

Baptist Union of Great Britain Hong Kong Response Project Newsletter 7 – September 2022



Sharon Shek writes:

Hong Kong and The Lion Rock Spirit

Hundreds of Hong Kong residents lined up in front of the British Consulate General for hours to pay their respects to Queen Elizabeth II, leaving piles of flowers and handwritten notes. Some Hong Kongers also showed their respect to Queen Elizabeth II by lighting up the words “QE II RIP” and “UK love HK”



on the top of The Lion Rock in Hong Kong, to thank the Queen and what the United Kingdom has done for Hong Kong. The night view pictures of Hong Kong and the Lion Rock with the words (Credit to: BOOMHEAD) are so meaningful to state the relationship between Hong Kong and Britain. In the time of colonial days, there was a good environment for Hong Kongers to work hard and increase in wealth and abundant living. Hong Kongers have built up to a good financial and international place, even though Hong Kong was only a dot on the world map in the past. We called the core value of Hong Kongers “The Lion Rock Spirit”, which was from the theme song of a 1970s TV series, “Below the Lion Rock”. We haven’t forgotten the days of British Hong Kong and this core value, even when we moved to the UK or other countries. Once we have settled with housing and our children’s education, we find a job. Even the jobs are new for us - we need to learn from the beginning and, forsaking the professional status we had in



Hong Kong, we try hard to do so. Our core value is leading us to persevere, be diligent and embrace adventure. Moving to a new country is not easy. We hope “The Lion Rock Spirit” and the strength of God can help us stay sustained as we build up a new life and hope.

Good news

Building up relationship with Baptist churches and pastors

Building up relationship and chatting with pastors is exciting, as we can inspire each other and share the vision of God. I'm so thankful to see the passion inside the pastors. It is not only the success of the ministries but also the passion and love from Jesus that appears to sustain the gospel and service for people and the Lord. Much more things will be going on in the future. So excited!

I have had a workshop with the leaders in Guildford Baptist Church and listened to the views of serving Hong Kongers. I learned a lot from them and listened to some awesome stories and amazing practical thoughts from the leaders doing children's ministry and youth ministry for the Hong Kong families. An amazing opportunity to exchange thoughts.

Also, I joined and spoke in Chasewood Baptist Church and Orchard Baptist Church at the Bilingual service. It's a way to help the Hong Kongers integrate in the local churches and people stayed for eating and sharing their experience.



Please pray!

1. Pray for Hong Kongers' emotions after settling down – when they see upset, anger and disappointment coming, pray for peace in their hearts to reduce the emotions. Also, that they can have some ways to speak and release, to be healed and be loved by God.

Next Step

1. We are planning to have in-person or online sharing for Hong Kongers with the "Welcome course" material from UKHK. Please contact me if your church is interested in it. [Please read this article](#) to know more about the material.
2. Invite Sharon Shek to preach or hold a bilingual service in your church. Please contact Sharon at sshek@baptist.org.uk

