

March 2023

A thousand days later

On the first day of March, Hong Kong announced that people will no longer need to wear masks. However, most people still wear masks in public places. The TV showed a documentary about the 999 days when masks were mandatory. I believe it will bring back everyone's mixed feelings about that time. Anyway, the days are no longer the same. We live in the North District. Since last month, there is now normal traffic across the border, and Sheung Shui has become lively again. Once again, people cross the border to buy milk powder and cosmetics in Hong Kong.

Missionary Returnees

Many Hong Kong missionaries have been in the field for more than 20 years. Due to different circumstances, some need to return to Hong Kong. Some serve as pastors, others serve in missions or take up advanced studies. Some choose to go to other mission fields in response to urgent needs. Whether returning or going, missionaries always have a special sense of belonging and mutual understanding when gathering together. Every Tuesday evening, we turn on the computer to ZOOM : to pray together earnestly. Missionary returnees also help each other, pray together, and continue to care for groups they know well, such as: Thai, Filipino, Indonesian, or Muslims, etc. During the pandemic lockdown, returnees made good use of their time to take courses online, learning skills that are very useful for serving in missions, such as handicrafts, painting, etc.

Those who left Hong Kong

For two to three years, tens of thousands of people left Hong Kong and moved to the UK or Canada. We encourage the Christians who immigrated to learn cross culturally, value a strong family life, encourage their multi-cultural kids, and to be committed to spiritual growth and Christian community. We also urge churches in Hong Kong to pray more for those who have moved away.

Our 2023

We have served in Hong Kong for more than 25 years. Wecare Center (Now renamed Paulus Cultural Center, PCC) has entered its 19th year, and continues to take care of the missionaries' mental health, spiritual advancement and renewal, and re-entry adaptation, etc. Three years ago, Helen and I stepped down from the PCC Board. PCC appointed us as consultants. We still interact with various mission associations here in Hong Kong. Together, we have been witnessing a new generation of young missionaries respond to the Great Commission. In addition, the Putonghua service is in its seventh year, and other churches have come to learn from us, in spreading the gospel to the newcomers in Hong Kong.

With a grateful heart, we look back over forty years of seeing God at work in Taitung, Singapore, Hong Kong, and around the world. It is time to enter another stage of life and service while retiring from the front line. There are wonderful successors for our ministry positions. In the second half of this year, we plan to visit our supporters to share about the Lord's grace and to express our appreciation. Please pray for our itinerary. We are looking forward to meeting and gathering with you!

April and May: return to LA, begin our re-entry process and rest.

June: visit Head Quarters at Denver

July and August : available to visit supporting churches and friends in Midwest.

September: visit and speak at the *Wai Tao church* at Jakarta, which my father established 70 years ago. Through the years the church has branched out to several cities. They are active in missions and are eager for me to give them talks on missions.

October till early December: available to speak upon invitation.

January 2024: will be retiring from WorldVenture and living at La Mirada, near where our daughters and extended families live.

In His Grace,
Titus and Helen