

# Baptist Union of Great Britain

## Hong Kong Response Project

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## SAFEGUARDING

Recently I have heard some sad stories of Hong Kongers in the UK. There were mothers who have been charged as they hit their children in public in Scotland. Someone saw and called the police, and the mothers have been charged. The second sad story is of a Hong Kong man who was driving and saw a girl who walked without umbrella in the rain. He asked the girl if she needed a lift. She made a complaint against him. These show a lack of knowledge about safeguarding. Although there are some rules about abuse in Hong Kong, the rules and the restriction are very different from the UK's. So, we have found an opportunity to invite some Hong Kongers to join the safeguarding training from EMBA (East Midland Baptist Association). With Cantonese translation, the Hong Kongers can understand more about safeguarding. We may think that the culture of protection is very different. But, the trainer explained that it is not only culture but history. To protect children and vulnerable adults we should put more effort into learning about their safeguarding. We encourage HK-welcoming churches to hold safeguarding training with the Hong Kongers or people from other countries.



## Good news



On 30 April we had a webinar about the NHS. We invited Dr Arisina Ma, a Hong Kong doctor working in a hospital in the UK. She introduced the UK's medical system and the support for long-term illness and medical needs around the elderly. Dr Ma gave a fantastic talk about the information, giving many sources of medical advice, and also the culture and concept behind the system. And she encouraged the Hong Kongers to get the information they need on the designated website. It's helpful. There were 4000 signed up and 10,000 views in three weeks. Thanks for Dr Arisina Ma's presentation.

The other good news has been seeing the welcome Hong Kongers have received in churches in Reading. Whether it is a local church, Chinese church, or Hong Kong church, they have done a good job in welcoming Hong



Kongers. In May, I went to preach at Abbey Baptist Church. I felt at home as they made Chinese service sheets, sang songs in Cantonese and made a Hong Kong style meal to share. We shared the meal with all people from different counties. What the church is doing is not only welcoming to Hong Kongers, it's working out the love and hospitality to all people who are beloved by God.



## Please pray!

1. Needs of Hong Kongers: Parents and families in Hong Kong. They have been separated and the flight has been often cancelled so that they cannot meet each other easily. They miss each other and are worried about the health and the lives of those they love.

## Next Step

1. Join the Zoom call to share experiences of HK-welcoming churches on 30 June. Please sign up on <https://forms.gle/UGx4nxcnih7FAjcv6>
2. Invite Sharon Shek to preach or share about the project in your church. Please contact at [sshek@baptist.org.uk](mailto:sshek@baptist.org.uk)
3. Download the virtual banner from the website [www.baptist.org.uk/hkwelcome](http://www.baptist.org.uk/hkwelcome) to state you welcome Hong Kongers and the people from all over the world. Or you can purchase a real one to hang outside your church from the CPO website: [cpo.org.uk/hong-kong-welcome](http://cpo.org.uk/hong-kong-welcome)

