been faithfully bringing classmates to church every Sunday. Several have also trusted Christ! It was incredibly encouraging to see his spiritual growth in just a few short months and how God has been using him.

Upon returning to Hong Kong, the rest of April and May were filled with ministry events. We celebrated Mother's Day with a special tea after service and welcomed a number of first-time guests, including several unsaved mothers. We also enjoyed a fun "squid fishing" trip with our church family and shared great fellowship over our catches! At the end of May, we had the joy of baptizing Mrs. Law, who began attending several months ago. She shared a short testimony in preparation for her baptism, and it was a powerful reminder of how God is at work. I've included a link to a translated version below—I trust it will encourage you. Please pray for her husband and two daughters, who attended the service but are not yet believers.

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On a personal note, we received some unexpected news this spring: our landlord decided to sell the home we're renting, which means we must relocate by early August. At first, we weren't thrilled about the idea of moving—but as of this weekend, we are thrilled to share that God has already miraculously provided a new home that far exceeded our expectations. It's just another reminder of our good Father, who not only meets every need but also delights in giving good gifts.

Along with the home, we had also been praying about a vehicle as we prepare for the arrival of baby #5. God again surprised us by providing one through a Christian family returning to the U.S. They sold us their vehicle for far below market value simply because they wanted to bless us. Thanks again to the Lord's provision, we were able to pay in full with funds He had already supplied. We honestly can't explain it—only praise Him for His abundant grace. We're eager to see how these new tools will allow us to continue reaching and serving the people He's placed in our lives.

One family we'd love for you to pray for is a neighbor whose children have become close friends with ours. We recently had them over for a meal and are praying God will work in their hearts and draw them to Himself. Would you join us in asking the Lord to save and transform this sweet family for His glory?

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support for our family. We remain humbled by the privilege of serving our King.

Yours for Hong Kong,

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