

Baptist Union of Great Britain

Hong Kong Response Project

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Sharon Shek writes: **Future of the project**

I'm excited to tell you that The Hong Kong Response Project will be extended by another two years and we will start ten hubs in different areas in England and Wales. In addition, we have appointed one more coordinator to work on this project with me. Our aim is to support our Baptist family in these hub areas as they help Hong Kongers grow in faith, and reach unbelievers.

What is a hub?

The formation of a hub will be 5-10 people who are Hong Kongers, locals and local pastors. They will use the same areas defined by the government immigration hubs, such as London, East Midland, Yorkshire. The purpose of these hubs is building up a long-term system to walk along with our Baptist churches supporting the Hong Kongers in these local churches. We will come together and pray or have some events together, like a Bi-lingual Service or outreach. At the end of the two years, we aim to have a bigger Connection Hub with representatives from each of these ten local hubs to support the Hong Kong ministry in our Baptist family.

What is the first step?

We are calling pastors and Hong Kongers to join our prayer event in September. Through drawing people together and listening to God, we will be connecting people who are interested in supporting Hong Kongers. If you have an interest in supporting Hong Kongers or a desire to come together, you will be welcome to join our first prayer event.



Prayer for Hong Kong Hubs

Date: 11 September 2024

Time: 19:00

Platform: Zoom

Language: English

Please register on <https://forms.gle/8MUKCm3RF2eZiCsF8>

Introduction to our new HKRP coordinator



Hello, my name is Lundy Chan, and I am the new Hong Kong Project Coordinator for the Baptist Union of Great Britain (BUGB). Over the next two years, I will be partnering with Sharon to develop the Hong Kong response under the Faith and Society Team of BUGB. I am incredibly grateful and blessed to have this opportunity to support Hong Kongers in the UK and participate in God's work.

I have spent over 30 years as a social worker, holding managerial positions in social welfare organisations in Hong Kong. I enjoy connecting with various people and seeking resources to meet their diverse needs. I hope my background will help me build a network of Hong Kongers among different Baptist churches in the UK.

I migrated to the UK with my husband and daughter on a BNO visa, arriving in Wokingham in December 2022. Like many Hong Kongers who have moved to the UK, I never imagined I would migrate. I was unsure how I could lead a meaningful life in a completely different country. Before leaving Hong Kong, I prayed that I could serve him consistently and humbly, aligning with his will.

Upon arriving in the UK, I faced (and am still facing) various challenges as a new migrant. With God's blessings, we joined the Sunday service at Wokingham Baptist Church (WBC) shortly after our arrival. We found WBC through a simple Google search for the nearest church and were warmly welcomed. We made friends with both British and Hong Kongers and received invitations to lunch, home visits, and trail walks from British churchmates. This warm inclusion boosted my confidence in developing deeper relationships and integrating into the local community.

I particularly value the fellowship among Hong Kongers at WBC. We have Bible studies, share experiences, and pray together every fortnight. This fellowship has restored my faith during difficult times and strengthened my trust in God amidst various challenges. The fellowship and connectedness are a testament to God's love on earth, and the common backgrounds and language of Hong Kongers have helped us develop strong bonds quickly.

I look forward to meeting you, understanding the needs of Hong Kongers in your church, connecting resources, and introducing the concept of Hubs for Hong Kongers. Please feel free to email me at lchan@baptist.org.uk Have a very blessed day!

Prayer

- Pray for the mission life of Hong Kongers. Many of the Hong Kongers served in churches in Hong Kong - pray for a desire of continuing to serve in their local British churches.
- We are very excited that our project will be extended for another two years and include Wales, and we will start up some hubs with Hong Kong congregations and local pastors. Please pray for wisdom, love and hope so we can walk along in the future.

If someone wants to know more about the project or needs support, you are welcome to get in touch at SShek@baptist.org.uk or LChan@baptist.org.uk