

Baptist Union of Great Britain Hong Kong Response Project Newsletter 2 – November 2021

We have a new web page! It is [The Baptist Union of Great Britain : Baptists Together Hong Kong Response](#) Here you can find out more about Hong Kong newcomers' needs and their stories. More and more resources will be uploaded to the website to help churches to be HK-welcoming churches. Some articles, PowerPoints and videos are already there ready to download. One of The Fuelcast videos can be watched from our website, on the topic is “Small actions can make big impact” Watch it here: [Small Actions Can Make Great Impact - The Fuelcast](#).



The first stage of our Hong Kong Response Project

Helping Hong Kongers settling in local communities is our first mission. The hope is that, through companionship, Christians or non-Christians can experience God's love and hope – and churches are the main platform that can help. The first stage of our project is acting as a bridge to connect Hong Kong churches to Hong Kong leavers, whether they are Christians or non-Christians.

Meanwhile, we are also preparing and networking churches and organisations to share resources and work together. We are now working with seven areas to start this project. They are Reading, Bristol, Birmingham, Nottingham, Liverpool, Manchester and Leeds. We plan to connect the churches in these areas to talk about the Hong Kong project. There are already 2-3 churches in each area who have shown interest. Our coordinator Sharon will focus on connecting the churches to build up the network. She can share more about the project or preach in the Sunday Service, so if you want to invite her to share, please contact her directly or leave her a message through [The Baptist Union of Great Britain website](#).

Good news

The networking is building by sharing news and resources. After we sent our first newsletter some churches registered as HK-welcoming churches. And, some Baptist churches replied that there are Cantonese-speaking congregations in their churches. In one of the spots, Reading, churches recognised that Hong Kongers are making their new homes in Reading. Many churches are willing to offer hospitality to Hong Kongers. One of the churches, The Gate Sindlesham Church invited Sharon Shek (Project Coordinator of Hong Kong Response Project) to preach and have a lunch meeting to talk about how to help the Hong Kongers.

On the Sunday that Sharon visited the church, there were almost 30 Hong Kongers joining the Sunday Service. In addition, The Gate Sindlesham Church has held some activities to help Hong Kongers searching for jobs. It's a great start to being a HK-welcoming Church.

Moreover, Sharon also shared about the project in different churches on Sundays. The English-speaking congregations are interested in the Hong Kong migrant issues. Many of the congregations asked questions and were keen to listen to the stories of Hong Kong in the refreshment time.

Listening to stories is one of the small actions that can make Hong Kongers feel accepted, and this is a great testimony of working out the Bible's teaching about hospitality.



Not only Baptists Together, but also many other churches and organisations are responding the needs of Hong Kong newcomers. One of the organisations, Welcome Churches, are also doing a project called UKHK. We have connected with them for sharing resources, providing updates on the local situation and cooperating to help churches to be HK-welcoming churches or HK-ready churches and just helping Hong Kongers. So, we encourage Baptist churches to [sign up on the Baptists Together website](#) and also at [UKHK](#) to receive both organisations' resources. We have one shared aim: to help Hong Kongers arriving in the UK.

Please pray!

1. The project: Pray for the HK-welcoming Churches (BUGB) and HK-ready Churches (UKHK) to have the strength, wisdom and love to help the Hong Kong new-comers for settlement in the local community.
2. Needs of Hong Kongers: Pray for the first winter for Hong Kongers. It's not easy for them to go though. Especially some of the families who have no cars.
3. Churches: Pray that more and more Baptists can welcome and offer hospitality to Hong Kongers and the people in need.

Next Step

1. Get more information and resources from our new website **[The Baptist Union of Great Britain : Baptists Together Hong Kong Response](#)** . And spread out the QR code of our website.
2. Invite Sharon Shek to preach or share about the project in your church. Please contact at **sshek@baptist.org.uk**
3. We would like to encourage you to register as a HongKong-welcoming church by registering at **www.baptist.org.uk/hkregister** and you will receive our newsletter and updates.
4. If you want to continue praying for us, please subscribe to receive our newsletter: **www.baptist.org.uk/subscribe**.

