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

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

It was at the end of January last year that the local news was talking about a mysterious virus in Wuhan, China. Within days, the virus entered Hong Kong and masks were sold out. Then schools, government offices, restaurants closed, and people started panic buying – rice, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, etc. Facial masks are required in public places. Our churches went online for a total of 23 weeks out of the year.

Now here we are, a year later, and we are still facing this virus with church services still limited to being online. Our last “in person” meeting was back in November. **At that time, the government announced a social gathering ban with a limit of not more than 2 people and that has not changed.** Dining in restaurants is limited, schools are closed, different districts are on lockdown and people are being tested mandatorily.



With all these restrictions and limitations, the Lord has allowed us to have private Bible studies/counseling sessions, online prayer meetings and discipleship, as well as online services. Though our “normal way” of ministering has had to change, we know that God is still working and is opening other doors of ministry. One of these open doors has been counseling. One example is Mr. Chan, who was depressed and contemplated suicide. Now, after meeting with Andrew regularly for Bible study and prayer, he is back at work and doing well physically, emotionally, and spiritually. **We are thankful he made a commitment to the Lord and is seeking God with his problems, instead of trying to run from them.**

### EXODUS 2021?

As the government in China tightens its grip in Hong Kong through the National Security law implemented on July 1<sup>st</sup> 2020, many of the locals are considering the option to leave. In addition, the United Kingdom government announced that people that are over 23 years old (born before the 1997 handover) that has a British National (Overseas) passport (BNO) along with their dependents are able to live, work, and study in the UK. After six years of residency, they have a pathway to citizenship. **One of our families will be leaving on March 15. Another sold their flat and will leave in August. Others are making plans as well. In our children's schools, some of their classmates have already left with their families to go overseas.** Though we have seen some tightening of control and heard talk of more to come, please pray with us that Hong Kong will continue to have religious freedom. Pray that God will keep the doors of preaching the Gospel open as long as possible.

### Prayer Requests

- Outreach opportunities during this pandemic
- Wisdom and God's power upon the work of the ministry
- Safety and good health

*In Christ,  
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